

HOUSE BILL No. 2616

By Committee on Transportation

Requested by Representative Essex

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1 AN ACT concerning the law enforcement officers memorial advisory
2 committee; relating to the Kansas highway patrol and the Kansas
3 bureau of investigation; providing that the law enforcement officers
4 memorial advisory committee may receive requests from a law
5 enforcement agency for temporary personnel and other assistance in
6 support of funeral services honoring law enforcement officers who
7 have lost their lives in the line of duty in the service of the state;
8 amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 75-2251 and repealing the existing
9 section.

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11 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

12 Section 1. K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 75-2251 is hereby amended to read as
13 follows: 75-2251. (a) There is hereby established the law enforcement
14 officers memorial advisory committee, which shall be composed of 11
15 members as follows:

16 (1) A representative of the Kansas peace officers association,
17 appointed by the governor;

18 (2) a representative of the Kansas chiefs of police, appointed by the
19 governor;

20 (3) a representative of the Kansas fraternal order of police, appointed
21 by the governor;

22 (4) a representative of the Kansas state troopers association,
23 appointed by the governor;

24 (5) a representative of the Kansas sheriffs' association, appointed by
25 the governor;

26 (6) a representative of the Kansas chapter of concerns of police
27 survivors, appointed by the governor;

28 (7) the director of the Kansas bureau of investigation, or the director's
29 designee;

30 (8) the superintendent of the Kansas highway patrol, or the
31 superintendent's designee;

32 (9) the attorney general, or the attorney general's designee;

33 (10) the secretary of the state historical society, or the secretary's
34 designee; and

35 (11) the secretary of corrections, or the secretary's designee.

1 (b) With regard to a member to be appointed by the governor as
2 representative of the Kansas peace officers association, the Kansas chiefs
3 of police, the Kansas fraternal order of police, the Kansas state troopers
4 association, the Kansas sheriffs' association or the Kansas chapter of
5 concerns of police survivors, the association or group to be represented
6 may submit a list of at least three names for consideration by the governor
7 in making the appointment. The governor shall consider each such list if
8 timely submitted and may appoint from among those listed.

9 (c) The law enforcement officers memorial advisory committee shall
10 be advisory to the director of architectural services and the secretary of the
11 state historical society with regard to matters concerning the memorial to
12 law enforcement officers on the state capitol grounds. The advisory
13 committee may also make recommendations to the governor and the
14 legislature regarding appropriate activities memorializing or
15 commemorating the services of law enforcement officers in Kansas. The
16 advisory committee may solicit grants, gifts, contributions and bequests
17 for the memorial and shall remit all moneys so received to the state
18 treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and
19 amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state
20 treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit
21 of the law enforcement memorial fund.

22 (d) The members of the advisory committee shall organize annually
23 by electing a chairperson and vice chairperson. The advisory committee
24 shall meet at least once each year upon call of the chairperson. The
25 secretary of the state historical society, or the secretary's designee, shall
26 serve as secretary for the advisory committee. Members of the advisory
27 committee appointed by the governor under this section shall serve at the
28 pleasure of the governor.

29 (e) *Upon the request of a Kansas law enforcement agency to the law*
30 *enforcement officers memorial advisory committee, the superintendent of*
31 *the Kansas highway patrol and the director of the Kansas bureau of*
32 *investigation shall make available temporary personnel and other*
33 *assistance to such agency in support of funeral services honoring law*
34 *enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty in the*
35 *service of the state.*

36 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 75-2251 is hereby repealed.

37 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
38 publication in the statute book.