## **HOUSE BILL No. 2671**

## By Representative Otto

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AN ACT abolishing the legislative post audit committee and transferring the duties to the legislative coordinating council; amending K.S.A. 46-152, 46-1001, 46-1004, 46-1102, 46-1103, 46-1108, 46-1109, 46-1113, 46-1116, 46-1120, 46-1122, 46-1127, 46-1128, 46-1202, 46-1206 and 46-1221 and K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 46-1106, 46-1114, 46-1118, 46-1129 and 46-1132 and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 46-1101 and 46-1104.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 46-152 is hereby amended to read as follows: 46-152. (a) Except as may otherwise be provided by law, the director of legislative administrative services shall prepare vouchers for expenses and allowances and payrolls for members of the legislature, except for service as a member of the Kansas commission on interstate cooperation, the advisory committee to the Kansas commission on interstate cooperation, the legislative post-audit committee or the Kansas judicial council.

- (b) The payroll of employees of the legislature paid from appropriations for legislative expense shall be approved by the revisor of statutes as to all such employees who work under the revisor's direction, by the secretary of state as to all such employees who work under the secretary of state's direction, by the state librarian as to all such employees who work under his or her direction and by the director of legislative administrative services as to all other such employees of the legislature.
- (c) Employees of the legislature working under each of the officers specified in subsection (b) of this section shall be selected by each of such officers respectively, subject to the approval of the legislative coordinating council. Each senator's personal secretary shall be selected by such senator. The senate or the house of representatives may provide for employment of specific officers of their respective houses.
- (d) The department of administration shall render to the director of legislative administrative services such assistance as may be needed in the preparation of payrolls.
- Sec. 2. K.S.A. 46-1001 is hereby amended to read as follows: 46-1001. As used in this act, unless the context otherwise requires, "investigating committee" means any of the following:
  - (a) A standing, special or select committee of either the house of

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 representatives or the senate, a joint committee of both houses of the legislature, or an authorized subcommittee of any such committee; or

- (b) The legislative coordinating council, the legislative budget committee, the joint committee on special claims against the state, the joint committee on administrative rules and regulations, the legislative post-audit committee, any special or select committee appointed by the legislative coordinating council; or any authorized subcommittee of any such committee or said council; or
- (c) Any committee, commission or board created by the legislature by concurrent resolution or enactment when, as one or all of its duties, it is to perform an inquiry, study or investigation for the legislature, except that an advisory committee is not an investigating committee; or
- (d) Any committee heretofore or hereafter created by law or resolution of either house of the legislature or by concurrent resolution, when all of the members of such committee, who are authorized to vote on actions of the committee, are legislators.
- Sec. 3. K.S.A. 46-1004 is hereby amended to read as follows: 46-1004. (a) The following investigating committees are authorized to exercise the powers of compulsory process in connection with any authorized subject of inquiry, study or investigation at any time without further authorization:

The legislative coordinating council, the legislative budget committee, the standing committee on ways and means of the senate, the standing committee on appropriations of the house, the legislative post auditeommittee or any committee which is specifically granted powers of compulsory process by legislative enactment or by concurrent resolution of the legislature or any authorized subcommittee of any such committee or the council.

- (b) When the legislature is in session, or adjourned for not more than 30 days, the following investigating committees are authorized to exercise the powers of compulsory process in connection with any authorized subject of inquiry, study or investigation:
- (1) Any standing, special or select committee of the house of representatives, when authorized by the speaker; or
- (2) Any standing, special or select committee of the senate, when authorized by the president.
- (c) The following investigating committees are authorized to exercise the powers of compulsory process in connection with any authorized subject of inquiry, study or investigation only when specifically authorized to do so by the legislative coordinating council:
- (1) Any special or select committee appointed by the legislative coordinating council, except the legislative budget committee; or
  - (2) The joint committee on special claims against the state or the joint

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committee on administrative rules and regulations; or

- (3) Any investigating committee as described in subsection (c) or subsection (d) of K.S.A. 46-1001, and amendments thereto, when no specific statute or resolution of the legislature authorizes the exercise by such committee of compulsory process.
- (d) The limitations of subsections (b) and (c) do not apply to subsection (a). The limitations of subsection (b) do not apply to subsection (c) and the limitations of subsection (c) do not apply to subsection (b).
- Sec. 4. K.S.A. 46-1102 is hereby amended to read as follows: 46-1102. There is hereby established the office of post auditor. The post auditor shall be appointed by the legislative post audit committeecoordinating council and shall serve under its direction. The post auditor may be removed from office by the affirmative vote of not less than seven members of the legislative post audit committee taken at any regular meeting of such committee. The post auditor shall be a person of extensive experience and recognized qualification in the field of governmental fiscal procedures and auditing. The post auditor shall be in the unclassified service and shall receive such compensation as is determined by the legislative coordinating council, except that such compensation may be increased but not diminished during such service. The legislative postaudit committee may recommend to the legislative coordinating council-<del>changes in the compensation of the post auditor.</del> The post auditor shall receive travel expenses and subsistence expenses and allowances as provided for members of the legislature in K.S.A. 75-3212, and amendments thereto, when attending any authorized meeting or business outside the city of Topeka.
- Sec. 5. K.S.A. 46-1103 is hereby amended to read as follows: 46-1103. There is hereby established the division of post audit within the legislative branch of the government. The division of post audit shall be under the direct supervision of the post auditor in accordance with policies adopted by the legislative post audit committee coordinating council. Employees in the division of post audit shall be in the unclassified service, shall receive such compensation as is provided under this act and shall be covered by the state group health plan and Kansas public employees retirement system to the same extent as other state employees. Employees of the division of post audit shall receive travel expenses and subsistence expenses and allowances as provided for other state employees. Employees in the division of post audit shall be employed by and be responsible to the post auditor who shall fix the compensation of each such employee subject to approval of the legislative post audit committeecoordinating council and within budget and appropriations therefor. The annual budget request of the division shall be prepared by the post auditor

and the post auditor shall present it to the legislative post audit committee. The committee shall make any changes it desires in said budget request and then shall transmit it to the legislative coordinating council. Such council shall make any changes it desires in such budget request and upon approval of the budget request by the council, the post auditor shall submit it to the director of the budget as other budget requests are submitted.

- Sec. 6. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 46-1106 is hereby amended to read as follows: 46-1106. (a) (1) A financial-compliance audit shall be conducted each year of the general purpose financial statements prepared by the division of accounts and reports for its annual financial report. This audit shall be conducted in accordance with generally accepted governmental auditing standards. The resulting written audit report shall be issued as soon after the end of the fiscal year as is practicable.
- (2) In addition, separate written audit reports on the financial management practices of the office of the state treasurer and the pooled money investment board shall be prepared addressing the adequacy of financial management practices and compliance with applicable state laws. The separate audit of the pooled money investment board also shall include a comparative investment performance review and an analysis of the investment program, including an evaluation of investment policies and practices and of specific investments in the pooled money investment portfolio. The analysis of the specific investments in the pooled money investment portfolio shall review whether such investments meet the investment priorities of safety, liquidity and performance. The performance of such investments shall be measured by comparison to an appropriate market index.
- (3) Copies of the reports of audits conducted pursuant to this subsection (a) shall be furnished to the governor, director of accounts and reports, director of the budget, each state agency, the legislative post audit eommittee coordinating council and other persons or agencies as may be required by law or by the specifications of the audit.
- (4) Any additional costs associated with preparing the separate additional reports on the office of the state treasurer and the pooled money investment board shall be borne by the office of the state treasurer and the pooled money investment board in accordance with K.S.A. 46-1121, and amendments thereto.
- (b) Including financial-compliance audit work conducted as part of the audit conducted pursuant to subsection (a), financial-compliance audit work shall be conducted at each state agency at least once every three years as directed by the legislative post audit committee. Written reports on the results of such auditing shall be furnished to the governor, director of accounts and reports, director of the budget, the state agency which is audited, the legislative post audit committee coordinating council and such

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other persons or agencies as may be required by law or by the specifications of the audit.

(c) Books and accounts of the state treasurer and the director of accounts and reports, including the bond register of the state treasurer, may be examined monthly if the legislative post audit committee coordinating council so determines, and such examination may include detailed checking of every transaction or test checking.

Any person receiving tax information under the provisions of subsection (a) or (b) shall be subject to the same duty of confidentiality imposed by law upon the personnel of the department of revenue and shall be subject to any civil or criminal penalties imposed by law for violations of such duty of confidentiality.

- (d) The post auditor shall report immediately in writing to the legislative post audit committee coordinating council, governor and attorney general whenever it appears in the opinion of the post auditor that there may have occurred any violation of penal statutes or any instances of misfeasance, malfeasance or nonfeasance by a public officer or employee disclosed by any audit or audit work conducted under the legislative post audit act. The post auditor shall furnish the attorney general all information in the possession of the post auditor relative to any report referred to the attorney general. The attorney general shall institute and prosecute civil proceedings against any such delinquent officer or employee, or upon such officer or employee's official bond, or both, as may be needed to recover for the state any funds or other assets misappropriated. The attorney general shall also prosecute such ouster and criminal proceedings as the evidence in the case warrants. Any person receiving tax information under the provisions of this subsection shall be subject to the same duty of confidentiality imposed by law upon the personnel of the department of revenue and shall be subject to any civil or criminal penalties imposed by law for violations of such duty of confidentiality.
- (e) The post auditor shall immediately report to the committee on surety bonds and insurance when any audit or audit work conducted under the legislative post audit act discloses a shortage in the accounts of any state agency, officer or employee.
- (f) In the discharge of the duties imposed under the legislative post audit act, the post auditor may require state agencies to preserve and make available their accounts, records, documents, vouchers, requisitions, payrolls, canceled checks or vouchers and coupons, and other evidence of financial transactions.
- (g) In the discharge of the duties imposed under the legislative post audit act, the post auditor or firm conducting a financial-compliance audit or conducting any other audit or audit work shall have access to all books,

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accounts, records, files, documents and correspondence, confidential or 2 otherwise, of any person or state agency subject to the legislative post 3 audit act or in the custody of any such person or state agency. Except as 4 otherwise provided in this subsection, the post auditor or firm conducting a financial-compliance audit or other audit or audit work under the 6 legislative post audit act and all employees and former employees of the 7 division of post audit or firm performing a financial-compliance audit or 8 other audit or audit work shall be subject to the same duty of 9 confidentiality imposed by law on any such person or state agency with 10 regard to any such books, accounts, records, files, documents and correspondence, and any information contained therein, and shall be 12 subject to any civil or criminal penalties imposed by law for violations of such duty of confidentiality. The duty of confidentiality imposed on the 13 14 post auditor and on firms conducting financial-compliance audits or any 15 other audits or audit work under the legislative post audit act and all 16 employees of the division of post audit and all employees of such firms 17 shall be subject to the provisions of subsection (d), and the post auditor 18 may furnish all such books, accounts, records, files, documents and 19 correspondence, and any information contained therein to the attorney 20 general pursuant to subsection (d). Upon receipt thereof, the attorney general and all assistant attorneys general and all other employees and 22 former employees of the office of attorney general shall be subject to the 23 same duty of confidentiality with the exceptions that any such information 24 contained therein may be disclosed in civil proceedings, ouster 25 proceedings and criminal proceedings which may be instituted and prosecuted by the attorney general in accordance with subsection (d), and 26 27 any such books, accounts, records, files, documents and correspondence 28 furnished to the attorney general in accordance with subsection (d) may be 29 entered into evidence in any such proceedings. Nothing in this subsection 30 shall be construed to supersede any requirement of federal law. 31

(h) Any firm or firms which develop information in the course of conducting a financial-compliance audit or other audit or audit work under the legislative post audit act which the post auditor is required to report under subsection (d) or (e) shall immediately report such information to the post auditor. The post auditor shall then make the report required in subsection (d) or (e).

Sec. 7. K.S.A. 46-1108 is hereby amended to read as follows: 46-1108. Audits, in addition to financial-compliance audits or other financialcompliance audit work conducted pursuant to K.S.A. 46-1106, and amendments thereto, shall be performed by the post auditor only on the direction of the legislative post audit committee coordinating council. The legislative post audit committee coordinating council may direct the post auditor to perform additional audits or audit work described in K.S.A. 46-

 1106, and amendments thereto, of any state agencies, or may direct that any additional audit of a state agency shall be performed to accomplish other objectives than those specified pursuant to K.S.A. 46-1106, and amendments thereto. The legislative post audit committee coordinating council may direct that any such additional audits shall be conducted to determine:

- (a) Whether any state agency is carrying out only those activities or programs authorized by the legislature; or
- (b) whether the programs and activities of a state agency, or a particular program or activity, is being efficiently and effectively operated;
- (c) whether any new activity or program is being efficiently and effectively implemented in accordance with the intent of the legislature; or
- (d) whether there is a need for change in any authorized activity or program of a state agency; or
- (e) whether any reorganization of a state agency, or group of state agencies, is needed or justified to accomplish the results of programs or activities authorized by the legislature; or
- (f) any combination of the purposes specified in this or any other section of the legislative post audit act.
- Sec. 8. K.S.A. 46-1109 is hereby amended to read as follows: 46-1109. (a) In addition to other additional audits which the legislative post audit committee coordinating council may direct, such committee council may direct the audit of any state agency or agencies when so requested in writing by the governor or any member or committee of the legislature. Any such written request shall specify the desired object of the audit requested and the reasons therefor. In directing the post auditor to make any such requested additional audit of a state agency or agencies, the legislative post audit committee coordinating council may modify the object and direct the details of the audit to be performed.
- (b) In accordance with this subsection, the legislative post auditeommittee coordinating council may reimburse travel mileage expense incurred by a member of the legislature to attend a meeting of the legislative post audit eommittee coordinating council for the presentation of the report of a performance audit that was requested by such member of the legislature and performed at the direction of the legislative post audit eommittee coordinating council. The reimbursement for such travel mileage expense shall be for each mile actually traveled by the usual route in going to and returning from the meeting of the legislative post audit eommittee coordinating council at the rate fixed under K.S.A. 75-3203a, and amendments thereto, and shall be subject to any restrictions or limitations prescribed by rules adopted by the legislative post audit eommittee coordinating council. In the case of a performance audit that

was requested by any standing, special, select or joint committee of the legislature, the legislative post audit committee coordinating council may reimburse travel mileage expense incurred by not more than two members of such committee and not more than one member of any political party. No travel mileage expense shall be reimbursed under this subsection for attendance at a legislative post audit committee meeting held during the time that the legislature is in session, unless the legislature has adjourned for a period of more than two days.

- Sec. 9. K.S.A. 46-1113 is hereby amended to read as follows: 46-1113. In addition to other audits which the legislative post audit committee coordinating council may direct the post auditor and the division of post audit to make, such committee council may direct the post auditor and division of post audit to make any audit authorized by K.S.A. 46-1114, and amendments thereto, either upon such committee's own initiative or such committee council may so direct when so requested by a concurrent resolution of the legislature, the governor or any member or committee council of the legislature. In directing the post auditor to make any such requested audit, such committee council may modify the object and direct the details of the audit to be performed.
- Sec. 10. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 46-1114 is hereby amended to read as follows: 46-1114. (a) The legislative post audit committee coordinating council is hereby authorized to direct the post auditor and the division of post audit to make an audit of any type described in K.S.A. 46-1106 or 46-1108, and amendments to these sections thereto, of any records or matters of any person specified in this section, and may direct the object in detail of any such audit.
- (b) Upon receiving any such direction, the post auditor with the division of post audit, shall make such audit and shall have access to all books, accounts, records, files, documents and correspondence, confidential or otherwise, to the same extent permitted under subsection (g) of K.S.A. 46-1106, and amendments thereto, except that such access shall be subject to the limitations established under subsection (d) of this section
  - (c) Audits authorized by this section are the following:
- (1) Audit of any local subdivision of government or agency or instrumentality thereof which receives any distribution of moneys from or through the state.
- (2) Audit of any person who receives any grant or gift from or through the state.
- (3) Audit of the contract relationships and the fiscal records related thereto of any person who contracts with the state.
- (4) Audit of any person who is regulated or licensed by any state agency or who operates or functions for the benefit of any state institution

except that any audit of any person regulated by the state corporation commission shall address only compliance with laws or regulations, collection or remittance of taxes or fees, or other matters related directly to state government programs or functions. Any such audit authorized under this subsection shall not address corporate governance or financial issues except as they may relate directly to state government programs or functions. This subsection shall not apply to public utilities as described in subsection (l) of K.S.A. 66-1,187, and amendments thereto.

- (d) (1) Access to all books, accounts, records, files, documents and correspondence, confidential or otherwise, as authorized under subsection (b) of this section of any nongovernmental person audited under authority of subsection (c)(2) of this section shall be limited to those books, accounts, records, files, documents and correspondence, confidential or otherwise, of such person to which the state governmental agency which administers the grant or gift and provides for the disbursement thereof is authorized under law to have access.
- (2) Access to all books, accounts, records, files, documents and correspondence, confidential or otherwise, as authorized under subsection (b) of this section of any nongovernmental person audited under authority of subsection (c)(3) of this section shall be limited to those books, accounts, records, files, documents and correspondence, confidential or otherwise, of such person to which the state governmental agency which contracts with such person is authorized under law to have access.
- (3) Access to all books, accounts, records, files, documents and correspondence, confidential or otherwise, as authorized under subsection (b) of this section of any nongovernmental person audited under authority of subsection (c)(4) of this section shall be limited to those books, accounts, records, files, documents and correspondence, confidential or otherwise, of such person to which the state governmental agency which regulates or licenses such person or the state institution on whose behalf such person operates or functions is authorized under law to have access.
- Sec. 11. K.S.A. 46-1116 is hereby amended to read as follows: 46-1116. Failure to make records available for post audit is the intentional failure to make any books, accounts, contracts or records, files, documents and correspondence, confidential or otherwise, related to any of the foregoing available to the post auditor or to a firm performing a financial-compliance audit or any officer or employee of the division of post audit or of such firm upon request of the post auditor or such firm or any such officer or employee for the purpose of post audit as directed by the legislative post audit committee coordinating council under authority of this act.

Failure to make records available for post audit is a class A misdemeanor.

Sec. 12. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 46-1118 is hereby amended to read as follows: 46-1118. (a) (1) Except as otherwise provided by statute, whenever the post auditor performs any additional audit work for any state agency either to satisfy federal government requirements or to satisfy financial-compliance audit requirements prescribed by or pursuant to any statute other than K.S.A. 46-1106 through 46-1117, and amendments thereto, and incurs costs in addition to those attributable to the operations of the division of post audit in performance of other duties and responsibilities, the post auditor shall make charges for such additional costs.

- (2) The legislative post audit committee coordinating council may authorize the post auditor to perform additional financial-related audit work at the request of a state agency. Upon the authorization and in accordance with the direction of the legislative post audit committee coordinating council, the post auditor may make charges for costs incurred for the performance of such financial-related audit work.
- (3) The furnishing of any such audit services by the division of post audit shall be a transaction between the post auditor and the state agency receiving such services and such transaction shall be settled in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-5516, and amendments thereto.
- (b) All moneys received for reimbursement of the division of post audit under this section shall be remitted to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the audit services fund, which fund is hereby created in the state treasury. All expenditures from the audit services fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the post auditor or a person or persons designated by the post auditor.
- Sec. 13. K.S.A. 46-1120 is hereby amended to read as follows: 46-1120. (a) There is hereby created the contract audit committee which shall consist of the following members: (1) The chairperson of the legislative post audit committee coordinating countil or a person designated by the chairperson from among the members of the legislative post audit committee coordinating council; (2) the vice-chairperson of the legislative post audit committee coordinating council or a person designated by the vice-chairperson from among the members of the legislative post audit committee coordinating council; (3) a member of the legislative post audit committee coordinating council designated by majority vote of the legislative post audit committee coordinating council; (4) the post auditor or a person designated by the post auditor; and (5) the secretary of administration or a person designated by the secretary of administration.

 The chairperson of the legislative post audit committee coordinating council, or the person designated by the chairperson to serve as a member of the contract audit committee, shall be the chairperson of the contract audit committee. No more than two legislators who are members of the contract audit committee shall be members of the same political party.

- (b) The contract audit committee shall be within the division of post audit as a part thereof. All budgeting, purchasing and related management functions of the contract audit committee shall be administered under the direction and supervision of the post auditor.
- (c) The legislators who are members of the contract audit committee attending meetings of such committee, or attending a subcommittee meeting thereof authorized by such committee, shall be paid compensation, subsistence allowances, mileage and other expenses as provided in K.S.A. 75-3223, and amendments thereto, upon vouchers approved by the post auditor or a person designated by the post auditor from appropriations made for the division of post audit.
- (d) The contract audit committee shall meet on the call of the chairperson of such committee. A vote of three members of the contract audit committee shall be required for any action of the contract audit committee.
- Sec. 14. K.S.A. 46-1122 is hereby amended to read as follows: 46-1122. The legislative post audit committee coordinating council shall specify whether a financial-compliance audit of or financial-compliance audit work at a state agency is to be conducted: (a) By a firm or firms qualified to perform such audit or audit work; or (b) by the post auditor. If the legislative post audit committee coordinating council specifies that a firm or firms is to perform such audit or audit work, such firm or firms shall be selected and shall perform such audit or audit work as provided in K.S.A. 46-1123, and amendments thereto, and K.S.A. 46-1125 to 46-1127, inclusive, and amendments thereto. If the legislative post audit committee coordinating council specifies that the post auditor is to perform such audit or audit work, the post auditor shall perform such audit or audit work as directed by the legislative post audit committee coordinating council pursuant to K.S.A. 46-1106, and amendments thereto, and, if the audit or audit work is performed to comply with federal government audit requirements, in accordance with specifications for the conduct of such audit or audit work established by the contract audit committee.
- Sec. 15. K.S.A. 46-1127 is hereby amended to read as follows: 46-1127. (a) The contract audit committee shall monitor the performance of the firm or firms conducting a financial-compliance audit pursuant to a contract entered into under K.S.A. 46-1126, and amendments thereto, to insure that such audit is performed in accordance with the specifications developed for the conduct of such audit. The firm or firms selected to

 perform such audit shall submit a written audit report at the conclusion of the audit to the post auditor who shall distribute the complete audit report to members of the legislative post audit committee coordinating council, the governor, the director of accounts and reports, the director of the budget, the secretary of administration, the state agency which is audited and other persons or agencies as may be required by the specifications.

- (b) In the performance of such audit, the officers and employees of the firm or firms performing the audit shall be subject to the same duty of confidentiality applicable to the post auditor and officers and employees of the division of post audit under the legislative post audit act and shall have access to all books, accounts, records, files, documents and correspondence, confidential or otherwise, of any person or state agency subject to the financial-compliance audit.
- Sec. 16. K.S.A. 46-1128 is hereby amended to read as follows: 46-1128. (a) Except as provided by subsections (b) and (c) of this section and by subsections (d), (e) and (g) of K.S.A. 46-1106, and amendments thereto, each audit report prepared by the division of post audit or by a firm under the legislative post audit act, and each finding, conclusion, opinion or recommendation contained in the audit report, shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed pursuant to the provisions of the open records act or under any other law until: (1) The time of the next scheduled meeting of the legislative post audit committee coordinating council held after distribution of the report to members of such committee council; or (2) the time of the next scheduled meeting of another legislative committee council held after distribution of the report to the members of such committee as authorized by the legislative post audit committee coordinating council.
- (b) The legislative post audit committee coordinating council may authorize a specific confidential distribution of any audit report, prior to any such presentation of the audit report, by motion adopted by the legislative post audit committee coordinating council or by rule adopted by the committee council, in accordance with such motion or rule. Each person who receives an audit report pursuant to any such motion or rule authorizing a specific confidential distribution of the audit report shall keep the audit report and each finding, conclusion, opinion or recommendation contained in the audit report confidential until the audit report is presented to the legislative post audit committee coordinating council or another legislative committee at an open meeting of the committee.
- (c) The post auditor, or the post auditor's designee may make a limited distribution of preliminary audit findings, conclusions or recommendations to any person affected by the audit as part of the process of conducting the audit. Such preliminary audit findings, conclusions,

 opinions or recommendations shall be confidential and shall not be subject to disclosure pursuant to the provisions of the open records act or any other law, except as provided in subsections (d), (e) and (g) of K.S.A. 46-1106, and amendments thereto.

- (d) As used in this section, "audit report" means the written report of any financial-compliance audit, performance audit, or any other audit or audit work conducted under the legislative post audit act by the division of post audit or by a firm under the legislative post audit act; and any other words and phrases used in this section shall have the meanings respectively ascribed thereto by K.S.A. 46-1112, and amendments thereto.
- (e) This section shall be construed as part of the legislative post audit act.
- Sec. 17. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 46-1129 is hereby amended to read as follows: 46-1129. (a) As used in this section:
- (1) "Audit" means any financial-compliance audit, performance audit or any other audit or audit work conducted by the division of post audit or by a firm under the legislative post audit act;
- (2) "survey" means any questionnaire or other survey instrument administered by the division of post audit or by a firm under the legislative post audit act for the purposes and in the course of an audit, regardless of form or characteristics; and
- (3) any other words and phrases used in this section shall have the meanings respectively ascribed thereto by K.S.A. 46-1112, and amendments thereto.
- (b) A response to any survey administered for the purposes and in the course of an audit approved by the legislative post audit committee-coordinating council shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed pursuant to the provisions of the open records act or under any other law except as required pursuant to the legislative post audit act. Nothing in this section shall limit the use of any information contained in responses to any survey by the division of post audit for the purposes of any audit or for any other purpose authorized or required under the legislative post audit act.
- Sec. 18. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 46-1132 is hereby amended to read as follows: 46-1132. (a) In order to assist the legislature in the gathering of information which is necessary for the legislature's consideration when meeting its constitutional duties to: (1) Provide for intellectual, educational, vocational and scientific improvement in public schools established and maintained by the state; and (2) make suitable provision for the finance of educational interests of the state, the school district audit team established by K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 46-1130, and amendments thereto, shall conduct performance audits and shall monitor school district funding and other oversight issues through audit work as directed by the 2010 commission. Except as specifically provided by this section, school district

performance audits shall be conducted in the manner provided by the legislative post audit act. The scope of such audit work may not be modified by the legislative post audit committee coordinating council.

- (b) The topics for school district performance audits may include:
- (1) The accuracy of school expenditures, reports or other information;
- (2) how school districts use the funding received from the state;
- (3) the relationship between school funding levels and costs;
- (4) the weights of various education program components or the level of equity achieved by the funding system;
- (5) whether funding levels for education programs or students are keeping up with the actual costs school districts report;
  - (6) the basis for changes in school district costs;
- (7) the reasonableness of the amount and type of actual or budgeted expenditures compared with historical costs or with costs of other districts;
  - (8) options for modifying the school funding formula;
  - (9) other finance issues identified as needing further study;
- (10) whether a school district has adequate operating or administrative procedures and fiscal controls and whether it is efficiently managed;
- (11) best practices or innovative procedures, practices or controls operating within any school districts that could present opportunities for other school districts to operate more efficiently; and
  - (12) any other topic as directed by the 2010 commission.
- (c) In accordance with and subject to the scope of a school district performance audit approved by the commission as provided by this section, the legislative post auditor shall determine which school districts are to be audited based on the audit topics included and the resources available to conduct the audit.
- (d) The provisions of subsection (g) of K.S.A. 46-1106, and amendments thereto, shall apply to any audit or audit work conducted pursuant to this section.
- (e) Any firm which develops information in the course of conducting a school district performance audit which the legislative post auditor is required to report under subsection (d) of K.S.A. 46-1106, and amendments thereto, immediately shall report such information to the legislative post auditor. The legislative post auditor shall make the report required in subsection (d) of K.S.A. 46-1106, and amendments thereto.
- (f) In conducting any school district performance audit and subject to the limitations of the budget of the division and appropriations therefor, the legislative post auditor may enter into contracts for consultants as the legislative post auditor deems necessary for any school district performance audit conducted under this section.
  - (g) This section shall be part of and supplemental to the legislative

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2 Sec. 19. K.S.A. 46-1202 is hereby amended to read as follows: 46-3 1202. The legislative coordinating council shall have general authority 4 over all legislative services and such authority shall be exercised by such 5 council as it shall determine, except as otherwise provided by chapter 46 6 of Kansas Statutes Annotated. The legislative coordinating council shall 7 represent the legislature when the legislature is not in session. The 8 legislative coordinating council may adopt and amend rules applicable to 9 its affairs or to the meetings and activities of special committees, standing 10 committees or advisory committees, except that such rules shall not apply to standing committees meeting while the legislature is in session. When 11 12 the legislature is not in session, the legislative coordinating council shall govern the mechanics and procedure of all legislative committee work and 13 14 activities, except that of the interstate cooperation commission, legislative post-audit committee coordinating council, state finance council and the 15 16 ways and means of the senate and the committee on appropriations of the 17 house of representatives when meeting under authority of K.S.A. 46-134a, 18 and amendments thereto. A majority vote of five members of the 19 legislative coordinating council shall be required for any action of the 20 council, except that action relating solely to one house of the legislature may be authorized by the unanimous vote of the members of the 21 22 legislative coordinating council who are members of such house of the 23 legislature.

- Sec. 20. K.S.A. 46-1206 is hereby amended to read as follows: 46-1206. (a) Legislative studies shall be initiated in one of the ways specified in this section.
- (b) The inherent power of the house of representatives or the senate to cause a legislative study to be made without the approval of the other house is recognized. Further, the inherent power of the two houses of the legislature to cause a legislative study to be made without the limitations prescribed in this act is also recognized.
- (c) Concurrent resolutions of the legislature may direct the legislative coordinating council to provide for legislative studies to be made by special committees or standing committees. Any such resolution shall specify the subject to be studied and the time that report is to be made thereon, but shall not specify the composition of the special committee nor other incidents related to procedure for the study.
- (d) The legislative budget committee, the legislative post-audit-eommittee coordinating council, the interstate cooperation commission and any other committee specifically authorized by statute to make a legislative study may initiate studies within the subject field of the committee within limitations prescribed by the authorizing statute.
  - (e) The legislative coordinating council may initiate legislative

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studies proposed by one or more of its members, and when so initiated shall refer each study to an appropriate special committee or standing committee.

- (f) The legislative coordinating council shall refer each study initiated under subsection (c) of this section to an appropriate special committee or standing committee.
- (g) Any one or more legislators, any legislative committee or the governor may request the legislative coordinating council to cause a legislative study to be made. If such council approves any such request, either in whole or in part, it shall refer the study to an appropriate special committee or standing committee.
- Sec. 21. K.S.A. 46-1221 is hereby amended to read as follows: 46-1221. The provisions of this act shall not apply to the state finance council, the Kansas commission on interstate cooperation, the advisory committee to the Kansas commission on interstate cooperation, the motor vehicle reciprocity commission, the legislative-post-audit committee coordinating council or the Kansas judicial council, nor to any committee, delegate, member, officer or employee of any of the foregoing specified in this section when acting for or under authority thereof.
- Sec. 22. K.S.A. 46-152, 46-1001, 46-1004, 46-1101, 46-1102, 46-1103, 46-1104, 46-1108, 46-1109, 46-1113, 46-1116, 46-1120, 46-1122, 46-1127, 46-1128, 46-1202, 46-1206 and 46-1221 and K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 46-1106, 46-1114, 46-1118, 46-1129 and 46-1132 are hereby repealed.
- Sec. 23. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.