

SENATE BILL No. 243

By Committee on Ways and Means

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1 AN ACT concerning state authorities; creating the joint committee on state
2 authorities oversight.

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

5 Section 1. (a) There is hereby created the joint committee on state
6 authorities oversight within the legislative branch of state government. The
7 joint committee shall be composed of 12 members. Six members shall be
8 members of the house of representatives and six members shall be
9 members of the senate. Four of the members who are members of the
10 house of representatives shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of
11 representatives, four members who are senators shall be appointed by the
12 president of the senate, two members who are members of the house of
13 representatives shall be appointed by the minority leader of the house of
14 representatives and two members who are senators shall be appointed by
15 the minority leader of the senate.

16 (b) All members of the joint committee on state authorities oversight
17 shall serve for terms of two years ending on the first day of the regular
18 session of the legislature commencing in the first odd-numbered year after
19 the year of appointment, except that the first members shall be appointed
20 on July 1, 2011, and shall serve for terms ending on the first day of the
21 regular session of the legislature commencing in 2013. If a vacancy occurs
22 in the office of any member of the joint committee on state authorities
23 oversight, a successor shall be appointed in the same manner as the
24 original appointment for the remainder of the term.

25 (c) (1) The chairperson of the joint committee on state authorities
26 oversight shall be appointed for a term of one year which ends on the first
27 day of the next occurring regular session of the legislature. The speaker of
28 the house of representatives shall appoint the first chairperson on July 1,
29 2011, and shall appoint the chairperson for the term commencing on the
30 first day of the regular session of the legislature commencing in 2012 for a
31 one-year term to end on the first day of the regular session of the
32 legislature commencing in the year 2013. The president of the senate shall
33 appoint the next chairperson on the first day of the regular session of the
34 legislature commencing in the year 2013 for a one-year term which ends
35 on the first day of the next occurring regular session of the legislature.
36 Thereafter the appointment of the chairperson shall continue to alternate

1 between the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of
2 the senate with each subsequent chairperson being appointed for a one-
3 year term ending on the first day of the regular session of the legislature in
4 the next occurring regular session of the legislature after the year of
5 appointment.

6 (2) The vice-chairperson of the joint committee on state authorities
7 oversight shall be appointed for a term of one year which ends on the first
8 day of the next occurring regular session of the legislature. The president
9 of the senate shall appoint the first vice-chairperson on July 1, 2011, and
10 shall appoint the vice-chairperson for the term commencing on the first
11 day of the regular session of the legislature commencing in 2012 for a one-
12 year term to end on the first day of the regular session of the legislature
13 commencing in the year 2013. The speaker of the house of representatives
14 shall appoint the next vice-chairperson on the first day of the regular
15 session of the legislature commencing in the year 2013 for a one-year term
16 which ends on the first day of the next occurring regular session of the
17 legislature. Thereafter the appointment of the vice-chairperson shall
18 continue to alternate between the speaker of the house of representatives
19 and the president of the senate with each subsequent vice-chairperson
20 being appointed for a one-year term ending on the first day of the regular
21 session of the legislature after the year of appointment.

22 (3) If a vacancy occurs in the office of the chairperson or vice-
23 chairperson, a member of the joint committee on state authorities oversight
24 who is a member of the same house of the legislature as the member who
25 vacated the office shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of
26 representatives, if the vacating member was a member of the house of
27 representatives, or by the president of the senate, if the vacating member
28 was a member of the senate, to fill such vacancy.

29 (d) A quorum of the joint committee on state authorities oversight
30 shall be seven. All actions of the joint committee on state authorities
31 oversight shall be taken by a majority of all of the members of the joint
32 committee.

33 (e) The joint committee on state authorities oversight shall have the
34 authority to meet at any time and at any place within the state on the call
35 of the chairperson.

36 (f) The provisions of the acts contained in article 12 of chapter 46 of
37 the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, applicable to
38 special committees shall apply to the joint committee on state authorities
39 oversight to the extent that the same do not conflict with the specific
40 provisions of this section applicable to the joint committee.

41 (g) Members of the joint committee on state authorities oversight
42 shall receive compensation, travel expenses and subsistence expenses as
43 provided in K.S.A. 75-3212, and amendments thereto, when attending

1 meetings of the joint committee on state authorities oversight.

2 (h) The staff of the office of revisor of statutes, the legislative
3 research department and the division of legislative administrative services
4 shall provide such assistance as may be requested by the joint committee
5 on state authorities oversight and to the extent authorized by the legislative
6 coordinating council.

7 (i) The joint committee on state authorities oversight shall have the
8 exclusive responsibility to monitor and study the operations and decisions
9 of the Kansas bioscience authority, the Kansas development finance
10 authority, the Kansas electric transmission authority, the Kansas turnpike
11 authority, the Kansas water office, the university of Kansas hospital
12 authority and any port authority established under K.S.A. 12-3402, and
13 amendments thereto.

14 (j) In accordance with K.S.A. 46-1204, and amendments thereto, the
15 legislative coordinating council may provide for such professional services
16 as may be requested by the joint committee on state authorities oversight.

17 (k) The joint committee on state authorities oversight may introduce
18 such legislation as it deems necessary in performing its functions.

19 (l) The provisions of this section shall expire on July 1, 2019.

20 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
21 publication in the statute book.

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