

Senate Substitute for HOUSE BILL No. 2150

By Committee on Commerce

3-21

1 AN ACT concerning the Kansas employment first oversight commission;
2 amending K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 44-1138 and repealing the existing
3 section.

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

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 44-1138 is hereby amended to read as
7 follows: 44-1138. (a) There is hereby established a Kansas employment
8 first oversight commission consisting of ~~five~~ *seven* members. The
9 commission shall consist of the following members who shall serve for a
10 three-year term:

11 (1) Four members who are persons with a disability or who are
12 knowledgeable of disability issues and who are not state employees, of
13 whom:

14 (A) One shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of
15 representatives;

16 (B) one shall be appointed by the minority leader of the house of
17 representatives;

18 (C) one shall be appointed by the president of the senate; and

19 (D) one shall be appointed by the minority leader of the senate;

20 (2) *three members shall be appointed by the governor as follows:*

21 (A) One member who is experienced with employment service
22 programs ~~and who is not a state employee shall be appointed by the~~
23 ~~governor;~~

24 (B) *one member who has disability employment experience; and*

25 (C) *one member with business employment experience.*

26 (b) The governor shall designate one member to convene and
27 organize the first meeting of the commission at which the commission
28 shall elect a chairperson and a vice-person from among its members. The
29 commission shall meet at least four times a year and, additionally,
30 whenever called by the chairperson. A quorum shall consist of ~~three~~ *four*
31 members. All actions of the commission shall be taken by a majority of the
32 members of the commission.

33 (c) Each member of the commission shall be paid mileage and other
34 expenses as provided by K.S.A. 75-3212, and amendments thereto.

35 (d) ~~The commission shall establish measurable goals and objectives~~
36 ~~for the state of Kansas to ensure implementation of this act. The~~

1 ~~commission shall track the measurable progress of public agencies in~~
2 ~~implementing this act. All state agencies shall fully cooperate with and~~
3 ~~provide data and information to assist the commission in carrying out its~~
4 ~~duties. *The focus of the commission shall be on increasing the number of*~~
5 ~~*Kansans with disabilities in competitive integrated employment. To*~~
6 ~~*increase the number of Kansans with disabilities achieving competitive*~~
7 ~~*integrated employment, the commission shall work collaboratively with*~~
8 ~~*state agencies that provide services specifically to assist Kansans with*~~
9 ~~*disabilities to become employed, and privately owned or operated*~~
10 ~~*organizations, non-profit organizations and community-based*~~
11 ~~*organizations that receive moneys from the state or federal government, or*~~
12 ~~*both, to provide services and support that assist individuals with*~~
13 ~~*disabilities to obtain, maintain or regain competitive and integrated*~~
14 ~~*employment. In addition the commission may promote and educate state*~~
15 ~~*agencies and stakeholders regarding the employment first initiative.*~~

16 (e) ~~The commission shall issue an annual report on or before January~~
17 ~~1 each year which shall be presented to the governor and members of the~~
18 ~~state legislature. The report shall detail progress toward the goals and~~
19 ~~objectives and full implementation of this act. All state agencies shall~~
20 ~~cooperate with the commission on the creation and dissemination of the~~
21 ~~annual report. The report also shall identify barriers to achieving the~~
22 ~~outcomes along with the effective strategies and policies that can help~~
23 ~~realize the employment first initiative. *At the commencement of each*~~
24 ~~*regular session of the legislature, the commission, in the form of an annual*~~
25 ~~*report, may make recommendations to the governor, legislature and state*~~
26 ~~*agencies on strategies to increase the number of Kansans with disabilities*~~
27 ~~*in competitive integrated employment. The lead agency shall cause the*~~
28 ~~*report to be published on the internet on the lead agency's web site.*~~

29 (f) The governor shall select from the cabinet agencies the lead
30 agency responsible for compiling data and coordinating the preparation of
31 the annual report at the direction of the commission. The activities of the
32 commission and lead agency pursuant to this section shall be done within
33 existing grants and resources.

34 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 44-1138 is hereby repealed.

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