

HOUSE BILL No. 2255

By Representative Hodge

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1 AN ACT creating the Kansas youth advisory council.

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

4 Section 1. (a) The Kansas youth advisory council is hereby
5 established to provide input to the governor, the legislature and other state
6 and local policymakers on youth issues.

7 (b) The purpose of the Kansas youth advisory council is to foster
8 communication among a group of engaged youth, the governor, the
9 legislature and other state and local policymakers regarding programs,
10 policies and practices affecting youth and families and to advocate for
11 youth on important issues affecting youth.

12 (c) The Kansas youth advisory council shall consist of no more than
13 21 individuals age 14 to 20 who reside in Kansas. Members shall serve for
14 terms of two years, except the first 10 members appointed to the council
15 after the effective date of this act shall serve one-year terms.

16 (d) Members shall be selected by the executive director of the Kansas
17 human rights commission, or the executive director's designee, using an
18 application process. The executive director, or the executive director's
19 designee, shall strive to maintain a diverse council membership and shall
20 take into consideration the race, ethnicity, disabilities, gender and
21 geographic residence of the applicants when making membership
22 selections.

23 (e) Except as otherwise provided by law, the Kansas youth advisory
24 council shall determine its own rules of procedure and operating policies,
25 subject to approval by the executive director, or the executive director's
26 designee.

27 (f) The Kansas youth advisory council shall meet at least quarterly
28 each calendar year at such time and place as determined by the council's
29 policies and procedures.

30 (g) The Kansas human rights commission shall coordinate the
31 activities of the Kansas youth advisory council, and provide staff to
32 support the council subject to the availability of funds.

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