

## HOUSE BILL No. 2617

By Special Committee on Ways and Means/Appropriations

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AN ACT establishing the joint committee for legislative oversight of the department of social and rehabilitation services; prescribing powers, duties and functions therefor.

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

Section 1. (a) There is hereby established the joint committee for legislative oversight of the department of social and rehabilitation services. The joint committee shall be composed of seven members of the legislature appointed by the legislative coordinating council for terms ending on the first day of the regular legislative session commencing in odd-numbered years. Four members of the joint committee shall be members of the house of representatives and three members shall be members of the senate. At least two of the members shall be members of the minority party and at least one of such members shall be a senator and one shall be a representative. The chairperson and the vice-chairperson of the joint committee shall be appointed annually by the legislative coordinating council from among the members of the joint committee. In the absence or disability of the chairperson, the vice-chairperson shall exercise all of the powers of the chairperson.

(b) A quorum of the joint committee shall be four. All actions by the joint committee shall be taken by a majority of a quorum. The joint committee may meet at any time and at any place within the state on the call of the chairperson. The joint committee may introduce such legislation as it deems necessary in performing its duties and functions.

(c) Members of the joint committee shall receive compensation and travel expenses and allowances as provided in K.S.A. 75-3212, and amendments thereto, when attending meetings of the joint committee. Amounts paid under authority of this section shall be paid from appropriations for legislative expenses and vouchers therefor shall be prepared by the director of legislative administrative services and approved by the chairperson or vice-chairperson of the legislative coordinating council.

(d) The joint committee shall study and review the powers, duties and functions of the department of social and rehabilitation services, including the budget, revenues and expenditures and the programs, activities and institutions of the department of social and rehabilitation serv-

1 ices. In particular, the joint committee shall review and monitor: (1) The  
2 cost factors of medical assistance and other assistance programs and serv-  
3 ices of the department; and

4 (2) the provision of foster care and adoption services, including the  
5 funding accountability of the department of social and rehabilitation serv-  
6 ices and of foster care and adoption service providers for the provision of  
7 such services.

8 (e) At the beginning of each regular session of the legislature, the  
9 joint committee shall prepare and submit a report with recommendations  
10 to the committee on appropriations of the house of representatives, the  
11 committee on ways and means of the senate and other appropriate com-  
12 mittees of the house of representatives or the senate.

13 (f) The provisions of this section shall expire on January 8, 2007.

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

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