

HOUSE BILL No. 2636

By Representatives Sloan and Findley

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AN ACT concerning state officers and employees; establishing the advisory committee on classified employee issues; 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 advisory committee on classified employee issues within the department of administration. The advisory committee on classified employee issues shall be advisory to the secretary of administration and shall be composed of seven members appointed as follows: (1) Three members shall be appointed by the governor; (2) one member shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; (3) one member shall be appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives; (4) one member shall be appointed by the president of the senate; and (5) one member shall be appointed by the minority leader of the senate. Each person serving on the advisory committee shall be a state employee in the classified service under the Kansas civil service act having five years or more of state service in the classified service. Not more than two members of the advisory committee shall be employees of the same state agency.

(b) Of the first three members appointed by the governor, one shall be appointed for a term of one year, one shall be appointed for a term of two years and one shall be appointed for a term of three years. The first member appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives shall be appointed for a term of two years. The first member appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives shall be appointed for a term of one year. The first member appointed by the president of the senate shall be appointed for a term of two years. The first member appointed by the minority leader of the senate shall be appointed for a term of one year. Thereafter, each person appointed as a member of the advisory committee shall be appointed for a term of office of three years. Members may be reappointed, except that no person shall be eligible to serve for more than six years on the advisory committee. If a vacancy occurs in the office of any member of the advisory committee, a successor shall be appointed in the same manner as the original appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term.

1 (c) The advisory committee on classified employee issues shall or-
2 ganize each year by electing a member to serve as chairperson and a
3 member to serve as vice-chairperson. In the absence or disability of the
4 chairperson, the vice-chairperson shall exercise all of the powers of the
5 chairperson. All actions by the advisory committee shall be taken by a
6 majority of all members of the advisory committee.

7 (d) The advisory committee shall meet at least quarterly and upon
8 the call of the chairperson. Members of the advisory committee on clas-
9 sified employee issues attending a meeting of such committee, or attend-
10 ing a subcommittee meeting thereof authorized by such committee, shall
11 receive amounts provided for in subsection (e) of K.S.A. 75-3223 and
12 amendments thereto.

13 (e) The advisory committee on classified employee issues has the fol-
14 lowing duties and functions:

15 (1) To advise the secretary of administration on issues pertaining to
16 the classified pay plan and the pay rates thereunder and on training,
17 recruitment, retention, benefits, conditions of employment and other
18 issues;

19 (2) to collect appropriate information from state employees in the
20 classified service so as to most effectively represent their interests;

21 (3) to advocate on behalf of state classified employees before the
22 secretary of administration, director of the budget, governor and the leg-
23 islatre; and

24 (4) to educate the members of the general public regarding the vital
25 role state employees in the classified service have in the delivery of serv-
26 ices to the residents of Kansas.

27 (f) In accordance with the provisions of appropriation acts, the sec-
28 retary of administration shall provide staff assistance and operating ex-
29 penditures for the advisory committee on classified employee issues, in-
30 cluding any amounts provided for in subsection (e) of K.S.A. 75-3223 and
31 amendments thereto.

32 (g) Each state agency employing a person who is a member of the
33 advisory committee on classified employee issues shall make all reason-
34 able accommodations that may be necessary to permit such person to
35 attend meetings and otherwise attend to such duties and functions as may
36 be required or assigned as a member of the advisory committee.

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

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