

## SENATE BILL No. 594

By Committee on Ways and Means

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9 AN ACT concerning bioscience; creating the joint committee on biosci-  
10 ence oversight.

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

13 Section 1. (a) There is hereby created the joint committee on bio-  
14 science oversight within the legislative branch of state government. The  
15 joint committee shall be composed of 12 members. Six members shall be  
16 members of the house of representatives and six members shall be mem-  
17 bers of the senate. Four of the members who are members of the house  
18 of representatives shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of rep-  
19 resentatives, four members who are senators shall be appointed by the  
20 president of the senate, two members who are members of the house of  
21 representatives shall be appointed by the minority leader of the house of  
22 representatives and two members who are senators shall be appointed by  
23 the minority leader of the senate.

24 (b) All members of the joint committee on bioscience oversight shall  
25 serve for terms of two years ending on the first day of the regular session  
26 of the legislature commencing in the first odd-numbered year after the  
27 year of appointment, except that the first members shall be appointed on  
28 July 1, 2006, and shall serve for terms ending on the first day of the regular  
29 session of the legislature commencing in 2007. If a vacancy occurs in the  
30 office of any member of the joint committee on bioscience oversight, a  
31 successor shall be appointed in the same manner as the original appoint-  
32 ment for the remainder of the term.

33 (c) (1) The chairperson of the joint committee on bioscience over-  
34 sight shall be appointed for a term of one year which ends on the first  
35 day of the next occurring regular session of the legislature. The speaker  
36 of the house of representatives shall appoint the first chairperson on July  
37 1, 2006, and shall appoint the chairperson for the term commencing on  
38 the first day of the regular session of the legislature commencing in 2007  
39 for a one-year term to end on the first day of the regular session of the  
40 legislature commencing in the year 2008. The president of the senate  
41 shall appoint the next chairperson on the first day of the regular session  
42 of the legislature commencing in the year 2007 for a one-year term which  
43 ends on the first day of the next occurring regular session of the legisla-

1 ture. Thereafter the appointment of the chairperson shall continue to  
2 alternate between the speaker of the house of representatives and the  
3 president of the senate with each subsequent chairperson being ap-  
4 pointed for a one-year term ending on the first day of the regular session  
5 of the legislature in the next occurring regular session of the legislature  
6 after the year of appointment.

7 (2) The vice-chairperson of the joint committee on bioscience over-  
8 sight shall be appointed for a term of one year which ends on the first  
9 day of the next occurring regular session of the legislature. The president  
10 of the senate shall appoint the first vice-chairperson on July 1, 2006, and  
11 shall appoint the vice-chairperson for the term commencing on the first  
12 day of the regular session of the legislature commencing in 2007 for a  
13 one-year term to end on the first day of the regular session of the legis-  
14 lature commencing in the year 2008. The speaker of the house of rep-  
15 resentatives shall appoint the next vice-chairperson on the first day of the  
16 regular session of the legislature commencing in the year 2008 for a one-  
17 year term which ends on the first day of the next occurring regular session  
18 of the legislature. Thereafter the appointment of the vice-chairperson  
19 shall continue to alternate between the speaker of the house of represen-  
20 tatives and the president of the senate with each subsequent vice-chair-  
21 person being appointed for a one-year term ending on the first day of the  
22 regular session of the legislature in the next occurring regular session of  
23 the legislature after the year of appointment.

24 (3) If a vacancy occurs in the office of the chairperson or vice-chair-  
25 person, a member of the joint committee on bioscience oversight who is  
26 a member of the same house of the legislature as the member who va-  
27 cated the office shall be appointed by the speaker of the house, if the  
28 vacating member was a member of the house of representatives, or by  
29 the president of the senate, if the vacating member was a member of the  
30 senate, to fill such vacancy.

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

34 (e) The joint committee on bioscience oversight shall have the au-  
35 thority to meet at any time and at any place within the state on the call  
36 of the chairperson.

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

42 (g) Members of the joint committee on bioscience oversight shall  
43 receive compensation, travel expenses and subsistence expenses as pro-

1 vided in K.S.A. 75-3212, and amendments thereto, when attending meet-  
2 ings of the joint committee.

3 (h) The staff of the legislative research department, the office of re-  
4 visor of statutes and the division of legislative administrative services shall  
5 provide such assistance as may be requested by the joint committee on  
6 bioscience oversight and to the extent authorized by the legislative co-  
7 ordinating council.

8 (i) The joint committee on bioscience oversight shall have the exclu-  
9 sive responsibility to monitor and study the operations and decisions of  
10 the Kansas bioscience authority.

11 (j) In accordance with K.S.A. 46-1204, and amendments thereto, the  
12 legislative coordinating council may provide for such professional services  
13 as may be requested by the joint committee on bioscience oversight.

14 (k) The joint committee on bioscience oversight may introduce such  
15 legislation as it deems necessary in performing its functions.

16 (l) The provisions of this section shall expire on July 1, 2014.

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