

**As Amended by House Committee**

*Session of 2007*

**HOUSE BILL No. 2594**

By Committee on Appropriations

3-26

10 AN ACT concerning social and rehabilitation services; creating the joint  
11 committee on social and rehabilitation services oversight.  
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13 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

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

25 (b) All members of the joint committee on social and rehabilitation  
26 services oversight shall serve for terms of two years ending on the first  
27 day of the regular session of the legislature commencing in the first odd-  
28 numbered year after the year of appointment, except that the first mem-  
29 bers shall be appointed on July 1, 2007, and shall serve for terms ending  
30 on the first day of the regular session of the legislature commencing in  
31 2009. If a vacancy occurs in the office of any member of the joint com-  
32 mittee on social and rehabilitation services oversight, a successor shall be  
33 appointed in the same manner as the original appointment for the re-  
34 mainder of the term.

35 (c) (1) The chairperson of the joint committee on social and reha-  
36 bilitation services oversight shall be appointed for a term of one year  
37 which ends on the first day of the next occurring regular session of the  
38 legislature. The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint the  
39 first chairperson on July 1, 2007, and shall appoint the chairperson for  
40 the term commencing on the first day of the regular session of the leg-  
41 islature commencing in 2008 for a one-year term to end on the first day  
42 of the regular session of the legislature commencing in the year 2009.  
43 The president of the senate shall appoint the next chairperson on the first

1 day of the regular session of the legislature commencing in the year 2009  
2 for a one-year term which ends on the first day of the next occurring  
3 regular session of the legislature. Thereafter the appointment of the chair-  
4 person shall continue to alternate between the speaker of the house of  
5 representatives and the president of the senate with each subsequent  
6 chairperson being appointed for a one-year term ending on the first day  
7 of the regular session of the legislature in the next occurring regular ses-  
8 sion of the legislature after the year of appointment.

9 (2) The vice-chairperson of the joint committee on social and reha-  
10 bilitation services oversight shall be appointed for a term of one year  
11 which ends on the first day of the next occurring regular session of the  
12 legislature. The president of the senate shall appoint the first vice-chair-  
13 person on July 1, 2007, and shall appoint the vice-chairperson for the  
14 term commencing on the first day of the regular session of the legislature  
15 commencing in 2008 for a one-year term to end on the first day of the  
16 regular session of the legislature commencing in the year 2009. The  
17 speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint the next vice-chair-  
18 person on the first day of the regular session of the legislature com-  
19 mencing in the year 2009 for a one-year term which ends on the first day  
20 of the next occurring regular session of the legislature. Thereafter the  
21 appointment of the vice-chairperson shall continue to alternate between  
22 the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate  
23 with each subsequent vice-chairperson being appointed for a one-year  
24 term ending on the first day of the regular session of the legislature in  
25 the next occurring regular session of the legislature after the year of  
26 appointment.

27 (3) If a vacancy occurs in the office of the chairperson or vice-chair-  
28 person, a member of the joint committee on social and rehabilitation  
29 services oversight who is a member of the same house of the legislature  
30 as the member who vacated the office shall be appointed by the speaker  
31 of the house, if the vacating member was a member of the house of  
32 representatives, or by the president of the senate, if the vacating member  
33 was a member of the senate, to fill such vacancy.

34 (d) A quorum of the joint committee on social and rehabilitation serv-  
35 ices oversight shall be seven. All actions of the joint committee on social  
36 and rehabilitation services oversight shall be taken by a majority of all of  
37 the members of the joint committee.

38 (e) The joint committee on social and rehabilitation services oversight  
39 shall have the authority to meet at any time and at any place within the  
40 state on the call of the chairperson.

41 (f) The provisions of the acts contained in article 12 of chapter 46 of  
42 the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, applicable to  
43 special committees shall apply to the joint committee on social and re-

1 habilitation services oversight to the extent that the same do not conflict  
2 with the specific provisions of this section applicable to the joint  
3 committee.

4 (g) Members of the joint committee on social and rehabilitation serv-  
5 ices oversight shall receive compensation, travel expenses and subsistence  
6 expenses as provided in K.S.A. 75-3212, and amendments thereto, when  
7 attending meetings of the joint committee.

8 (h) The staff of the office of revisor of statutes, the legislative research  
9 department and the division of legislative administrative services shall  
10 provide such assistance as may be requested by the joint committee on  
11 social and rehabilitation services oversight and to the extent authorized  
12 by the legislative coordinating council.

13 (i) The joint committee on social and rehabilitation services oversight  
14 shall have the exclusive responsibility to monitor and study the operations  
15 and decisions of the department of social and rehabilitation services con-  
16 cerning mental health reform, **developmental disabilities reform**, and  
17 services provided by the department to children and may study other  
18 topics as the committee deems appropriate.

19 (j) In accordance with K.S.A. 46-1204, and amendments thereto, the  
20 legislative coordinating council may provide for such professional services  
21 as may be requested by the joint committee on social and rehabilitation  
22 services oversight.

23 (k) The joint committee on social and rehabilitation services oversight  
24 may introduce such legislation as it deems necessary in performing its  
25 functions.

26 (l) The provisions of this section shall expire on July 1, 2015.

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