

HOUSE BILL No. 2273

By Committee on Government Efficiency and Fiscal Oversight

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9 AN ACT concerning state agencies; providing for the development and
10 implementation of a zero-based budget process.

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

13 Section 1. (a) The director of the budget shall develop and imple-
14 ment a zero-based budget process under which each state agency shall
15 submit a zero-based budget estimate for the fiscal year ending June 30,
16 2012, except that each state agency that is required by K.S.A. 75-3717,
17 and amendments thereto, to submit budget estimates on a biennial basis
18 shall submit zero-based budget estimates for the fiscal years ending June
19 30, 2012, and June 30, 2013. The zero-based budget process shall be
20 applied on a six-year cycle commencing with budget estimates submitted
21 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012.

22 (b) The zero-based budget estimates created pursuant to the zero-
23 based budget process established under this section shall contain infor-
24 mation fulfilling all of the following criteria:

25 (1) A description of each activity performed for which an appropri-
26 ation is made or requested;

27 (2) the legal basis for performing the activity; and

28 (3) an itemized justification for the amount requested to perform the
29 activity.

30 (c) The director of the budget shall evaluate the zero-based budget
31 process on a continuing basis and shall report to the legislative budget
32 committee, on or before December 31, 2012, and on or before each
33 December 31 every six years thereafter, regarding whether the zero-
34 based budget process for state agencies has resulted in an increased cost-
35 effective delivery of public services.

36 (d) As used in this section, “zero-based budget” means determining
37 a budget by starting with a base of zero dollars and adding dollar amounts
38 necessary to conduct specific activities and operations, and “state agency”
39 has the meaning ascribed thereto by K.S.A. 75-3701, and amendments
40 thereto.

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