

**SENATE BILL No. 70**

By Committee on Judiciary

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1 AN ACT concerning open government; relating to the open records act;  
2 ~~providing for reasonable~~ **prohibiting** fees for electronic copies of  
3 records; exempting from disclosure formally closed investigations with  
4 no found violations; requiring district attorneys to file reports of  
5 violations with the attorney in ~~December~~ **October** instead of January;  
6 relating to the open meetings act; determining the membership  
7 calculation of subordinate groups; requiring public bodies or agencies  
8 that live stream meetings to ensure that the public is able to observe;  
9 providing for a five minute deviation to resume an open meeting at the  
10 conclusion of executive sessions; amending K.S.A. 45-219, 75-7d01,  
11 75-753, 75-4318 and 75-4319 and K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 45-221 and  
12 repealing the existing sections.  
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14 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

15 Section 1. K.S.A. 45-219 is hereby amended to read as follows: 45-  
16 219. (a) Any person may make abstracts or obtain copies of any public  
17 record to which such person has access under this act. If copies are  
18 requested, the public agency may require a written request and advance  
19 payment of the prescribed fee. A public agency shall not be required to  
20 provide copies of radio or recording tapes or discs, video tapes or films,  
21 pictures, slides, graphics, illustrations or similar audio or visual items or  
22 devices, unless such items or devices were shown or played to a public  
23 meeting of the governing body thereof, but the public agency shall not be  
24 required to provide such items or devices which are copyrighted by a  
25 person other than the public agency.

26 (b) Copies of public records shall be made while the records are in  
27 the possession, custody and control of the custodian or a person designated  
28 by the custodian and shall be made under the supervision of such  
29 custodian or person. When practical, copies shall be made in the place  
30 where the records are kept. If it is impractical to do so, the custodian shall  
31 allow arrangements to be made for use of other facilities. If it is necessary  
32 to use other facilities for copying, the cost thereof shall be paid by the  
33 person desiring a copy of the records. In addition, the public agency may  
34 charge the same fee for the services rendered in supervising the copying as  
35 for furnishing copies under subsection (c) and may establish a reasonable  
36 schedule of times for making copies at other facilities.

1 (c) Except as provided by subsection (f) or where fees for inspection  
2 or for copies of a public record are prescribed by statute, each public  
3 agency may prescribe reasonable fees for providing access to or furnishing  
4 copies of public records, subject to the following:

5 (1) In the case of fees for copies of records, the fees shall not exceed  
6 the actual cost of furnishing copies, including the cost of staff time  
7 required to make the information available.

8 (2) In the case of fees for providing access to records maintained on  
9 computer facilities, the fees shall include only the cost of any computer  
10 services, including staff time required.

11 (3) Fees for access to or copies of public records of public agencies  
12 within the legislative branch of the state government shall be established in  
13 accordance with K.S.A. 46-1207a, and amendments thereto.

14 (4) Fees for access to or copies of public records of public agencies  
15 within the judicial branch of the state government shall be established in  
16 accordance with rules of the supreme court.

17 (5) Fees for access to or copies of public records of a public agency  
18 within the executive branch of the state government shall be established by  
19 the agency head. Any person requesting records may appeal the  
20 reasonableness of the fees charged for providing access to or furnishing  
21 copies of such records to the secretary of administration whose decision  
22 shall be final.

23 (6) A fee for copies of public records which is equal to or less than  
24 \$.25 per *printed* page shall be deemed a reasonable fee. ~~A No per page or~~  
25 ~~copy fee shall be charged for electronic copies of public records which is~~  
26 ~~equal to or less than \$.125 per page shall be deemed a reasonable fee. If a~~  
27 ~~fee is charged for the cost of staff time required to make information~~  
28 ~~available, no fee for printed copies of public records shall be charged~~  
29 ~~pursuant to this paragraph.~~

30 (d) Except as otherwise authorized pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4215, and  
31 amendments thereto, each public agency within the executive branch of  
32 the state government shall remit all moneys received by or for it from fees  
33 charged pursuant to this section to the state treasurer in accordance with  
34 K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Unless otherwise specifically  
35 provided by law, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount thereof  
36 in the state treasury and credit the same to the state general fund or an  
37 appropriate fee fund as determined by the agency head.

38 (e) Each public agency of a political or taxing subdivision shall remit  
39 all moneys received by or for it from fees charged pursuant to this act to  
40 the treasurer of such political or taxing subdivision at least monthly. Upon  
41 receipt of any such moneys, such treasurer shall deposit the entire amount  
42 thereof in the treasury of the political or taxing subdivision and credit the  
43 same to the general fund thereof, unless otherwise specifically provided by

1 law.

2 (f) Any person who is a certified shorthand reporter may charge fees  
3 for transcripts of such person's notes of judicial or administrative  
4 proceedings in accordance with rates established pursuant to rules of the  
5 Kansas supreme court.

6 (g) Nothing in the open records act shall require a public agency to  
7 electronically make copies of public records by allowing a person to obtain  
8 copies of a public record by inserting, connecting or otherwise attaching  
9 an electronic device provided by such person to the computer or other  
10 electronic device of the public agency.

11 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 45-221 is hereby amended to read as  
12 follows: 45-221. (a) Except to the extent disclosure is otherwise required  
13 by law, a public agency shall not be required to disclose:

14 (1) Records the disclosure of which is specifically prohibited or  
15 restricted by federal law, state statute or rule of the Kansas supreme court  
16 or rule of the senate committee on confirmation oversight relating to  
17 information submitted to the committee pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4315d, and  
18 amendments thereto, or the disclosure of which is prohibited or restricted  
19 pursuant to specific authorization of federal law, state statute or rule of the  
20 Kansas supreme court or rule of the senate committee on confirmation  
21 oversight relating to information submitted to the committee pursuant to  
22 K.S.A. 75-4315d, and amendments thereto, to restrict or prohibit  
23 disclosure.

24 (2) Records that are privileged under the rules of evidence, unless the  
25 holder of the privilege consents to the disclosure.

26 (3) Medical, psychiatric, psychological or alcoholism or drug  
27 dependency treatment records that pertain to identifiable patients.

28 (4) Personnel records, performance ratings or individually identifiable  
29 records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment, except that  
30 this exemption shall not apply to the names, positions, salaries or actual  
31 compensation employment contracts or employment-related contracts or  
32 agreements and lengths of service of officers and employees of public  
33 agencies once they are employed as such.

34 (5) Information that would reveal the identity of any undercover  
35 agent or any informant reporting a specific violation of law.

36 (6) Letters of reference or recommendation pertaining to the character  
37 or qualifications of an identifiable individual, except documents relating to  
38 the appointment of persons to fill a vacancy in an elected office.

39 (7) Library, archive and museum materials contributed by private  
40 persons, to the extent of any limitations imposed as conditions of the  
41 contribution.

42 (8) Information that would reveal the identity of an individual who  
43 lawfully makes a donation to a public agency, if anonymity of the donor is

1 a condition of the donation, except if the donation is intended for or  
2 restricted to providing remuneration or personal tangible benefit to a  
3 named public officer or employee.

4 (9) Testing and examination materials, before the test or examination  
5 is given or if it is to be given again, or records of individual test or  
6 examination scores, other than records that show only passage or failure  
7 and not specific scores.

8 (10) Criminal investigation records, except as provided herein. The  
9 district court, in an action brought pursuant to K.S.A. 45-222, and  
10 amendments thereto, may order disclosure of such records, subject to such  
11 conditions as the court may impose, if the court finds that disclosure:

12 (A) Is in the public interest;

13 (B) would not interfere with any prospective law enforcement action,  
14 criminal investigation or prosecution;

15 (C) would not reveal the identity of any confidential source or  
16 undercover agent;

17 (D) would not reveal confidential investigative techniques or  
18 procedures not known to the general public;

19 (E) would not endanger the life or physical safety of any person; and

20 (F) would not reveal the name, address, phone number or any other  
21 information that specifically and individually identifies the victim of any  
22 sexual offense described in article 35 of chapter 21 of the Kansas Statutes  
23 Annotated, prior to their repeal, or article 55 of chapter 21 of the Kansas  
24 Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto.

25 If a public record is discretionarily closed by a public agency pursuant  
26 to this subsection, the record custodian, upon request, shall provide a  
27 written citation to the specific provisions of subparagraphs (A) through (F)  
28 that necessitate closure of that public record.

29 (11) Records of agencies involved in administrative adjudication or  
30 civil litigation, compiled in the process of detecting or investigating  
31 violations of civil law or administrative rules and regulations, if:

32 (A) Disclosure would interfere with a prospective administrative  
33 adjudication or civil litigation~~or~~;

34 (B) *disclosure would* reveal the identity of a confidential source or  
35 undercover agent; *or*

36 (C) *the investigation is formally closed and the agency determines*  
37 *that no violation occurred.*

38 (12) Records of emergency or security information or procedures of a  
39 public agency, if disclosure would jeopardize public safety, including  
40 records of cybersecurity plans, cybersecurity assessments and  
41 cybersecurity vulnerabilities or procedures related to cybersecurity plans,  
42 cybersecurity assessments and cybersecurity vulnerabilities, or plans,  
43 drawings, specifications or related information for any building or facility

1 that is used for purposes requiring security measures in or around the  
2 building or facility or that is used for the generation or transmission of  
3 power, water, fuels or communications, if disclosure would jeopardize  
4 security of the public agency, building or facility.

5 (13) The contents of appraisals or engineering or feasibility estimates  
6 or evaluations made by or for a public agency relative to the acquisition of  
7 property, prior to the award of formal contracts therefor.

8 (14) Correspondence between a public agency and a private  
9 individual, other than correspondence that is intended to give notice of an  
10 action, policy or determination relating to any regulatory, supervisory or  
11 enforcement responsibility of the public agency or that is widely  
12 distributed to the public by a public agency and is not specifically in  
13 response to communications from such a private individual.

14 (15) Records pertaining to employer-employee negotiations, if  
15 disclosure would reveal information discussed in a lawful executive  
16 session under K.S.A. 75-4319, and amendments thereto.

17 (16) Software programs for electronic data processing and  
18 documentation thereof, but each public agency shall maintain a register,  
19 open to the public, that describes:

20 (A) The information that the agency maintains on computer facilities;  
21 and

22 (B) the form in which the information can be made available using  
23 existing computer programs.

24 (17) Applications, financial statements and other information  
25 submitted in connection with applications for student financial assistance  
26 where financial need is a consideration for the award.

27 (18) Plans, designs, drawings or specifications that are prepared by a  
28 person other than an employee of a public agency or records that are the  
29 property of a private person.

30 (19) Well samples, logs or surveys that the state corporation  
31 commission requires to be filed by persons who have drilled or caused to  
32 be drilled, or are drilling or causing to be drilled, holes for the purpose of  
33 discovery or production of oil or gas, to the extent that disclosure is  
34 limited by rules and regulations of the state corporation commission.

35 (20) Notes, preliminary drafts, research data in the process of  
36 analysis, unfunded grant proposals, memoranda, recommendations or  
37 other records in which opinions are expressed or policies or actions are  
38 proposed, except that this exemption shall not apply when such records are  
39 publicly cited or identified in an open meeting or in an agenda of an open  
40 meeting.

41 (21) Records of a public agency having legislative powers that pertain  
42 to proposed legislation or amendments to proposed legislation, except that  
43 this exemption shall not apply when such records are:

1 (A) Publicly cited or identified in an open meeting or in an agenda of  
2 an open meeting; or

3 (B) distributed to a majority of a quorum of any body that has  
4 authority to take action or make recommendations to the public agency  
5 with regard to the matters to which such records pertain.

6 (22) Records of a public agency having legislative powers that pertain  
7 to research prepared for one or more members of such agency, except that  
8 this exemption shall not apply when such records are:

9 (A) Publicly cited or identified in an open meeting or in an agenda of  
10 an open meeting; or

11 (B) distributed to a majority of a quorum of any body that has  
12 authority to take action or make recommendations to the public agency  
13 with regard to the matters to which such records pertain.

14 (23) Library patron and circulation records that pertain to identifiable  
15 individuals.

16 (24) Records that are compiled for census or research purposes and  
17 which pertain to identifiable individuals.

18 (25) Records that represent and constitute the work product of an  
19 attorney.

20 (26) Records of a utility or other public service pertaining to  
21 individually identifiable residential customers of the utility or service.

22 (27) Specifications for competitive bidding, until the specifications  
23 are officially approved by the public agency.

24 (28) Sealed bids and related documents, until a bid is accepted or all  
25 bids rejected.

26 (29) Correctional records pertaining to an identifiable inmate or  
27 release, except that:

28 (A) The name; photograph and other identifying information;  
29 sentence data; parole eligibility date; custody or supervision level;  
30 disciplinary record; supervision violations; conditions of supervision,  
31 excluding requirements pertaining to mental health or substance abuse  
32 counseling; location of facility where incarcerated or location of parole  
33 office maintaining supervision and address of a releasee whose crime was  
34 committed after the effective date of this act shall be subject to disclosure  
35 to any person other than another inmate or releasee, except that the  
36 disclosure of the location of an inmate transferred to another state pursuant  
37 to the interstate corrections compact shall be at the discretion of the  
38 secretary of corrections;

39 (B) the attorney general, law enforcement agencies, counsel for the  
40 inmate to whom the record pertains and any county or district attorney  
41 shall have access to correctional records to the extent otherwise permitted  
42 by law;

43 (C) the information provided to the law enforcement agency pursuant

1 to the sex offender registration act, K.S.A. 22-4901 et seq., and  
2 amendments thereto, shall be subject to disclosure to any person, except  
3 that the name, address, telephone number or any other information that  
4 specifically and individually identifies the victim of any offender required  
5 to register as provided by the Kansas offender registration act, K.S.A. 22-  
6 4901 et seq., and amendments thereto, shall not be disclosed; and

7 (D) records of the department of corrections regarding the financial  
8 assets of an offender in the custody of the secretary of corrections shall be  
9 subject to disclosure to the victim, or such victim's family, of the crime for  
10 which the inmate is in custody as set forth in an order of restitution by the  
11 sentencing court.

12 (30) Public records containing information of a personal nature where  
13 the public disclosure thereof would constitute a clearly unwarranted  
14 invasion of personal privacy.

15 (31) Public records pertaining to prospective location of a business or  
16 industry where no previous public disclosure has been made of the  
17 business' or industry's interest in locating in, relocating within or  
18 expanding within the state. This exception shall not include those records  
19 pertaining to application of agencies for permits or licenses necessary to  
20 do business or to expand business operations within this state, except as  
21 otherwise provided by law.

22 (32) Engineering and architectural estimates made by or for any  
23 public agency relative to public improvements.

24 (33) Financial information submitted by contractors in qualification  
25 statements to any public agency.

26 (34) Records involved in the obtaining and processing of intellectual  
27 property rights that are expected to be, wholly or partially vested in or  
28 owned by a state educational institution, as defined in K.S.A. 76-711, and  
29 amendments thereto, or an assignee of the institution organized and  
30 existing for the benefit of the institution.

31 (35) Any report or record that is made pursuant to K.S.A. 65-4922,  
32 65-4923 or 65-4924, and amendments thereto, and that is privileged  
33 pursuant to K.S.A. 65-4915 or 65-4925, and amendments thereto.

34 (36) Information that would reveal the precise location of an  
35 archeological site.

36 (37) Any financial data or traffic information from a railroad  
37 company, to a public agency, concerning the sale, lease or rehabilitation of  
38 the railroad's property in Kansas.

39 (38) Risk-based capital reports, risk-based capital plans and  
40 corrective orders including the working papers and the results of any  
41 analysis filed with the commissioner of insurance in accordance with  
42 K.S.A. 40-2c20 and 40-2d20, and amendments thereto.

43 (39) Memoranda and related materials required to be used to support

1 the annual actuarial opinions submitted pursuant to K.S.A. 40-409(b), and  
2 amendments thereto.

3 (40) Disclosure reports filed with the commissioner of insurance  
4 under K.S.A. 40-2,156(a), and amendments thereto.

5 (41) All financial analysis ratios and examination synopses  
6 concerning insurance companies that are submitted to the commissioner by  
7 the national association of insurance commissioners' insurance regulatory  
8 information system.

9 (42) Any records the disclosure of which is restricted or prohibited by  
10 a tribal-state gaming compact.

11 (43) Market research, market plans, business plans and the terms and  
12 conditions of managed care or other third-party contracts, developed or  
13 entered into by the university of Kansas medical center in the operation  
14 and management of the university hospital that the chancellor of the  
15 university of Kansas or the chancellor's designee determines would give an  
16 unfair advantage to competitors of the university of Kansas medical center.

17 (44) The amount of franchise tax paid to the secretary of revenue or  
18 the secretary of state by domestic corporations, foreign corporations,  
19 domestic limited liability companies, foreign limited liability companies,  
20 domestic limited partnership, foreign limited partnership, domestic limited  
21 liability partnerships and foreign limited liability partnerships.

22 (45) Records, other than criminal investigation records, the disclosure  
23 of which would pose a substantial likelihood of revealing security  
24 measures that protect:

25 (A) Systems, facilities or equipment used in the production,  
26 transmission or distribution of energy, water or communications services;

27 (B) transportation and sewer or wastewater treatment systems,  
28 facilities or equipment; or

29 (C) private property or persons, if the records are submitted to the  
30 agency. For purposes of this paragraph, security means measures that  
31 protect against criminal acts intended to intimidate or coerce the civilian  
32 population, influence government policy by intimidation or coercion or to  
33 affect the operation of government by disruption of public services, mass  
34 destruction, assassination or kidnapping. Security measures include, but  
35 are not limited to, intelligence information, tactical plans, resource  
36 deployment and vulnerability assessments.

37 (46) Any information or material received by the register of deeds of  
38 a county from military discharge papers, DD Form 214. Such papers shall  
39 be disclosed: To the military dischargee; to such dischargee's immediate  
40 family members and lineal descendants; to such dischargee's heirs, agents  
41 or assigns; to the licensed funeral director who has custody of the body of  
42 the deceased dischargee; when required by a department or agency of the  
43 federal or state government or a political subdivision thereof; when the

1 form is required to perfect the claim of military service or honorable  
2 discharge or a claim of a dependent of the dischargee; and upon the written  
3 approval of the commissioner of veterans affairs, to a person conducting  
4 research.

5 (47) Information that would reveal the location of a shelter or a  
6 safehouse or similar place where persons are provided protection from  
7 abuse or the name, address, location or other contact information of  
8 alleged victims of stalking, domestic violence or sexual assault.

9 (48) Policy information provided by an insurance carrier in  
10 accordance with K.S.A. 44-532(h)(1), and amendments thereto. This  
11 exemption shall not be construed to preclude access to an individual  
12 employer's record for the purpose of verification of insurance coverage or  
13 to the department of labor for their business purposes.

14 (49) An individual's e-mail address, cell phone number and other  
15 contact information that has been given to the public agency for the  
16 purpose of public agency notifications or communications that are widely  
17 distributed to the public.

18 (50) Information provided by providers to the local collection point  
19 administrator or to the 911 coordinating council pursuant to the Kansas  
20 911 act upon request of the party submitting such records.

21 (51) Records of a public agency on a public website that are  
22 searchable by a keyword search and identify the home address or home  
23 ownership of: A law enforcement officer as defined in K.S.A. 21-5111, and  
24 amendments thereto; a parole officer; a probation officer; a court services  
25 officer; a community correctional services officer; a local correctional  
26 officer or local detention officer; a federal judge; a justice of the supreme  
27 court; a judge of the court of appeals; a district judge; a district magistrate  
28 judge; a municipal judge; a presiding officer who conducts hearings  
29 pursuant to the Kansas administrative procedure act; an administrative law  
30 judge employed by the office of administrative hearings; a member of the  
31 state board of tax appeals; an administrative law judge who conducts  
32 hearings pursuant to the workers compensation act; a member of the  
33 workers' compensation appeals board; the United States attorney for the  
34 district of Kansas; an assistant United States attorney; a special assistant  
35 United States attorney; the attorney general; an assistant attorney general;  
36 a special assistant attorney general; a county attorney; an assistant county  
37 attorney; a special assistant county attorney; a district attorney; an assistant  
38 district attorney; a special assistant district attorney; a city attorney; an  
39 assistant city attorney; or a special assistant city attorney. Such person  
40 shall file with the custodian of such record a request to have such person's  
41 identifying information restricted from public access on such public  
42 website. Within 10 business days of receipt of such requests, the public  
43 agency shall restrict such person's identifying information from such

1 public access. Such restriction shall expire after five years and such person  
2 may file with the custodian of such record a new request for restriction at  
3 any time.

4 (52) Records of a public agency that would disclose the name, home  
5 address, zip code, e-mail address, phone number or cell phone number or  
6 other contact information for any person licensed to carry concealed  
7 handguns or of any person who enrolled in or completed any weapons  
8 training in order to be licensed or has made application for such license  
9 under the personal and family protection act, K.S.A. 75-7c01 et seq., and  
10 amendments thereto, shall not be disclosed unless otherwise required by  
11 law.

12 (53) Records of a utility concerning information about cyber security  
13 threats, attacks or general attempts to attack utility operations provided to  
14 law enforcement agencies, the state corporation commission, the federal  
15 energy regulatory commission, the department of energy, the southwest  
16 power pool, the North American electric reliability corporation, the federal  
17 communications commission or any other federal, state or regional  
18 organization that has a responsibility for the safeguarding of  
19 telecommunications, electric, potable water, waste water disposal or  
20 treatment, motor fuel or natural gas energy supply systems.

21 (54) Records of a public agency containing information or reports  
22 obtained and prepared by the office of the state bank commissioner in the  
23 course of licensing or examining a person engaged in money transmission  
24 business pursuant to K.S.A. 9-508 et seq., and amendments thereto, shall  
25 not be disclosed except pursuant to K.S.A. 9-513c, and amendments  
26 thereto, or unless otherwise required by law.

27 (55) Records of a public agency that contain captured license plate  
28 data or that pertain to the location of an automated license plate  
29 recognition system.

30 (b) Except to the extent disclosure is otherwise required by law or as  
31 appropriate during the course of an administrative proceeding or on appeal  
32 from agency action, a public agency or officer shall not disclose financial  
33 information of a taxpayer that may be required or requested by a county  
34 appraiser or the director of property valuation to assist in the determination  
35 of the value of the taxpayer's property for ad valorem taxation purposes; or  
36 any financial information of a personal nature required or requested by a  
37 public agency or officer, including a name, job description or title  
38 revealing the salary or other compensation of officers, employees or  
39 applicants for employment with a firm, corporation or agency, except a  
40 public agency. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to prohibit the  
41 publication of statistics, so classified as to prevent identification of  
42 particular reports or returns and the items thereof.

43 (c) As used in this section, the term "cited or identified" does not

1 include a request to an employee of a public agency that a document be  
2 prepared.

3 (d) If a public record contains material that is not subject to disclosure  
4 pursuant to this act, the public agency shall separate or delete such  
5 material and make available to the requester that material in the public  
6 record that is subject to disclosure pursuant to this act. If a public record is  
7 not subject to disclosure because it pertains to an identifiable individual,  
8 the public agency shall delete the identifying portions of the record and  
9 make available to the requester any remaining portions that are subject to  
10 disclosure pursuant to this act, unless the request is for a record pertaining  
11 to a specific individual or to such a limited group of individuals that the  
12 individuals' identities are reasonably ascertainable, the public agency shall  
13 not be required to disclose those portions of the record that pertain to such  
14 individual or individuals.

15 (e) The provisions of this section shall not be construed to exempt  
16 from public disclosure statistical information not descriptive of any  
17 identifiable person.

18 (f) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), any public  
19 record that has been in existence more than 70 years shall be open for  
20 inspection by any person unless disclosure of the record is specifically  
21 prohibited or restricted by federal law, state statute or rule of the Kansas  
22 supreme court or by a policy adopted pursuant to K.S.A. 72-6214, and  
23 amendments thereto.

24 (g) Any confidential records or information relating to security  
25 measures provided or received under the provisions of subsection (a)(45)  
26 shall not be subject to subpoena, discovery or other demand in any  
27 administrative, criminal or civil action.

28 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 75-7d01 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-  
29 7d01. (a) There is hereby created in the office of the attorney general a  
30 batterer intervention program certification unit.

31 (b) ~~Except as otherwise provided by law,~~The books, documents,  
32 papers, records or other sources of information obtained and the  
33 investigations conducted by the unit shall be confidential as required by  
34 state or federal law.

35 (c) The purpose of the batterer intervention program certification unit  
36 is to certify and inspect batterer intervention programs in Kansas. To  
37 accomplish this purpose, upon request of the unit, the unit shall have  
38 access to all records of reports, investigation documents and written  
39 reports of findings related to confirmed cases of domestic violence or  
40 exploitation of persons or cases in which there is reasonable suspicion to  
41 believe domestic violence has occurred that are received or generated by  
42 the Kansas department for children and families, the Kansas department  
43 for aging and disability services, the department of health and environment

1 or the Kansas bureau of investigation.

2 (d) The attorney general shall develop a set of tools, methodologies,  
3 requirements and forms for the domestic violence offender assessment  
4 required by K.S.A. 21-6604(p), and amendments thereto. The batterer  
5 intervention program tools, methodologies, requirements and forms shall  
6 be developed in consultation with the agency certified by the centers for  
7 disease control and prevention and the department of health and human  
8 services as the domestic violence coalition for the state and with local  
9 domestic violence victims' services organizations.

10 (e) The attorney general may appoint a panel to assist the attorney  
11 general by making recommendations regarding the:

12 (1) Content and development of a batterer intervention certification  
13 program; and

14 (2) rules and regulations.

15 (f) The attorney general may appoint such advisory committees as the  
16 attorney general deems necessary to carry out the purposes of the batterer  
17 intervention program certification act. Except as provided in K.S.A. 75-  
18 3212, and amendments thereto, no member of any such advisory  
19 committee shall receive any compensation, subsistence, mileage or other  
20 allowance for serving on an advisory committee or attending any meeting  
21 thereof.

22 Sec. 4. K.S.A. 75-753 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-753.

23 (a) On or before ~~January~~ **December** **October** 15, of each year, the county or  
24 district attorney of each county shall report to the attorney general all  
25 complaints received during the preceding fiscal year concerning violations  
26 of the open records act and open meetings act and the disposition of each  
27 complaint.

28 (b) The attorney general shall compile information received pursuant  
29 to subsection (a) with information relating to investigations of violations  
30 of the open records act and the open meetings act conducted by the office  
31 of the attorney general. The attorney general shall publish a yearly abstract  
32 of such information listing by name the public agencies which are the  
33 subject of such complaints or investigations.

34 Sec. 5. K.S.A. 75-4318 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-

35 4318. (a) Subject to the provisions of subsection (g), all meetings for the  
36 conduct of the affairs of, and the transaction of business by, all legislative  
37 and administrative bodies and agencies of the state and political and taxing  
38 subdivisions thereof, including boards, commissions, authorities, councils,  
39 committees, subcommittees and other subordinate groups thereof,  
40 receiving or expending and supported in whole or in part by public funds  
41 shall be open to the public and no binding action by such public bodies or  
42 agencies shall be by secret ballot. Meetings of task forces, advisory  
43 committees or subcommittees of advisory committees created pursuant to

1 a governor's executive order shall be open to the public in accordance with  
2 this act.

3 (b) Notice of the date, time and place of any regular or special  
4 meeting of a public body or agency designated in subsection (a) shall be  
5 furnished to any person requesting such notice, except that:

6 (1) If notice is requested by petition, the petition shall designate one  
7 person to receive notice on behalf of all persons named in the petition, and  
8 notice to such person shall constitute notice to all persons named in the  
9 petition;

10 (2) if notice is furnished to an executive officer of an employees'  
11 organization or trade association, such notice shall be deemed to have been  
12 furnished to the entire membership of such organization or association;  
13 and

14 (3) the public body or agency may require that a request to receive  
15 notice must be submitted again to the public body or agency prior to the  
16 commencement of any subsequent fiscal year of the public body or agency  
17 during which the person wishes to continue receiving notice, but, prior to  
18 discontinuing notice to any person, the public body or agency must notify  
19 the person that notice will be discontinued unless the person resubmits a  
20 request to receive notice.

21 (c) It shall be the duty of the presiding officer or other person calling  
22 the meeting, if the meeting is not called by the presiding officer, to furnish  
23 the notice required by subsection (b).

24 (d) Prior to any meeting mentioned by subsection (a), any agenda  
25 relating to the business to be transacted at such meeting shall be made  
26 available to any person requesting the agenda.

27 (e) The use of cameras, photographic lights and recording devices  
28 shall not be prohibited at any meeting mentioned by subsection (a), but  
29 such use shall be subject to reasonable rules designed to insure the orderly  
30 conduct of the proceedings at such meeting.

31 (f) Except as provided by section 22 of article 2 of the constitution of  
32 the state of Kansas, interactive communications in a series shall be open if  
33 they collectively involve a majority of the membership of the public body  
34 or agency, share a common topic of discussion concerning the business or  
35 affairs of the public body or agency, and are intended by any or all of the  
36 participants to reach agreement on a matter that would require binding  
37 action to be taken by the public body or agency.

38 (g) The provisions of the open meetings law shall not apply:

39 (1) To any administrative body that is authorized by law to exercise  
40 quasi-judicial functions when such body is deliberating matters relating to  
41 a decision involving such quasi-judicial functions;

42 (2) to the prisoner review board when conducting parole hearings or  
43 parole violation hearings held at a correctional institution;

1 (3) to any impeachment inquiry or other impeachment matter referred  
2 to any committee of the house of representatives prior to the report of such  
3 committee to the full house of representatives; and

4 (4) if otherwise provided by state or federal law or by rules of the  
5 Kansas senate or house of representatives.

6 ~~(h) When a public body or agency subject to the act subdivides itself~~  
7 ~~into subordinate groups the total membership of the subordinate group~~  
8 ~~shall be used to determine if a majority of membership participated in a~~  
9 ~~meeting **subcommittee or other subordinate group is created by a public**~~  
10 ~~**body or agency, whenever a majority of such subcommittee or other**~~  
11 ~~**subordinate group meets, such subcommittee or other subordinate group**~~  
12 ~~**shall be subject to the requirements of this act.**~~

13 (i) Unless otherwise stated in law, a private entity will only be  
14 considered a subordinate group of a legislative or administrative body of  
15 the state or a political and taxing subdivision if they are under the control,  
16 whether directly or indirectly, of such legislative or administrative body of  
17 the state or a political and taxing subdivision.

18 (j) A public body or agency that voluntarily elects to live stream their  
19 meeting on television, the internet or any other medium shall ensure that  
20 all aspects of the open meeting are available through the selected medium  
21 for the public to observe.

22 Sec. 6. K.S.A. 75-4319 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-  
23 4319. (a) Upon formal motion made, seconded and carried, all public  
24 bodies and agencies subject to the open meetings act may recess, but not  
25 adjourn, open meetings for closed or executive meetings. Any motion to  
26 recess for a closed or executive meeting shall include: (1) A statement  
27 describing the subjects to be discussed during the closed or executive  
28 meeting; (2) the justification listed in subsection (b) for closing the  
29 meeting; and (3) the *estimated* time and place at which the open meeting  
30 shall resume. *A public body or agency that has entered a closed or*  
31 *executive meeting shall not be guilty of violation if such closed or*  
32 *executive meeting concludes five minutes earlier or later than provided in*  
33 *the motion.* The complete motion shall be recorded in the minutes of the  
34 meeting and shall be maintained as a part of the permanent records of the  
35 public body or agency. Discussion during the closed or executive meeting  
36 shall be limited to those subjects stated in the motion.

37 (b) Justifications for recess to a closed or executive meeting may only  
38 include the following, the need:

- 39 (1) To discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel;  
40 (2) for consultation with an attorney for the public body or agency  
41 which would be deemed privileged in the attorney-client relationship;  
42 (3) to discuss employer-employee negotiations whether or not in  
43 consultation with the representative or representatives of the public body

1 or agency;

2 (4) to discuss data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of  
3 corporations, partnerships, trusts, and individual proprietorships;

4 (5) to discuss matters relating to actions adversely or favorably  
5 affecting a person as a student, patient or resident of a public institution,  
6 except that any such person shall have the right to a public hearing if  
7 requested by the person;

8 (6) for the preliminary discussion of the acquisition of real property;

9 (7) to discuss matters relating to parimutuel racing permitted to be  
10 discussed in a closed or executive meeting pursuant to K.S.A. 74-8804,  
11 and amendments thereto;

12 (8) to discuss matters relating to the care of children permitted to be  
13 discussed in a closed or executive meeting pursuant to K.S.A. 38-2212(d)  
14 (1) or 38-2213(e), and amendments thereto;

15 (9) to discuss matters relating to the investigation of child deaths  
16 permitted to be discussed in a closed or executive meeting pursuant to  
17 K.S.A. 22a-243(j), and amendments thereto;

18 (10) to discuss matters relating to patients and providers permitted to  
19 be discussed in a closed or executive meeting pursuant to K.S.A. 39-  
20 7,119(g), and amendments thereto;

21 (11) to discuss matters required to be discussed in a closed or  
22 executive meeting pursuant to a tribal-state gaming compact;

23 (12) to discuss matters relating to security measures, if the discussion  
24 of such matters at an open meeting would jeopardize such security  
25 measures, that protect: (A) Systems, facilities or equipment used in the  
26 production, transmission or distribution of energy, water or  
27 communications services; (B) transportation and sewer or wastewater  
28 treatment systems, facilities or equipment; (C) a public body or agency,  
29 public building or facility or the information system of a public body or  
30 agency; or (D) private property or persons, if the matter is submitted to the  
31 public body or agency for purposes of this paragraph. For purposes of this  
32 paragraph, security means measures that protect against criminal acts  
33 intended to intimidate or coerce the civilian population, influence  
34 government policy by intimidation or coercion or to affect the operation of  
35 government by disruption of public services, mass destruction,  
36 assassination or kidnapping. Security measures include, but are not limited  
37 to, intelligence information, tactical plans, resource deployment and  
38 vulnerability assessments;

39 (13) to discuss matters relating to maternity centers and child care  
40 facilities permitted to be discussed in a closed or executive meeting  
41 pursuant to K.S.A. 65-525(d), and amendments thereto;

42 (14) to discuss matters relating to the office of inspector general  
43 permitted to be discussed in a closed or executive meeting pursuant to

1 K.S.A. 75-7427, and amendments thereto; and

2 (15) for the governor's domestic violence fatality review board to  
3 conduct case reviews.

4 (c) No binding action shall be taken during closed or executive  
5 recesses, and such recesses shall not be used as a subterfuge to defeat the  
6 purposes of this act.

7 (d) Any confidential records or information relating to security  
8 measures provided or received under the provisions of subsection (b)(12),  
9 shall not be subject to subpoena, discovery or other demand in any  
10 administrative, criminal or civil action.

11 Sec. 7. K.S.A. 45-219, 75-7d01, 75-753, 75-4318 and 75-4319 and  
12 K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 45-221 are hereby repealed.

13 Sec. 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
14 publication in the statute book.