

HOUSE BILL No. 2453

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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1 AN ACT concerning the commission on disability concerns; amending
2 K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 74-6701, 74-6702, 74-6703, 74-6706 and 74-6707
3 and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 2011 Supp.
4 74-6709.

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

7 Section 1. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 74-6701 is hereby amended to read as
8 follows: 74-6701. (a) There is hereby established within and as a part of
9 the ~~department of commerce~~*office of governor* the commission on
10 disability concerns.

11 (b) All budgeting, purchasing and related management functions of
12 the commission shall be administered under the direction of the ~~secretary~~
13 ~~of commerce~~*office of the governor*. All vouchers for expenditures and all
14 payrolls of the commission shall be approved by the chairperson of the
15 commission, or by a person or persons designated by the chairperson, and
16 by the ~~secretary of commerce~~*office of the governor*.

17 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 74-6702 is hereby amended to read as
18 follows: 74-6702. Subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 74-6709, and
19 amendments thereto, the commission shall be composed of 30 members,
20 15 of whom shall be appointed by the ~~secretary of commerce~~*governor*. Of
21 the members appointed by the ~~secretary~~*governor*, preference shall be
22 shown for Kansans representing each of the following:

- 23 (a) Industry;
24 (b) labor;
25 (c) community-based independent living programs;
26 (d) rehabilitation programs;
27 (e) education programs;
28 (f) disability or rehabilitation research programs; and
29 (g) private, nonprofit organizations serving Kansans with disabilities.

30 At least eight of the members appointed by the secretary shall be Kansans
31 with disabilities.

32 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 74-6703 is hereby amended to read as
33 follows: 74-6703. In addition to the members appointed by the ~~secretary of~~
34 ~~commerce~~*governor* under K.S.A. 74-6702, and amendments thereto, the
35 following persons, or the designees of such persons, shall serve as
36 members ex officio of the commission:

- 1 (a) The secretary of health and environment;
- 2 (b) the chairperson of the Kansas planning council on developmental
- 3 disabilities services;
- 4 (c) the commissioner of mental health and developmental disabilities
- 5 of the department of social and rehabilitation services;
- 6 (d) the commissioner of rehabilitation services of the department of
- 7 social and rehabilitation services;
- 8 (e) the secretary of commerce;
- 9 (f) the director of special education of the state board of education;
- 10 (g) the secretary of transportation;
- 11 (h) the secretary of aging;
- 12 (i) the secretary of labor;
- 13 (j) the secretary of administration;
- 14 (k) the secretary of social and rehabilitation services;
- 15 (l) the president of the Kansas senate;
- 16 (m) the minority leader of the Kansas senate;
- 17 (n) the speaker of the Kansas house of representatives; and
- 18 (o) the minority leader of the Kansas house of representatives.

19 Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 74-6706 is hereby amended to read as
 20 follows: 74-6706. The commission shall consult with and advise the
 21 ~~secretary of commerce~~ *governor* on all commission activities and shall:

- 22 (a) Carry on a continuing program to promote a higher quality of life
- 23 for people with disabilities;
- 24 (b) cooperate with all public and private agencies interested in
- 25 independent living by people with disabilities;
- 26 (c) cooperate with all agencies responsible for or interested in the
- 27 rehabilitation and employment of people with disabilities;
- 28 (d) encourage the organization of community-based programs and
- 29 work closely with such programs in promoting independence of people
- 30 with disabilities;
- 31 (e) assist in developing societal acceptance of people with
- 32 disabilities;
- 33 (f) inform individuals with disabilities of specific facilities available
- 34 for increasing their independence;
- 35 (g) conduct such educational programs as members deem necessary;
- 36 and
- 37 (h) report annually to the governor and legislature on commission
- 38 activities and submit any recommendations believed necessary in
- 39 promoting the independence of people with disabilities.

40 Sec. 5. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 74-6707 is hereby amended to read as
 41 follows: 74-6707. The ~~secretary of commerce~~ *governor* shall appoint an
 42 executive director of the commission and the commission shall designate
 43 the duties of the position. The ~~secretary of commerce~~ *office of the governor*

1 shall provide office space and such clerical and other personnel as may be
2 necessary for the efficient performance of the duties prescribed by this act.
3 All personnel serving the commission shall be in the classified service.

4 Sec. 6. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 74-6701, 74-6702, 74-6703, 74-6706, 74-
5 6707 and 74-6709 are hereby repealed.

6 Sec. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
7 publication in the statute book.

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