

As Amended by House Committee

Session of 2012

HOUSE BILL No. 2694

By Representative Siegfroid

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1 AN ACT concerning the state capitol building; requiring the establishment  
2 of ~~an all-faiths chapel~~ **a capitol prayer and meditation room.**

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

5 Section 1. (a) The legislature declares that:

6 (1) Belief in God, prayer and meditation have played a significant  
7 part of the history and culture of the United States since its founding;

8 (2) belief in God, prayer and meditation have played a significant role  
9 in the history and culture of the state of Kansas since its founding;

10 (3) the historical importance of the right to worship God according to  
11 the dictates of one's conscience ~~and of prayer and meditation is reflected in~~  
12 **is guaranteed by** section 7 of the bill of rights of the constitution of the  
13 state of Kansas and **is reflected** in the practice of beginning each daily  
14 session in the Kansas house of representatives and senate with a prayer;  
15 and

16 (4) Kansas has a history of setting aside space in the state capitol for  
17 a place of prayer and meditation.

18 (b) The legislative coordinating council shall reestablish ~~an all-faiths~~  
19 ~~chapel~~ **a capitol prayer and meditation room** as a place reserved for  
20 prayer and meditation in the state capitol building.

21 (c) **All costs associated with the construction, remodeling and**  
22 **furnishing of such prayer and meditation room shall be paid for by**  
23 **private donation. All donations shall either be made by anonymous**  
24 **means or, if not made by anonymous means, the names of such donors**  
25 **shall be kept confidential.**

26 Sec. 2. There is hereby established in the state treasury the  
27 private donations capitol prayer and meditation room fund which  
28 shall be administered by the secretary of administration. All  
29 expenditures from such fund shall be for the construction, remodeling  
30 and furnishing of the capitol prayer and meditation room with the  
31 approval of the legislative coordinating council. All expenditures from  
32 such fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon  
33 warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to  
34 vouchers approved by the secretary of administration or the designee  
35 of the secretary.

36 All private moneys received by the secretary of administration for

1 **the construction, remodeling and furnishing of the capitol prayer and**  
2 **meditation room shall be deposited in the state treasury in accordance**  
3 **with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto, and**  
4 **shall be credited to the private donations capitol prayer and**  
5 **meditation room fund.**

6 ~~Sec. 2.~~ **3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
7 publication in the statute book.

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