

Senate Substitute for HOUSE BILL No. 2616

By Committee on Commerce

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1 AN ACT concerning workplace safety; authorizing and directing the
2 secretary of labor to make a study of whether the state should enter into
3 an agreement with the federal government regarding state enforcement
4 of federal occupational safety and health act standards.
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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

7 Section 1. (a) The secretary of labor is hereby authorized and directed
8 to:

9 (1) Make a study and recommendations concerning whether the state
10 should submit to the federal government a plan for state enforcement of
11 occupational safety and health standards that provides for safe and
12 healthful employment by the adoption of standards and means for
13 enforcement of the standards that are at least as effective as those
14 standards and means for enforcement of the standards as are provided by
15 the federal occupational safety and health act of 1970, compiled in 29
16 U.S.C. §§ 651-678;

17 (2) identify agreements necessary to carry out the purposes of such
18 plan;

19 (3) review funding arrangements necessary for the state to finance a
20 plan for state enforcement of such standards;

21 (4) review statutory and rule and regulation changes necessary to
22 carry out such a plan;

23 (5) estimate additional staff and positions required to implement such
24 a plan;

25 (6) identify steps needed for interaction with the federal government
26 in ways that are reasonably designed to carry out the purposes of this
27 subsection; and

28 (7) review such other matters as may be necessary in making the
29 study.

30 (b) On or before January 12, 2015, the secretary of labor shall submit
31 to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives,
32 each member of the committee on commerce of the senate and each
33 member of the committee on commerce, labor and economic development
34 of the house of representatives a report of the secretary's findings and
35 recommendations from the study conducted under subsection (a).

36 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its

- 1 publication in the statute book.