

As Amended by House Committee

Session of 2015

HOUSE BILL No. 2148

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1 AN ACT creating the Kansas transparency act; concerning legislative
2 meetings; providing for live audio broadcasts.

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

5 Section 1. (a) Beginning January 1, 2016, audio broadcasts ~~shall be~~
6 ~~made~~ of all legislative committee meetings that convene in ~~the committee~~
7 ~~rooms designated pursuant to this act~~ **committee rooms** and that are
8 required to be open to the public pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4317 et seq., and
9 amendments thereto, ~~and shall be~~ made available in real time for public
10 access on the internet. The legislative chief information technology officer
11 shall, ~~in consultation with the legislative coordinating council, designate~~
12 ~~four committee rooms in the capitol, to be equipped~~ **equip these**
13 **committee rooms** with audio broadcasting equipment sufficient to
14 effectuate the provisions of this act. The legislative chief information
15 technology officer shall provide for the operation and maintenance of all
16 such broadcasting devices in a manner sufficient to provide the public with
17 access to all committee meetings held in a ~~designated~~ committee room.
18 Each committee may suspend this broadcasting requirement by an
19 affirmative vote of $\frac{2}{3}$ of the ~~committee's~~ voting members **present at the**
20 **committee meeting** when there is an equipment failure and the purpose is
21 not to avoid the requirements of this act. All broadcasts of the legislative
22 proceedings described in this act shall be made available in real time to the
23 public and be accessible, along with archives of all such broadcasts, on the
24 internet.

25 (b) Following the 2017 legislative session, the legislative chief
26 information technology officer shall report to the legislative coordinating
27 council and the joint committee on information technology on the
28 implementation of the broadcasts of such legislative committee meetings
29 pursuant to this act. In order to prepare such report, the legislative chief
30 information technology officer shall consult with the director of legislative
31 research and the revisor of statutes to prepare information about the: (1)
32 Expenses incurred in order to provide the audio broadcasts of committee
33 meetings;

34 (2) number of visitors listening to the broadcasts;

1 (3) feasibility and projected costs of expanding the number of rooms
2 equipped with audio broadcast equipment and the associated costs; and

3 (4) any possible changes to the broadcasting of legislative meetings.

4 ~~(c) After review by the joint committee on information technology of~~
5 ~~the report provided pursuant to this act, and upon the recommendation and~~
6 ~~approval of the legislative coordinating council, the legislative chief~~
7 ~~information technology officer shall designate four additional committee~~
8 ~~rooms in the capitol to be equipped with audio broadcasting equipment for~~
9 ~~the 2018 legislative session and to equip all remaining committee rooms in~~
10 ~~the capitol with audio broadcasting equipment for the 2019 legislative~~
11 ~~session.~~

12 ~~(d) For the purposes of this section: (1) "Committee" means any~~
13 ~~standing committee, subcommittee, conference committee, interim~~
14 ~~committee or any committee that is established by law or by either~~
15 ~~presiding officer. "Committee" does not include any convening of a~~
16 ~~caucus meeting, event or private function; and~~

17 (2) "committee room" means ~~any room~~ **rooms 112-N, 144-N, 152-S,**
18 **346-S and 548-S** in the state capitol ~~designated by the legislative chief~~
19 ~~information technology officer~~ in which a meeting is held that is required
20 to be open to the public pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4317 et seq., and
21 amendments thereto.

22 **(d) The provisions of this section shall expire on June 30, 2018.**

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