quorum. Any vacancy on the statewide broadband expansion *planning* task force shall be filled by appointment in the manner prescribed in this section for the original appointment.

- (e) The mission of the statewide broadband expansion *planning* task force shall be as follows:
- (1) Work collaboratively to—<u>evaluate</u> develop an approach for defining and evaluating the broadband needs of Kansas citizens, businesses, industries, institutions and organizations;
- (2) identify and document risks, issues and constraints associated with a state-wide broadband expansion project. Develop corresponding risk mitigation and resolution strategies where appropriate;

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(3) consider any recent actions by the federal communications commission relating to broadband services including, but not limited to, the 2018 broadband deployment report, recommendations of the broadband deployment advisory committee and any actions to implement broadband initiatives using the connect America fund phase II or the remote areas fund;

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- (3)(4) identify opportunities and potential funding sources to
- (A) Expand broadband infrastructure and increase statewide access to broadband services;

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- (B) remove barriers that may hinder deployment of broadband infrastructure or access to broadband services; and
- (C) enable the creation and deployment of new advanced communication technologies;

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- (4)(5) prioritize develoy criteria for prioritizing the expansion of broadband services—figst to unserved areas of the state and shen to underserved areas of the state across Kansas; and
- (£)(6) propose future activities and documentation required to complete the statewide broadband expansion plan; and

make and submit a report to the legislature goncerning all such book and recommendations of the task force. The task force report shall be submitted to the legislature on or before January 31, 2019.

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(f) The staff of the office of revisor of statutes, the legislative research department and the division of legislative administrative services shall provide assistance as may be requested by the statewise broadband expansion *planning* task force.

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(g) Legislative members of the statewide broadband expansion **planning** task force attending meetings authorized by the task force shall be paid amounts provided in K.S.A. 75-3223(e), and amendments thereto. Non-legislative members of the statewide broadband expansion **planning** task force may be reimbursed by their appointing authority.

The provisions of this section shall expire on June 30, 2019.

This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its

uncluding an upgradeable, functional map of the state of available broadband service

an initial report to the house of representatives committee on energy, utilities and telecommunications and the senate committee on utilities prior to January 31, 2019,

Unless all work is complete and reported in the initial report, the final planning