

## HOUSE BILL No. 2031

By Committee on Health and Human Services

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1 AN ACT concerning health care; relating to palliative care; establishing  
2 the palliative care and quality of life interdisciplinary advisory council;  
3 palliative care consumer and professional information and education  
4 program.  
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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

7 Section 1. (a) There is hereby created the palliative care and quality  
8 of life interdisciplinary advisory council within the department of health  
9 and environment. The purpose of this council is to develop  
10 recommendations and advise the department of health and environment on  
11 matters related to the establishment, maintenance, operation, outcomes  
12 evaluation of palliative care initiatives in the state, and effectiveness of the  
13 palliative care consumer and professional information and education  
14 program.

15 (b) (1) The palliative care and quality of life interdisciplinary  
16 advisory council shall consist of 12 members appointed on or before  
17 October 1, 2017. The members shall be appointed as follows: (A) Two  
18 members appointed by the governor; (B) two members appointed by the  
19 speaker of the house of representatives; (C) one member appointed by the  
20 minority leader of the house of representatives; (D) two members  
21 appointed by the president of the senate; (E) one member appointed by the  
22 minority leader of the senate; (F) one member appointed by the secretary  
23 of health and environment who shall represent the department of health  
24 and environment; (G) one member appointed by the secretary for aging  
25 and disability services who shall represent the department for aging and  
26 disability services; (H) one member of the house committee on health and  
27 human services appointed by the chair of the house committee on health  
28 and human services; and (I) one member of the senate committee on  
29 public health and welfare appointed by the chair of the senate committee  
30 on public health and welfare.

31 (2) Members of the palliative care and quality of life interdisciplinary  
32 advisory council shall be individuals with experience and expertise in  
33 interdisciplinary palliative care medical, nursing, social work, pharmacy  
34 and spiritual guidance. Membership shall specifically include health care  
35 professionals having palliative care work experience or expertise in  
36 palliative care delivery models in a variety of inpatient, outpatient and

1 community settings and with a variety of populations including pediatric,  
2 youth and adults. At least two members of the palliative care and quality of  
3 life interdisciplinary advisory council shall be board-certified hospice and  
4 palliative medicine physicians or nurses.

5 (3) Members of the palliative care and quality of life interdisciplinary  
6 advisory council shall serve for a period of three years and shall serve at  
7 the pleasure of their respective appointing authorities. The members shall  
8 elect a chair and vice chair whose duties shall be established by the  
9 council. The department of health and environment shall fix a time and  
10 place for regular meetings of the council, which shall meet at least twice  
11 annually.

12 (4) Members of the palliative care and quality of life  
13 interdisciplinary advisory council shall serve without compensation, but  
14 shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the  
15 performance of their duties.

16 Sec. 2. (a) There is hereby created the state palliative care consumer  
17 and professional information and education program in the department of  
18 health and environment. The purpose of the state palliative care consumer  
19 and professional information and education program is to maximize the  
20 effectiveness of palliative care initiatives in the state by ensuring that  
21 comprehensive and accurate information and education about palliative  
22 care is available to the public, health care providers and health care  
23 facilities.

24 (b) The department of health and environment:

25 (1) Shall publish information and resources on its website, including  
26 links to external resources, about palliative care for the public, health care  
27 providers and health care facilities. The information shall include, but not  
28 be limited to, the following:

29 (A) Continuing education opportunities for health care providers;

30 (B) information about palliative care delivery in home, primary,  
31 secondary and tertiary environments; and

32 (C) consumer educational materials and referral information for  
33 palliative care, including hospice;

34 (2) may develop and implement any other initiatives regarding  
35 palliative care services and education that it determines would further the  
36 purposes of this section; and

37 (3) shall consult with the palliative care and quality of life  
38 interdisciplinary advisory council.

39 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
40 publication in the statute book.