

**As Amended by House Committee**

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*Session of 2018*

**HOUSE BILL No. 2562**

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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1 AN ACT concerning the legislature; creating the Kansas transparency act;  
2 providing audio and video broadcasts of legislative meetings.

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

5 Section 1. (a) Beginning on January 1, 2019, audio broadcasts shall  
6 be made of all legislative committee meetings that convene in the capitol  
7 and that are required to be open to the public pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4317  
8 et seq., and amendments thereto, including the proceedings of the house of  
9 representatives and the senate. Such broadcasts shall be made available in  
10 real time for public access on the internet.

11 (b) Beginning on January 1, 2020, video broadcasts shall be made of  
12 all legislative committee meetings that convene in the capitol and that are  
13 required to be open to the public pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4317 et seq., and  
14 amendments thereto, including the proceedings of the house of  
15 representatives and the senate. Such broadcasts shall be made available in  
16 real time for public access on the internet.

17 (c) The legislative chief information technology officer shall equip all  
18 committee rooms in the capitol and the legislative chambers with audio  
19 and video broadcasting equipment sufficient to effectuate the provisions of  
20 this section. The legislative chief information technology officer shall  
21 provide for the operation and maintenance of all such broadcasting devices  
22 in a manner sufficient to provide the public with access to all committee  
23 meetings held in the capitol and the proceedings of the legislative  
24 chambers. The legislative chief information technology officer shall  
25 implement the provisions of this section in each fiscal year during which  
26 the provisions of this section are effective using the same amount of  
27 moneys appropriated for such audio and video broadcasts for the fiscal  
28 year ending June 30, 2018.

29 (d) The house of representatives, the senate and each committee may  
30 suspend the broadcasting requirements of this section ~~by an affirmative~~  
31 ~~vote of  $\frac{2}{3}$  of such body's voting members~~ when there is an equipment  
32 failure and the purpose is not to avoid the requirements of this section.

33 (e) All broadcasts of legislative proceedings described in this section  
34 shall be made available in real time to the public and be accessible, along  
35 with archives of all such broadcasts, on the internet for the duration of the  
36 legislative biennium in which such broadcasts were recorded.

1       (f) **On or before January 15, 2020, and each January 15**  
2 **thereafter, the legislative chief information technology officer shall**  
3 **submit a report to the legislature on the accessibility of legislative**  
4 **proceedings to the public. Such report shall include the volume of**  
5 **traffic on the legislative website and the number of times audio and**  
6 **video broadcasts were accessed during the preceding year.**

7       (g) For the purposes of this section, the term "committee" means any  
8 standing committee, subcommittee, conference committee, interim  
9 committee or any committee that is established by law or by the presiding  
10 officer of either legislative chamber.

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