

HOUSE BILL No. 2067

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, 2020, audio and video
6 broadcasts shall be made of all legislative committee meetings that
7 convene in the capitol and that are required to be open to the public
8 pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4317 et seq., and amendments thereto, including the
9 proceedings of the house of representatives and the senate. Such
10 broadcasts shall be made available in real time for public access on the
11 internet.

12 (b) The director of legislative administrative services shall equip all
13 committee rooms in the capitol and the legislative chambers with audio
14 and video broadcasting equipment sufficient to effectuate the provisions of
15 this section. The director shall provide for the operation and maintenance
16 of all such broadcasting devices in a manner sufficient to provide the
17 public with access to all committee meetings held in the capitol and the
18 proceedings of the legislative chambers. The director shall implement the
19 provisions of this section in each fiscal year during which the provisions of
20 this section are effective using not less than the amount of moneys
21 appropriated for such audio and video broadcasts for the fiscal year ending
22 June 30, 2019.

23 (c) The house of representatives, the senate and each committee may
24 suspend the broadcasting requirements of this section when there is an
25 equipment failure and the purpose is not to avoid the requirements of this
26 section.

27 (d) All broadcasts of legislative proceedings described in this section
28 shall be made available in real time to the public and be accessible, along
29 with archives of all such broadcasts, on the internet for the duration of the
30 legislative biennium in which such broadcasts were recorded.

31 (e) On or before January 15, 2021, and each January 15 thereafter, the
32 director shall submit a report to the legislature on the accessibility of
33 legislative proceedings to the public. Such report shall include the volume
34 of traffic on the legislative website and the number of times audio and
35 video broadcasts were accessed during the preceding year.

36 (f) For the purposes of this section, the term "committee" means any

1 standing committee, subcommittee, conference committee, interim
2 committee or any committee that is established by law, the legislative
3 coordinating council or by the presiding officer of either legislative
4 chamber.

5 (g) The provisions of this act shall be known and may be cited as the
6 Kansas transparency act.

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