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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Barker
Members of the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

From: Jason B. Long, Senior Assistant Revisor

Date: February 20, 2019

Subject: HB 2067 – Kansas Transparency Act

House Bill No. 2067 (HB 2067) would create the Kansas Transparency Act. The Act requires audio and video broadcasts of all legislative committee meetings, including the proceedings of the House of Representatives and the Senate beginning in 2020. The audio and video broadcasts are to be made available to the public on the internet and archived for the duration of the biennium in which they are first broadcast.

HB 2067 requires the Director of Legislative Administrative Services to operate and maintain the equipment necessary to implement the Act. The bill further requires that this be done without additional appropriations. The Director is also required to annually report on the accessibility of legislative proceedings under the Act.

If there is an equipment failure, a legislative committee can waive the broadcasting requirements.

If enacted, HB 2067 would become effective on July 1, 2019.