AN ACT concerning children and minors; establishing the Kansas child welfare services delivery task force.

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

Section 1. (a) There is hereby established the Kansas child welfare services delivery task force. The task force shall:

1. Determine the monetary costs required to adequately fund high-quality state child welfare services;
2. evaluate the benefits and disadvantages of the privatization of state child welfare services;
3. determine the best level of collaboration among private and public entities that are responsible for the delivery of state child welfare services; and
4. submit reports to the governor and the legislature on a semi-annual basis, beginning on February 1, 2020, concerning the findings of the task force and any recommended changes of state statutes, rules and regulations, policies and programs that are related to such findings.

(b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

1. One member of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house;
2. one member of the house of representatives, appointed by the minority leader of the house;
3. one member of the senate, appointed by the senate president;
4. one member of the senate, appointed by the minority leader of the senate;
5. one member appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court;
6. the secretary for children and families or the secretary's designee;
7. the director of prevention and protection services for the Kansas department for children and families;
8. two representatives of Kansas court-appointed special advocates, appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court;
9. one member of a citizen review board established pursuant to the revised Kansas code for care of children, appointed by the chief justice of the supreme court;
10. one member representing a foster parent organization, appointed by the judicial council;
(11) one guardian ad litem with experience representing children in child in need of care cases, appointed by the judicial council;
(12) one family law attorney with experience providing legal services to parents and grandparents in child in need of care cases, appointed by the judicial council;
(13) one social worker licensed by the behavioral sciences regulatory board, appointed by the judicial council;
(14) one member of the state child death review board established by K.S.A. 22a-243, and amendments thereto, appointed by the board;
(15) one county or district attorney with experience in child in need of care cases, appointed by the Kansas county and district attorneys association;
(16) one law enforcement officer, appointed by the Kansas association of chiefs of police; and
(17) one representative from each entity that contracts with the Kansas department for children and families to provide foster care, family preservation, reintegration and permanency placement services, appointed by each such entity.

(c) (1) The members of the task force shall be appointed on or before August 1, 2019. The appointing authorities listed in subsection (b) shall provide notice of such appointments to the governor's office on the date of such appointment.
(2) Members of the task force shall serve a term of two years, beginning on the date of the organizational meeting of the task force, as described in paragraph (3). Any vacancy in the membership of the task force shall be filled by appointment and accompanied by notice in the same manner prescribed in this section for the original appointment.
(3) The governor shall appoint a chairperson and vice-chairperson from the appointed members. On or before September 1, 2019, such appointed chairperson shall call an organizational meeting of the task force. At such organizational meeting, the task force shall consider dates for future meetings and the agenda for such meetings.
(d) (1) The task force may meet at any time and at any place within the state on the call of the chairperson or a majority of the members of the task force.
(2) A quorum of the task force shall be a majority of the appointed members. All actions of the task force shall be by motion adopted by a majority of those members present when there is a quorum.
(3) The chairperson of the task force shall serve as the official custodian of the public records of the task force. As used in this paragraph, "official custodian" and "public records" mean the same as provided in the Kansas open records act, K.S.A. 45-215 et seq., and amendments thereto.
(4) 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 task force.

(e) Members of the task force shall not be paid compensation, but shall be paid amounts for expenses, mileage and subsistence as provided in K.S.A. 75-3223(e), and amendments thereto. The expenses, mileage and subsistence as provided in K.S.A. 75-3223(e), and amendments thereto, shall be paid from available appropriations of the Kansas department for children and families, except that expenses of members who are employed by a state agency shall be reimbursed by that state agency.

(f) The provisions of this section shall expire on June 30, 2022.

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