AN ACT concerning agriculture; relating to confined feeding facilities for chickens; health impact assessment.

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

Section 1. (a) (1) On or before January 15, 2020, the Kansas department of health and environment together with the Kansas department of agriculture shall contract for a health impact assessment on the potential individual and community health effects from confined feeding facilities for broiler chickens. The health impact assessment shall evaluate the health impacts of: (A) Individual sites with confined feeding facilities holding between 100 and 1000 animal units of boiler chickens; and (B) any substantial concentration of such facilities serving a central slaughter facility that slaughters between 250,000 and 65,000,000 broiler chickens per year.

(2) The contractor conducting the health impact assessment shall be an independent, not-for-profit organization with experience in the assessment of actual or potential health impacts from industrial and agricultural production operations and is not associated with the livestock industry.

(b) The health impact assessment and recommendations to mitigate any health risks associated with such facilities shall be submitted to the legislature and presented to the senate standing committee on agriculture and natural resources and the house standing committee on agriculture on or before February 1, 2020.

(c) As used in this section:

(1) "Confined feeding facility" means any building, lot, pen, pool or pond: (A) That is used for the confined feeding of animals or fowl for food, fur or pleasure purposes; (B) that is not normally used for raising crops; and (C) in which no vegetation intended for animal food is growing.

(2) "Animal unit" means the number of laying hens or broilers multiplied by 0.003.

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