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SENATE BILL No. 333

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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AN ACT concerning the state use law; removing the expiration provision 1 2 for the state use law committee; amending K.S.A. 75-3322c and 3 repealing the existing section. 4 5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas: Section 1. K.S.A. 75-3322c is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-6 7 (a) There is hereby established within the department of 3322c. administration, the state use law committee, hereafter referred to as the 8 9 committee, to advise the director of purchases on issues surrounding the 10 purchase of products and services provided by blind or disabled persons, 11 which shall consist of nine members. 12 (b) The state use law committee shall be composed of the following 13 members: 14 (1) Two members shall be appointed by the united school 15 administrators of Kansas, one of whom shall represent small unified school districts and one of whom shall represent large unified school 16 17 districts 18 (2) One member shall be appointed by the state board of regents. 19 (3) One member shall be appointed by the state director of purchases. 20 (4) One member, who is an advocate for the blind and disabled in 21 Kansas, shall be appointed by the governor. 22 (5) Two members who are qualified vendors shall be appointed by the 23 governor. 24 (6) Two members of the Kansas legislature, one legislator shall be a 25 member of the majority party and one legislator shall be a member of the 26 minority party, and shall be appointed by the governor. 27 (c) Members shall serve for terms of two years and may be 28 reappointed. On July 1 of each year, or as soon thereafter as possible, the 29 committee shall elect a member to serve as a chairperson of the committee. 30 Subsequent appointments shall be made as provided for original 31 appointments for the unexpired terms. 32 (d) Members of the committee who are members of the Kansas 33 legislature shall be paid amounts as provided in K.S.A. 75-3223(e), and 34 amendments thereto. Otherwise, members of the committee shall serve 35 without reimbursement. 36 (e) The committee shall be responsible for advising the director of

1 purchases on issues surrounding the provisions of K.S.A. 75-3317 through 2 75-3322, and amendments thereto, including, but not limited to, the 3 following functions:

4 (1) The development of waiver guidelines to be followed by 5 qualifying agencies and unified school districts for participation under the 6 provisions of K.S.A. 75-3317 through 75-3322, and amendments thereto.

7 (2) Product and service eligibility process used by the director of 8 purchases for state use law products and services.

9 (3) Review the threshold dollar amount of purchases by state 10 agencies or unified school districts for state use law to apply.

(4) Review provisions of K.S.A. 75-3317 through 75-3322, and 11 amendments thereto, on any purchase from a qualified vendor that is 12 determined by the director of purchases to be a substantially higher cost 13 than the purchase would have cost had it been competitively bid. 14

(5) Adopt rules, regulations and policies to assure fair and effective 15 16 implementation of this act, including appropriate rules and regulations relating to violations of K.S.A. 75-3317 through 75-3322, and 17 18 amendments thereto.

19 (6) Establish procedures for setting fair market prices for items 20 included on the procurement list and revision of products and prices in 21 accordance with the changing market conditions to assure that the prices 22 established are reflective of the market.

23 (7) Assist qualified vendors in identifying and improving marketing 24 efforts of the products manufactured or processed and offered for sale and 25 services offered under K.S.A. 75-3317 through 75-3322, and amendments 26 thereto, to state agencies and unified school districts.

27 (8) Encourage and assist the director of purchases, state agencies and 28 unified school districts to identify additional commodities and services that 29 may be purchased from qualified nonprofit agencies not participating in 30 the state use law catalog.

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(9) Any other issue identified by any interested party.

32 (f) The committee shall maintain a registry of entities which meet the 33 definition of qualified vendor, as defined by K.S.A. 75-3317, and 34 amendments thereto.

35 (g) The director of purchases shall convene quarterly meetings with 36 qualified vendors, the state use law committee and agencies to discuss 37 activity occurring under the state use law.

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(h) On July 1, 2024, the state use law committee is hereby abolished.

39 K.S.A. 75-3322c is hereby repealed. Sec. 2.

40 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its 41 publication in the statute book.