

SENATE BILL No. 251

By Joint Committee on Health Policy Oversight

12-22

1 AN ACT concerning the joint committee on health policy oversight;
2 relating to its duties; sunset; amending K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 46-3501 and
3 repealing the existing section.
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 46-3501 is hereby amended to read as
7 follows: 46-3501. (a) There is hereby created the joint committee on health
8 policy oversight within the legislative branch of state government. The
9 joint committee shall be composed of 12 members. Six members shall be
10 members of the house of representatives and six members shall be
11 members of the senate. Four of the members who are members of the
12 house of representatives shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of
13 representatives, four members who are senators shall be appointed by the
14 president of the senate, two members who are members of the house of
15 representatives shall be appointed by the minority leader of the house of
16 representatives and two members who are senators shall be appointed by
17 the minority leader of the senate.

18 (b) All members of the joint committee on health policy oversight
19 shall serve for terms of two years ending on the first day of the regular
20 session of the legislature commencing in the first odd-numbered year after
21 the year of appointment, except that the first members shall be appointed
22 on July 1, 2005, and shall serve for terms ending on the first day of the
23 regular session of the legislature commencing in 2007. If a vacancy occurs
24 in the office of any member of the joint committee on health policy
25 oversight, a successor shall be appointed in the same manner as the
26 original appointment for the remainder of the term.

27 (c) (1) The chairperson of the joint committee on health policy
28 oversight shall be appointed for a term of one year which ends on the first
29 day of the next occurring regular session of the legislature. The speaker of
30 the house of representatives shall appoint the first chairperson on July 1,
31 2005, and shall appoint the chairperson for the term commencing on the
32 first day of the regular session of the legislature commencing in 2006 for a
33 one-year term to end on the first day of the regular session of the
34 legislature commencing in the year 2007. The president of the senate shall
35 appoint the next chairperson on the first day of the regular session of the
36 legislature commencing in the year 2007 for a one-year term which ends

1 on the first day of the next occurring regular session of the legislature.
2 Thereafter the appointment of the chairperson shall continue to alternate
3 between the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of
4 the senate with each subsequent chairperson being appointed for a one-
5 year term ending on the first day of the regular session of the legislature in
6 the next occurring regular session of the legislature after the year of
7 appointment.

8 (2) The vice-chairperson of the joint committee on health policy
9 oversight shall be appointed for a term of one year which ends on the first
10 day of the next occurring regular session of the legislature. The president
11 of the senate shall appoint the first vice-chairperson on July 1, 2005, and
12 shall appoint the vice-chairperson for the term commencing on the first
13 day of the regular session of the legislature commencing in 2006 for a one-
14 year term to end on the first day of the regular session of the legislature
15 commencing in the year 2007. The speaker of the house of representatives
16 shall appoint the next vice-chairperson on the first day of the regular
17 session of the legislature commencing in the year 2007 for a one-year term
18 which ends on the first day of the next occurring regular session of the
19 legislature. Thereafter the appointment of the vice-chairperson shall
20 continue to alternate between the speaker of the house of representatives
21 and the president of the senate with each subsequent vice-chairperson
22 being appointed for a one-year term ending on the first day of the regular
23 session of the legislature in the next occurring regular session of the
24 legislature after the year of appointment.

25 (3) If a vacancy occurs in the office of the chairperson or vice-
26 chairperson, a member of the joint committee on health policy oversight
27 who is a member of the same house of the legislature as the member who
28 vacated the office shall be appointed by the speaker of the house, if the
29 vacating member was a member of the house of representatives, or by the
30 president of the senate, if the vacating member was a member of the
31 senate, to fill such vacancy.

32 (d) A quorum of the joint committee on health policy oversight shall
33 be seven. All actions of the joint committee on health policy oversight
34 shall be taken by a majority of all of the members of the joint committee.

35 (e) The joint committee on health policy oversight shall have the
36 authority to meet at any time and at any place within the state on the call
37 of the chairperson.

38 (f) The provisions of the acts contained in article 12 of chapter 46 of
39 the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, applicable to
40 special committees shall apply to the joint committee on health policy
41 oversight to the extent that the same do not conflict with the specific
42 provisions of this section applicable to the joint committee.

43 (g) Members of the joint committee on health policy oversight shall

1 receive compensation, travel expenses and subsistence expenses as
2 provided in K.S.A. 75-3212, and amendments, thereto when attending
3 meetings of the joint committee.

4 (h) The staff of the legislative research department, the office of
5 revisor of statutes and the division of legislative administrative services
6 shall provide such assistance as may be requested by the joint committee
7 on health policy oversight and to the extent authorized by the legislative
8 coordinating council.

9 (i) The joint committee on health policy oversight shall have the
10 exclusive responsibility to monitor and study the operations and decisions
11 of the ~~Kansas health policy authority~~ *division of health care finance within*
12 *the Kansas department of health and environment*. In addition, the joint
13 committee shall oversee the implementation and operation of the children's
14 health insurance plans, including the assessment of the performance based
15 contracting's measurable outcomes as set forth in subsection (b)(4) of
16 K.S.A. 38-2001, and amendments thereto, *and oversight of general state*
17 *health care policies*.

18 (j) In accordance with K.S.A. 46-1204, and amendments thereto, the
19 legislative coordinating council may provide for such professional services
20 as may be requested by the joint committee on health policy oversight.

21 (k) The joint committee on health policy oversight may introduce
22 such legislation as it deems necessary in performing its functions.

23 (l) The provisions of this section shall expire on July 1, ~~2013~~ 2017.

24 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 46-3501 is hereby repealed.

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

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