

HOUSE BILL No. 2438

By Representatives Clayton, Christmann, Dierks, Hibbard, Hildabrand, Hill,
Hineman, Howell, Menghini, Moxley, Perry, Petty, Rooker and Whipple

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1 AN ACT creating the transparency and accountability act; concerning
2 legislative meetings; providing for live audio and video broadcasts;
3 relating to open meetings.
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. (a) Audio and video broadcasts shall be made of all
7 legislative committee meetings required to be open to the public pursuant
8 to K.S.A. 75-4317 et seq., and amendments thereto, and all convening
9 sessions of the Kansas house of representatives and senate and made
10 available in real time for public access on the internet. Each chamber and
11 committee room shall be equipped with at least one such broadcasting
12 device that is sufficient to provide the public with an accurate depiction of
13 the proceedings. Each house and any committee may suspend this
14 broadcasting requirement by an affirmative vote of $\frac{2}{3}$ of the body's voting
15 members when there is an equipment failure or when a committee meets in
16 a location that is not equipped with a broadcasting device due to
17 scheduling and room availability limitations and the purpose is not to
18 avoid the requirements of this act.

19 (b) The director of legislative administrative services shall provide
20 for the operation and maintenance of all such broadcasting devices in a
21 manner sufficient to provide the public with access to all legislative
22 proceedings.

23 (c) For the purposes of this section: (1) "Committee" means any
24 standing committee, subcommittee, conference committee, interim
25 committee or any committee that is established by law or by either
26 presiding officer; and

27 (2) "committee room" means any room in which either house or a
28 committee regularly conducts a meeting required to be open to the public
29 pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4317 et seq., and amendments thereto.

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