

SENATE BILL No. 380

By Committee on Agriculture

2-11

1 AN ACT concerning agriculture; establishing the local food and farm task
2 force.

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

5 Section 1. (a) There is hereby established the local food and farm task
6 force. The local food and farm task force shall be comprised of ~~18~~ *seven*
7 members, as follows:

8 ~~(1) Two members of the house committee on agriculture and natural~~
9 ~~resources who are not members of the same political party appointed by~~
10 ~~the chairperson of the house committee on agriculture and natural~~
11 ~~resources;~~

12 ~~(2) two members of the senate committee on agriculture who are not~~
13 ~~members of the same political party appointed by the chairperson of the~~
14 ~~senate committee on agriculture;~~

15 ~~(3) the secretary of agriculture or the secretary's designee;~~

16 ~~(4) one member representing the department for children and families~~
17 ~~appointed by the secretary for children and families;~~

18 ~~(5) one member representing the department of health and~~
19 ~~environment appointed by the secretary of health and environment;~~

20 ~~(6) two members appointed by the governor, including the~~
21 ~~chairperson of the task force;~~

22 ~~(7) two members representing the college of agriculture of Kansas~~
23 ~~state university, one member from the department of agricultural~~
24 ~~economics and one member from the department of horticulture, forestry~~
25 ~~and recreational resources, appointed by the dean of the college of~~
26 ~~agriculture;~~

27 ~~(8) one member representing the Kansas farm bureau;~~

28 ~~(9) one member representing the Kansas rural center;~~

29 ~~(10) one member representing the Kansas farmers union;~~

30 ~~(11) one member representing the Kansas development finance~~
31 ~~authority;~~

32 ~~(12) one member representing the Kansas small business~~
33 ~~development center; and~~

34 ~~(13) two members representing Kansas farmers' markets appointed by~~

1 the secretary of agriculture:

2 *(1) Three members appointed by the governor, including the*
3 *chairperson of the task force;*

4 *(2) one member representing the Kansas department of agriculture*
5 *appointed by the secretary of agriculture;*

6 *(3) one member representing the Kansas state university extension*
7 *systems and agriculture research programs appointed by the dean of the*
8 *college of agriculture of Kansas state university; and*

9 *(4) one member of the house committee on agriculture and natural*
10 *resources appointed by the chairperson of the house committee on*
11 *agriculture and natural resources and one member of the senate*
12 *committee on agriculture appointed by the chairperson of the senate*
13 *committee on agriculture. The legislative members shall be from*
14 *different political parties.*

15 (b) Members shall be appointed to the task force on or before August
16 1, 2014. The first meeting of the task force shall be called by the
17 chairperson on or before September 1, 2014. Any vacancy in the
18 membership of the task force shall be filled by appointment in the same
19 manner prescribed by this section for the original appointment.

20 ~~(c) (1) Members of the task force attending regular or special~~
21 ~~meetings or subcommittee meetings authorized by the task force, shall~~
22 ~~only be paid amounts for mileage as provided by subsection (c) of K.S.A.~~
23 ~~75-3223, and amendments thereto.~~

24 ~~(2) The task force may meet at any time and at any place within the~~
25 ~~state on the call of the chairperson. A quorum of the task force shall be 10~~
26 ~~{four} members. All actions of the task force shall be by motion adopted~~
27 ~~by a majority of those members present when there is a quorum.~~

28 ~~(3) (2) The staff of the Kansas department of agriculture and the~~
29 ~~legislative research department shall provide such assistance as may be~~
30 ~~requested by the task force. **To facilitate the organization and start-up of**~~
31 ~~**such plan and structure, the Kansas department of agriculture shall**~~
32 ~~**provide administrative assistance.**~~

33 (d) The local food and farm task force shall prepare a local food and
34 farm plan containing policy and funding recommendations for expanding
35 and supporting local food systems and for assessing and overcoming
36 obstacles necessary to increase locally grown food production. The task
37 force chairperson shall submit such plan to the senate committee on
38 agriculture and the house committee on agriculture and natural resources
39 at the beginning of the 2016 regular session of the legislature. The plan
40 shall include:

41 (1) Identification of financial ~~incentives~~ **opportunities**, technical
42 support and training necessary to assist farmers to transition to **for** local
43 and specialty crop production ~~by minimizing financial losses incurred~~

1 ~~during the transition period;~~

2 (2) identification of strategies and funding needs to make fresh and
3 affordable locally grown foods more accessible;

4 (3) identification of existing local food infrastructures for processing,
5 storing and distributing food and recommendations for potential
6 expansion; and

7 (4) strategies for encouragement of farmers' markets, roadside
8 markets and local grocery stores in unserved and underserved areas.

9 (e) The task force shall cease to exist on December 31, 2015.

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