

Kansas Employment First Oversight Commission; Senate Sub. for HB 2150

Senate Sub. for HB 2150 revises the size and responsibilities for the Kansas Employment First Oversight Commission. The Commission increases from five members to seven members. The Governor appoints the two additional members, with one having disability employment experience and the other having business employment experience. The bill repeals the requirement that the one member currently appointed by the Governor not be a state employee.

The bill repeals the responsibilities of the Commission to establish measurable goals and objectives for the State of Kansas and track the progress of state agencies implementing the Employment First Initiative. The Commission must work with state agencies and nongovernmental organizations to assist individuals with disabilities to obtain employment. The Commission may educate state agencies and stakeholders about the Initiative.

The Commission may make annual recommendations to the Governor, Legislature, and state agencies on strategies to increase the rate of competitive integrated employment for Kansans with disabilities.