

SESSION OF 2016

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2285

As Amended by House Committee on Vision
2020

Brief*

HB 2285, as amended, would establish the Kansas Legislature Paper-Free Task Force (Task Force). The Task Force's charge would be to study and determine whether the Legislature should adopt a paperless initiative to reduce the amount of legislative paperwork distributed to legislators, staff, and the public. Additionally, the bill would specify the topics to be considered by the Task Force; would provide for the appointment of the Task Force members, meeting days, staff assistance, and legislative member compensation; and would require a report on its findings and recommendations be submitted prior to start of the 2017 Legislative Session. Additional bill details follow.

Task Force Considerations

The Task Force would be required to consider the following:

- The need to make legislative documents easily available to the legislature, staff, the public, state libraries, and other parties;
- The need to protect the authenticity of and preservation of documents;
- The cost of electronic distribution of legislative documents; and

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

- The need to comply with the Kansas Open Records Act and the Kansas Open Meetings Act.

Membership Appointments

The bill would require the appointment of 14 members to the Task Force as follows:

- The Chairperson of the Joint Committee on Information Technology who would chair the Task Force;
- A member of the Legislature appointed by the President of the Senate;
- A member of the Legislature appointed by the Senate Majority Leader;
- A member of the Legislature appointed by the Senate Minority Leader;
- A member of the Legislature appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- A member of the Legislature appointed by the House Majority Leader;
- A member of the Legislature appointed by House Minority Leader;
- The Secretary of the Senate or the Secretary's designee;
- The Chief Clerk of the House or the Chief Clerk's designee;
- The Revisor of Statutes or the Revisor's designee;
- The Director of Legislative Research or the Director's designee;

- The Director of Legislative Administrative Services or the Director's designee;
- The State Librarian or the State Librarian's designee; and
- The Legislative Chief Information Technology Officer (CITO) or the Legislative CITO's designee.

The bill would provide that legislative staff and the State Librarian or his or her designee would be non-voting, *ex officio* members of the Task Force. The bill also would establish August 1, 2016, as the membership appointment deadline.

Meetings, Staff Support, and Compensation

The bill would require the Task Force to be convened by September 1, 2016. The Task Force would be allowed to meet at any time on the call of the Chairperson. A majority of the members would constitute a quorum.

Assistance would be provided by the Office of Revisor of Statutes, the Kansas Legislative Research Department, and the Division of Legislative Administrative Services as requested by the Task Force and to the extent authorized by the Legislative Coordinating Council.

Legislative members of the Task Force would be paid compensation, subsistence allowances, mileage, and other expenses as provided by KSA 75-3223.

Report

The Task Force would be required to submit a report on its findings and recommendations on or before the start of the 2017 Legislative Session.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Veterans, Military and Homeland Security at the request of former Representative Bridges. The bill was referred to the the House Committee on Vision 2020. There was no proponent, opponent, or neutral testimony provided at the House Committee hearing.

The House Committee amended the bill to remove two members from the Task Force membership, one who would have been appointed by the Vice-President of the Senate and one who would have been appointed by the Speaker Pro Tem of the House and to update date references.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, Legislative Administrative Services indicates the number of meetings for which the chairperson would convene the task force is not known. However, based on the bill, as introduced, Legislative Administrative Services estimates that if the Task Force would have three two-day meetings to conduct its business, expenditures of approximately \$19,650 would be required, all from the State General Fund. For each two-day meeting, expenditures of \$6,100 would be required for travel and subsistence expenditures for legislators and \$450 for committee assistant expenditures, for a total of \$6,550 per two-day meeting. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill was not reflected in *The FY 2016 Governor's Budget Report*.