AN ACT concerning the legislature; creating the Kansas transparency act; providing audio and video broadcasts of legislative meetings.

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

Section 1. (a) Beginning on January 1, 2020, audio and video broadcasts shall be made of all legislative committee meetings that convene in the capitol and that are required to be open to the public pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4317 et seq., and amendments thereto, including the proceedings of the house of representatives and the senate. Such broadcasts shall be made available in real time for public access on the internet.

(b) The director of legislative administrative services shall equip all committee rooms in the capitol and the legislative chambers with audio and video broadcasting equipment sufficient to effectuate the provisions of this section. The director shall provide for the operation and maintenance of all such broadcasting devices in a manner sufficient to provide the public with access to all committee meetings held in the capitol and the proceedings of the legislative chambers. The director shall implement the provisions of this section in each fiscal year during which the provisions of this section are effective using not less than the amount of moneys appropriated for such audio and video broadcasts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.

(c) The house of representatives, the senate and each committee may suspend the broadcasting requirements of this section when there is an equipment failure and the purpose is not to avoid the requirements of this section.

(d) All broadcasts of legislative proceedings described in this section shall be made available in real time to the public and be accessible, along with archives of all such broadcasts, on the internet for the duration of the legislative biennium in which such broadcasts were recorded.

(e) On or before January 15, 2021, and each January 15 thereafter, the director shall submit a report to the legislature on the accessibility of legislative proceedings to the public. Such report shall include the volume of traffic on the legislative website and the number of times audio and video broadcasts were accessed during the preceding year.

(f) For the purposes of this section, the term "committee" means any
standing committee, subcommittee, conference committee, interim
committee or any committee that is established by law, the legislative
coordinating council or by the presiding officer of either legislative
chamber.
(g) The provisions of this act shall be known and may be cited as the
Kansas transparency act.
Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
publication in the statute book.