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# Written and Oral KSBHA Neutral Testimony for the House Appropriations Committee on HB 2418

Dear Chair and Honorable Committee Members:

The Kansas State Board of Healing Arts ("Board" or "KSBHA") submits this neutral testimony to assist legislators in evaluating HB 2418. I am Courtney Cyzman, General Counsel of the Board, on behalf of the Board and Executive Director, Susan Gile. The Board is the executive body tasked with licensing and regulating 16 healthcare professions in Kansas, including physicians, chiropractors, podiatrists, naturopathic doctors, and contact lens distributors. See K.S.A. 65-2801 et seq; K.S.A. 65-2001 et seq.; K.S.A. 65-4965 et seq.

The Board is composed of 15 members, 12 of whom are licensed healthcare professionals from various professions, including eight licensed physicians, three chiropractors, one podiatrist, and three public members. The statutory mission of the Board is patient protection. *See* K.S.A. 65-2801. The Board fulfills its statutory mission in part, by investigating complaints related to a healthcare professional's compliance with their applicable practice act.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide neutral testimony as it relates to HB 2418. The Board's concern to the proposed legislation is limited to the provisions that directly impact the Board of Healing Arts. The Board stands silent on the remaining provisions of the bill. We strongly urge the legislature to <u>not abolish</u> the Review Committees for the Healing Arts, the Podiatry Review Committee, and the Naturopathic Advisory Council.<sup>2</sup>

## **Summary**

Under HB 2418 as it relates to the Board, effective July 1, 2023, the Board's Review Committees for the Healing Arts<sup>3</sup>, the Podiatry Review Committee, the Naturopathic Advisory Council, and the Contact Lens Advisory Council would be abolished. Abolishment of the Review Committees and the Naturopathic Advisory Council is concerning to the Board as they serve an extremely vital role in peer review of investigations for their profession, our operations, and providing healthcare professional input to the applicable practice acts and regulations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As of March 13, 2023, the KSBHA has the following number licensees for each applicable profession: 12,752 – MD; 1,971 – DO; 1,337 – DC; 44 – ND; 19 – CLD.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Board has no objection to abolishing the Contact Lens Advisory Council.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Healing Arts includes those licensed to practice medicine and surgery and osteopathic medicine (MD/DO) and chiropractors (DC).

When the Board has an investigation related to a healthcare professional's care of a patient, the investigation goes to a peer Review Committee/Advisory Council. They consist of members of the same profession and review the investigation. In reviewing the investigation, the peer Review Committee/Advisory Council is determining whether they believe the standard of care was met (i.e. what a reasonable [healthcare professional] would have done under the same or similar circumstance). If they determine the standard of care was met, the investigation is closed. If they determine the standard of care was not met, the case proceeds to determine what action, *if any*, to take.

The Board has seven active Review Committees for the Healing Arts, one Podiatry Review Committee, and the Naturopathic Advisory Council. Collectively, since January 1, 2021, they have met 56 times and reviewed 369 investigations for standard of care determinations.

Abolishing our Review Committees and Naturopathic Advisory Council would significantly delay the processing of our investigations. Such delay would come at a great financial cost to the agency and as a direct result, could force the agency to raise fees and fee caps. But most importantly, it would remove the routine peer review and input process for investigations and regulation development which is essential to quality and timely healthcare regulation.

# I. Review Committees for the Healing Arts

K.S.A. 65-2840c establishes Review Committees for the Healing Arts (MD/DO/DC). The Review Committees are established to advise the Board in carrying out the provisions of the Healing Arts Act. This includes reviewing investigations of their peers to determine if the standard of care was met. We have five MD Review Committees, one DO Review Committee, and one DC Review Committee, that generally meet quarterly throughout the year. Each is made up of three members of that profession and designated alternates. Under K.S.A. 65-2840c, Review Committee members are entitled to compensation for attendance of meetings, mileage, and expenses as provided in K.S.A. 75-3223.

Below identifies the number of meetings from each Review Committee for the Healing Arts and the number of investigations reviewed since January 1, 2021, to current. MDs represent the largest total number of our licensee population: 12,752 as of March 3, 2023. This is 38.6% of our total licensees. Notably, over the past years, we have increased the number of MD Review Committees to keep up with and evenly disperse the workload.

Review Committees for the Healing Arts			
Profession	Number of meetings since Jan. 1, 2021 - current	Number of investigations reviewed since Jan. 1, 2021 -	
		current	
MD	35	300	
(Represents five MD Review Committees)			
DO	9	41	
DC	6	18	

#### **II.** Podiatry Review Committee

K.S.A. 65-2016 establishes the Podiatry Review Committee to assist the Board in carrying out the provisions of the Kansas Podiatry Act. Our Podiatry Review Committee is made up of two or more licensed podiatrists. *Id.* We currently have three serving on the Podiatry Review Committee. Review Committee members are entitled to compensation for attendance of meetings, mileage, and expenses as provided in K.S.A. 75-3223. *Id.* They generally hold meetings quarterly throughout the year.

Below identifies the number of meetings from the Podiatry Review Committee and the number of investigations reviewed since January 1, 2021, to current.

Podiatry Review Committee			
Profession	Number of meetings since Jan. 1, 2021 - current	Number of investigations reviewed since Jan. 1, 2021 –	
		current	
DPM	6	10	

# III. Naturopathic Advisory Council

K.S.A. 65-7214 establishes the Naturopathic Advisory Council ("ND Council") to advise the Board in carrying out the provisions of the Naturopathic Doctor Licensure Act. The ND Council consists of five members: three naturopathic doctors appointed by the state board of healing arts; one member who is the president of the state board of healing arts or the president's designee; and one public member appointed by the Governor who is not engaged, directly or indirectly, in the provision of health services. *Id.* ND Council members are entitled to compensation for attendance of meetings, mileage, and expenses as provided in K.S.A. 75-3223.

The ND Council has not met since Jan. 1, 2021, as there has not been a need for them to convene. However, with the passage of 2022 HB 2087, requiring agency regulation review every five years, the Council has an upcoming need to convene. Additionally, when there are investigations related to a Naturopathic Doctor's practice, the ND Council is needed and utilized for the review of the investigation and standard of care determination. For the routine peer review and input process for investigations and regulation development, which is essential to quality and timely healthcare regulation, the ND Council must remain.

# **Proposed Solution – Amendment**

We strongly urge the legislature to <u>not abolish</u> the Review Committees for the Healing Arts, the Podiatry Review Committee, and the Naturopathic Advisory Council.

To achieve this solution, it would require the following:

- Strikeout, "podiatry review committee, state board of healing arts committee for each branch of the healing arts" in New Section 1, p. 1, 1. 33-35;
- Strikeout, "naturopathic advisory council" in New Section 1, p. 1, 1. 36; and

• Leave in "a review committee operating pursuant to K.S.A. 65-2840c, and amendments thereto" in Section 5(a)(2)(D), p. 7, l. 20-21.

See Attachment 1, for a markup reflecting this solution. Also, see Attachment 2 for a complete overview of the case process at the KSBHA.

I welcome any comments, questions, or further dialogue with members of the committee. Please feel free to contact me at (785) 250-8021 or at any time via email at Courtney.cyzman@ks.gov.

Sincerely,

Courtney Cyzman General Counsel

#### **HOUSE BILL No. 2418**

By Committee on Appropriations

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AN ACT concerning certain state programs, boards and commissions; 2 abolishing the study commission for the consolidation of Kansas City, 3 Kansas, and Wyandotte county, consolidation commission of Topeka, 4 Kansas, and Shawnee county, study commission for the consolidation 5 in Greeley county, podiatry review committee, state board of healing 6 arts review committee for each branch of the healing arts, contact lens 7 advisory council, state emergency response commission, naturopathic 8 advisory council, transportation vision task force, special education 9 funding task force, Persian Gulf war veterans health initiative act, 10 Kansas export finance act, community strategic planning assistance act, 11 natural and scientific areas advisory board, public finance transparency 12 board, Kansas film services commission, Kansas bioscience authority, 13 KAN-ED act and department of health and environment advisory 14 committees; amending K.S.A. 12-340, 12-360, 45-229, 65-5702, 65-15 5728, 65-7406, 66-2010, 74-2916, 74-5210, 74-6603, 74-6609, 74-16 72,123, 74-99b03, 74-99b33, 74-99b63, 74-99b83 and 75-7403 and 17 K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 65-4915 and repealing the existing sections; also 18 repealing K.S.A. 12-341, 12-342, 12-343, 12-350, 12-351, 12-352, 12-19 353, 12-354, 12-355, 12-356, 12-357, 12-359, 12-361, 12-362, 65-20 2016, 65-2840c, 65-4969, 65-5703, 65-7214, 68-185, 72-3441, 73-21 1221, 73-1222, 73-1223, 73-1224, 73-1225, 73-1226, 73-1227, 73-22 1228, 73-1229, 73-1230, 73-1231, 74-5069, 74-5070, 74-5071, 74-23 5072, 74-5073, 74-5074, 74-5092, 74-5093, 74-5094, 74-5095, 74-24 5096, 74-5097, 74-5098, 74-5099, 74-50,100, 74-50,101, 74-6614, 74-25 6615, 74-72,124, 74-9201, 74-99b04, 74-99b05, 74-99b11, 74-99b12, 26 74-99b13, 74-99b17, 75-7221, 75-7222, 75-7223, 75-7224, 75-7225, 27 75-7226 and 75-7227.

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

New Section 1. On July 1, 2023, the commission for the consolidation of Kansas City, Kansas, and Wyandotte county, consolidation commission of Topeka, Kansas, and Shawnee county, study commission for the consolidation in Greeley county, podiatry review committee, state board of healing arts review committee for each branch of the healing arts, contact lens advisory council, state emergency response commission, naturopathic advisory council, transportation vision task

force, special education funding task force, Persian Gulf war veterans health initiative act, Kansas export finance act, community strategic planning assistance act, natural and scientific areas advisory board, public finance transparency board, Kansas film services commission, Kansas bioscience authority, KAN-ED act and department of health and environment advisory committees are hereby abolished.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 12-340 is hereby amended to read as follows: 12-340. As used in the act:

- (a) "Commission" means the consolidation study commission of Kansas City, Kansas, and Wyandotte county *prior to such commission's abolishment*.
  - (b) "City" means Kansas City, Kansas.
  - (c) "County" means Wyandotte county.
- Sec. 3. K.S.A. 12-360 is hereby amended to read as follows: 12-360.

  As used in K.S.A.—12-361 12-363 through 12-367, and amendments thereto:
- 17 (a) "Commission" means the unification commission appointed pursuant to K.S.A. 12-361, and amendments thereto prior to its repeal.
  - (b) "City" means any city located in Greeley county.
  - (c) "County" means Greeley county.
  - Sec. 4. K.S.A. 45-229 is hereby amended to read as follows: 45-229. (a) It is the intent of the legislature that exceptions to disclosure under the open records act shall be created or maintained only if:
  - (1) The public record is of a sensitive or personal nature concerning individuals;
  - (2) the public record is necessary for the effective and efficient administration of a governmental program; or
    - (3) the public record affects confidential information.

The maintenance or creation of an exception to disclosure must be compelled as measured by these criteria. Further, the legislature finds that the public has a right to have access to public records unless the criteria in this section for restricting such access to a public record are met and the criteria are considered during legislative review in connection with the particular exception to disclosure to be significant enough to override the strong public policy of open government. To strengthen the policy of open government, the legislature shall consider the criteria in this section before enacting an exception to disclosure.

(b) Subject to the provisions of subsections (g) and (h), any new exception to disclosure or substantial amendment of an existing exception shall expire on July 1 of the fifth year after enactment of the new exception or substantial amendment, unless the legislature acts to continue the exception. A law that enacts a new exception or substantially amends an existing exception shall state that the exception expires at the end of

five years and that the exception shall be reviewed by the legislature before the scheduled date.

- (c) For purposes of this section, an exception is substantially amended if the amendment expands the scope of the exception to include more records or information. An exception is not substantially amended if the amendment narrows the scope of the exception.
- (d) This section is not intended to repeal an exception that has been amended following legislative review before the scheduled repeal of the exception if the exception is not substantially amended as a result of the review.
- (e) In the year before the expiration of an exception, the revisor of statutes shall certify to the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives, by July 15, the language and statutory citation of each exception that will expire in the following year that meets the criteria of an exception as defined in this section. Any exception that is not identified and certified to the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives is not subject to legislative review and shall not expire. If the revisor of statutes fails to certify an exception that the revisor subsequently determines should have been certified, the revisor shall include the exception in the following year's certification after that determination.
- (f) "Exception" means any provision of law that creates an exception to disclosure or limits disclosure under the open records act pursuant to K.S.A. 45-221, and amendments thereto, or pursuant to any other provision of law.
- (g) A provision of law that creates or amends an exception to disclosure under the open records law shall not be subject to review and expiration under this act if such provision:
  - (1) Is required by federal law;
  - (2) applies solely to the legislature or to the state court system;
- (3) has been reviewed and continued in existence twice by the legislature; or
- (4) has been reviewed and continued in existence by the legislature during the 2013 legislative session and thereafter.
- (h) (1) The legislature shall review the exception before its scheduled expiration and consider as part of the review process the following:
  - (A) What specific records are affected by the exception;
- (B) whom does the exception uniquely affect, as opposed to the general public;
  - (C) what is the identifiable public purpose or goal of the exception;
- (D) whether the information contained in the records may be obtained readily by alternative means and how it may be obtained;
  - (2) an exception may be created or maintained only if it serves an

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identifiable public purpose and may be no broader than is necessary to meet the public purpose it serves. An identifiable public purpose is served if the legislature finds that the purpose is sufficiently compelling to override the strong public policy of open government and cannot be accomplished without the exception and if the exception:

- (A) Allows the effective and efficient administration of a governmental program that would be significantly impaired without the exception;
- (B) protects information of a sensitive personal nature concerning individuals, the release of such information would be defamatory to such individuals or cause unwarranted damage to the good name or reputation of such individuals or would jeopardize the safety of such individuals. Only information that would identify the individuals may be excepted under this paragraph; or
- (C) protects information of a confidential nature concerning entities, including, but not limited to, a formula, pattern, device, combination of devices, or compilation of information that is used to protect or further a business advantage over those who do not know or use it, if the disclosure of such information would injure the affected entity in the marketplace.
- (3) Records made before the date of the expiration of an exception shall be subject to disclosure as otherwise provided by law. In deciding whether the records shall be made public, the legislature shall consider whether the damage or loss to persons or entities uniquely affected by the exception of the type specified in paragraph (2)(B) or (2)(C) would occur if the records were made public.
- (i) (1) Exceptions contained in the following statutes as continued in existence in section 2 of chapter 126 of the 2005 Session Laws of Kansas and that have been reviewed and continued in existence twice by the legislature as provided in subsection (g) are hereby continued in existence: 1-401, 2-1202, 5-512, 9-1137, 9-1712, 9-2217, 10-630, 12-189, 12-1,108, 12-1694, 12-1698, 12-2819, 12-4516, 16-715, 16a-2-304, 17-1312e, 17-2227, 17-5832, 17-7511, 17-76,139, 19-4321, 21-2511, 22-3711, 22-4707, 22-4909, 22a-243, 22a-244, 23-605, 23-9,312, 25-4161, 25-4165, 31-405, 34-251, 38-2212, 39-709b, 39-719e, 39-934, 39-1434, 39-1704, 40-222, 40-2,156, 40-2c20, 40-2c21, 40-2d20, 40-2d21, 40-409, 40-956, 40-1128, 40-2807, 40-3012, 40-3304, 40-3308, 40-3403b, 40-3421, 40-3613, 40-3805, 40-4205, 44-510j, 44-550b, 44-594, 44-635, 44-714, 44-817, 44-1005, 44-1019, 45-221(a)(1) through (43), 46-256, 46-259, 46-2201, 47-839, 47-844, 47-849, 47-1709, 48-1614, 49-406, 49-427, 55-1,102, 58-4114, 59-2135, 59-2802, 59-2979, 59-29b79, 60-3333, 60-3336, 65-102b, 65-118, 65-119, 65-153f, 65-170g, 65-177, 65-1,106, 65-1,113, 65-1,116, 65-1,157a, 65-1,163, 65-1,165, 65-1,168, 65-1,169, 65-1,171, 65-1,172, 65-436, 65-445, 65-507, 65-525, 65-531, 65-657, 65-1135, 65-1467, 65-

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- (2) Exceptions contained in the following statutes as certified by the revisor of statutes to the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives pursuant to subsection (e) and that have been reviewed during the 2015 legislative session and continued in existence by the legislature as provided in subsection (g) are hereby continued in existence: 17-2036, 40-5301, 45-221(a)(45), (46) and (49), 48-16a10, 58-4616, 60-3351, 72-3415, 74-50,217 and 75-53,105.
- (j) (1) Exceptions contained in the following statutes as continued in existence in section 1 of chapter 87 of the 2006 Session Laws of Kansas and that have been reviewed and continued in existence twice by the legislature as provided in subsection (g) are hereby continued in existence: 1-501, 9-1303, 12-4516a, 39-970, 65-525, 65-5117, 65-6016, 65-6017 and 74-7508.
- (2) Exceptions contained in the following statutes as certified by the revisor of statutes to the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives pursuant to subsection (e) during 2015 and that have been reviewed during the 2016 legislative session are hereby continued in existence: 12-5611, 22-4906, 22-4909, 38-2310, 38-2311, 38-2326, 40-955, 44-1132, 45-221(a)(10)(F) and (a)(50), 60-3333, 65-4a05, 65-445(g), 65-6154, 71-218, 75-457, 75-712c, 75-723 and 75-7c06.
- (k) Exceptions contained in the following statutes as certified by the revisor of statutes to the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives pursuant to subsection (e) and that have been reviewed during the 2014 legislative session and continued in existence by the legislature as provided in subsection (g) are hereby continued in existence: 1-205, 2-2204, 8-240, 8-247, 8-255c, 8-1324, 8-1325, 12-17,150, 12-2001, 17-12a607, 38-1008, 38-2209, 40-5006, 40-5108, 41-2905, 41-2906, 44-706, 44-1518, 45-221(a)(44), (45), (46), (47) and (48), 50-6a11, 65-1,243, 65-16,104, 65-3239, 74-50,184, 74-8134, 74-99b06, 77-503a and 82a-2210.
- (l) Exceptions contained in the following statutes as certified by the revisor of statutes to the president of the senate and the speaker of the

 house of representatives pursuant to subsection (e) during 2016 and that have been reviewed during the 2017 legislative session are hereby continued in existence: 12-5711, 21-2511, 22-4909, 38-2313, 45-221(a) (51) and (52), 65-516, 65-1505, 74-2012, 74-5607, 74-8745, 74-8752, 74-8772, 75-7d01, 75-7d05, 75-5133, 75-7427 and 79-3234.

- (m) Exceptions contained in the following statutes as certified by the revisor of statutes to the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives pursuant to subsection (e) during 2012 and that have been reviewed during the 2013 legislative session and continued in existence by the legislature as provided in subsection (g) are hereby continued in existence: 12-5811, 40-222, 40-223j, 40-5007a, 40-5009a, 40-5012a, 65-1685, 65-1695, 65-2838a, 66-1251, 66-1805, 72-8268, 75-712 and 75-5366.
- (n) Exceptions contained in the following statutes as certified by the revisor of statutes to the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives pursuant to subsection (e) and that have been reviewed during the 2018 legislative session are hereby continued in existence: 9-513c(c)(2), 39-709, 45-221(a)(26), (53) and (54), 65-6832, 65-6834, 75-7c06 and 75-7c20.
- (o) Exceptions contained in the following statutes as certified by the revisor of statutes to the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives pursuant to subsection (e) that have been reviewed during the 2019 legislative session are hereby continued in existence: 21-2511(h)(2), 21-5905(a)(7), 22-2302(b) and (c), 22-2502(d) and (e), 40-222(k)(7), 44-714(e), 45-221(a)(55), 46-1106(g) regarding 46-1106(i), 65-2836(i), 65-2839a(c), 65-2842(d), 65-28a05(n), article 6(d) of 65-6230, 72-6314(a) and 74-7047(b).
- (p) Exceptions contained in the following statutes as certified by the revisor of statutes to the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives pursuant to subsection (e) that have been reviewed during the 2020 legislative session are hereby continued in existence: 38-2310(c), 40-409(j)(2), 40-6007(a), 45-221(a)(52), 46-1129, 59-29a22(b)(10) and 65-6747.
- (q) Exceptions contained in the following statutes as certified by the revisor of statutes to the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives pursuant to subsection (e) that have been reviewed during the 2021 legislative session are hereby continued in existence: 22-2302(c)(4)(J) and (c)(6)(B), 22-2502(e)(4)(J) and (e)(6)(B) and 65-6111(d)(4).
- Sec. 5. K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 65-4915 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-4915. (a) As used in this section:
- 42 (1) "Healthcare provider" means: (A) Those persons and entities defined as a healthcare provider under K.S.A. 40-3401, and amendments

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1 thereto; and (B) a dentist licensed by the Kansas dental board, a dental 2 hygienist licensed by the Kansas dental board, a professional nurse licensed by the board of nursing, a practical nurse licensed by the board of nursing, a mental health technician licensed by the board of nursing, a physical therapist licensed by the state board of healing arts, a physical 5 therapist assistant certified by the state board of healing arts, an 6 7 occupational therapist licensed by the state board of healing arts, an 8 occupational therapy assistant licensed by the state board of healing arts, a 9 respiratory therapist licensed by the state board of healing arts, a physician 10 assistant licensed by the state board of healing arts and emergency medical service provider and ambulance services certified by the emergency 11 12 medical services board.

> "Healthcare provider group" means: (2)

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- (A) A state or local association of healthcare providers or one or more committees thereof;
- (B) the board of governors created under K.S.A. 40-3403, and amendments thereto:
- (C) an organization of healthcare providers formed pursuant to state or federal law and authorized to evaluate medical and healthcare services;
- (D) a review committee operating pursuant to K.S.A. 65-2840e, and Remove amendments thereto;

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- (E)—an organized medical staff of a licensed medical care facility as defined by K.S.A. 65-425, and amendments thereto, an organized medical staff of a private psychiatric hospital licensed under K.S.A. 39-2001 et seq., and amendments thereto, or an organized medical staff of a state psychiatric hospital or state institution for people with intellectual disability, as follows: Larned state hospital, Osawatomie state hospital, Rainbow mental health facility, Kansas neurological institute and Parsons state hospital and training center;
  - (F)(E) a healthcare provider;
- (G)(F) a professional society of healthcare providers or one or more committees thereof:
- (H)(G) a Kansas corporation whose stockholders or members are healthcare providers or an association of healthcare providers, which corporation evaluates medical and healthcare services;
- (H) an insurance company, health maintenance organization or administrator of a health benefits plan that engages in any of the functions defined as peer review under this section; or
  - (J)(I) the university of Kansas medical center.
  - (3) "Peer review" means any of the following functions:
- (A) Evaluate and improve the quality of healthcare services rendered by healthcare providers;
  - (B) determine that health services rendered were professionally

indicated or were performed in compliance with the applicable standard of care:

- (C) determine that the cost of healthcare rendered was considered reasonable by the providers of professional health services in this area;
- (D) evaluate the qualifications, competence and performance of the providers of healthcare or to act upon matters relating to the discipline of any individual provider of healthcare;
  - (E) reduce morbidity or mortality;
- (F) establish and enforce guidelines designed to keep within reasonable bounds the cost of healthcare;
  - (G) conduct of research;
  - (H) determine if a hospital's facilities are being properly utilized;
- (I) supervise, discipline, admit, determine privileges or control members of a hospital's medical staff;
- (J) review the professional qualifications or activities of healthcare providers;
- (K) evaluate the quantity, quality and timeliness of healthcare services rendered to patients in the facility;
- (L) evaluate, review or improve methods, procedures or treatments being utilized by the medical care facility or by healthcare providers in a facility rendering healthcare.
  - (4) "Peer review officer or committee" means:
- (A) An individual employed, designated or appointed by, or a committee of or employed, designated or appointed by, a healthcare provider group and authorized to perform peer review; or
- (B) a healthcare provider monitoring the delivery of healthcare at correctional institutions under the jurisdiction of the secretary of corrections.
- (b) Except as provided by K.S.A. 60-437, and amendments thereto, and by subsections (c) and (d), the reports, statements, memoranda, proceedings, findings and other records submitted to or generated by peer review committees or officers shall be privileged and shall not be subject to discovery, subpoena or other means of legal compulsion for their release to any person or entity or be admissible in evidence in any judicial or administrative proceeding. Information contained in such records shall not be discoverable or admissible at trial in the form of testimony by an individual who participated in the peer review process. The peer review officer or committee creating or initially receiving the record is the holder of the privilege established by this section. This privilege may be claimed by the legal entity creating the peer review committee or officer, or by the commissioner of insurance for any records or proceedings of the board of governors.
  - (c) Subsection (b) shall not apply to proceedings in which a

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healthcare provider contests the revocation, denial, restriction or termination of staff privileges or the license, registration, certification or other authorization to practice of the healthcare provider. A licensing agency in conducting a disciplinary proceeding in which admission of any peer review committee report, record or testimony is proposed shall hold the hearing in closed session when any such report, record or testimony is disclosed. Unless otherwise provided by law, a licensing agency conducting a disciplinary proceeding may close only that portion of the hearing in which disclosure of a report or record privileged under this section is proposed. In closing a portion of a hearing as provided by this section, the presiding officer may exclude any person from the hearing location except the licensee, the licensee's attorney, the agency's attorney, the witness, the court reporter and appropriate staff support for either counsel. The licensing agency shall make the portions of the agency record in which such report or record is disclosed subject to a protective order prohibiting further disclosure of such report or record. Such report or record shall not be subject to discovery, subpoena or other means of legal compulsion for their release to any person or entity. No person in attendance at a closed portion of a disciplinary proceeding shall at a subsequent civil, criminal or administrative hearing, be required to testify regarding the existence or content of a report or record privileged under this section that was disclosed in a closed portion of a hearing, nor shall such testimony be admitted into evidence in any subsequent civil, criminal or administrative hearing. A licensing agency conducting a disciplinary proceeding may review peer review committee records, testimony or reports but must prove its findings with independently obtained testimony or records that shall be presented as part of the disciplinary proceeding in open meeting of the licensing agency. Offering such testimony or records in an open public hearing shall not be deemed a waiver of the peer review privilege relating to any peer review committee testimony, records or report.

(d) Nothing in this section shall limit the authority that may otherwise be provided by law of the commissioner of insurance, the state board of healing arts or other healthcare provider licensing or disciplinary boards of this state to require a peer review committee or officer to report to it any disciplinary action or recommendation of such committee or officer; to transfer to it records of such committee's or officer's proceedings or actions to restrict or revoke the license, registration, certification or other authorization to practice of a healthcare provider; or to terminate the liability of the fund for all claims against a specific healthcare provider for damages for death or personal injury pursuant to K.S.A. 40-3403(i), and amendments thereto. Reports and records so furnished shall not be subject to discovery, subpoena or other means of legal compulsion for their release

to any person or entity and shall not be admissible in evidence in any judicial or administrative proceeding other than a disciplinary proceeding by the state board of healing arts or other healthcare provider licensing or disciplinary boards of this state.

- (e) A peer review committee or officer may report to and discuss its activities, information and findings to other peer review committees or officers or to a board of directors or an administrative officer of a healthcare provider without waiver of the privilege provided by subsection (b) and the records of all such committees or officers relating to such report shall be privileged as provided by subsection (b).
- (f) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent an insured from obtaining information pertaining to payment of benefits under a contract with an insurance company, a health maintenance organization or an administrator of a health benefits plan.
- Sec. 6. K.S.A. 65-5702 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-5702. As used in this act:
- (a) "Commission" means the state emergency response commission on emergency planning and response created by K.S.A. 65-5703 65-5721, and amendments thereto.
- (b) "Federal act" means the federal emergency planning and community right-to-know act of 1986 (Title III, P.L. 99-499).
- Sec. 7. K.S.A. 65-5728 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-5728. (a) Except as otherwise provided by this order, the powers, duties, and functions of the adjutant general and secretary of health and environment related to approval of local planning districts as provided by K.S.A.-65-5703(f) 65-5722(f) and (g), and amendments thereto, are hereby transferred to and conferred and imposed upon the commission on emergency planning and response.
- (b) Except as otherwise provided by this order, whenever the words "adjutant general" or "secretary of health and environment" or words of like effect are referred to or designated by a statute, rule and regulation, contract or other document in connection with the powers, duties, and functions transferred by this order from the adjutant general and the secretary of health and environment to the commission on emergency planning and response, the reference or designation shall be deemed to apply to the commission on emergency planning and response.
- (c) All rules and regulations, orders, and directives of the adjutant general and of the secretary of health and environment relating to the powers, duties, and functions transferred to the commission on emergency planning and response by this order shall continue to be effective and shall be deemed to be rules and regulations, orders, and directives of the commission on emergency planning and response until revised, amended or nullified pursuant to law.

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Sec. 8. K.S.A. 65-7406 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-7406. (a) Subject to appropriations, there is hereby established the primary care safety net clinic loan guarantee fund in the state treasury for the purposes of facilitating the financing for the acquisition and modernization of primary care safety net clinics in Kansas and the refinancing of capital improvements and acquisition and installation of equipment therefor. The primary care safety net clinic loan guarantee fund shall be administered by the secretary. All moneys in the primary care safety net clinic loan guarantee fund shall be used to provide guarantees against capital loan risks in accordance with this act and to pay for the administrative costs associated with the act as may be certified by the secretary. All expenditures from the primary care safety net clinic loan guarantee fund shall be made in accordance with appropriations acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the secretary or the secretary's designee.

- (b) All fees and charges imposed by the secretary and other moneys received by the secretary for the purposes of this act shall be remitted to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the primary care safety net clinic loan guarantee fund.
- (c) Upon certification by the secretary to the director of accounts and reports that the unencumbered balance in the primary care safety net clinic loan guarantee fund is insufficient to pay an amount for a loan guarantee for which the fund is liable under this act, the director of accounts and reports shall transfer an amount equal to the insufficiency from the state general fund to the primary care safety net clinic loan guarantee fund. The secretary shall transmit a copy of each such certification to the director of the budget and to the director of legislative research at the same time that the secretary submits a certification to the director of accounts and reports under this subsection.
- (d) On or before the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month, the director of accounts and reports shall transfer from the state general fund to the primary care safety net clinic loan guarantee fund interest earnings based on:
- (1) The average daily balance of moneys in the Kansas exportprimary care safety net clinic loan guarantee fund for the preceding month; and
- (2) the net earnings rate of the pooled money investment portfolio for the preceding month.
- Sec. 9. K.S.A. 66-2010 is hereby amended to read as follows: 66-2010. (a) The commission shall utilize a competitive bidding process to select a neutral, competent and bonded third party to administer the KUSF.
  - (b) The administrator shall be responsible for: (1) Collecting and

 auditing all relevant information from all qualifying telecommunications public utilities, telecommunications carriers wireless or telecommunications service providers receiving funds from or providing funds to the KUSF; (2) verifying, based on the calculations of each qualifying telecommunications carrier, telecommunications public utility or wireless telecommunications service provider, the obligation of each such qualifying carrier, utility or provider to generate the funds required by the KUSF; (3) collecting all moneys due to the KUSF from all telecommunications public utilities, telecommunications carriers and wireless telecommunications service providers in the state; and (4) amounts on a monthly basis due to qualifying distributing telecommunications public utilities, wireless telecommunications service providers and telecommunications carriers receiving KUSF funding.

- (c) Any information made available or received by the administrator from carriers, utilities or providers receiving funds from or providing funds to the KUSF shall not be subject to any provisions of the Kansas open records act and shall be considered confidential and proprietary.
- (d) The administrator shall be authorized to maintain an action to collect any funds owed by any telecommunications carrier, public utility or wireless telecommunications provider in the district court in the county of the registered office of such carrier, utility or provider or, if such carrier, utility or provider does not have a registered office in the state, such an action may be maintained in the county where such carrier's, utility's or provider's principal office is located. If such carrier, utility or provider has no principal office in the state, such an action may be maintained in the district court of any county in which such carrier, utility or provider provides service.
- (e)—(1) The KUSF administrator shall be responsible to ensure that funds do not fall below the level necessary to pay all amounts collectively owed to all qualifying telecommunications public utilities, wireless telecommunications service providers and telecommunications carriers. The administrator shall have the authority to retain and invest in a prudent and reasonable manner any excess funds collected in any period to help ensure that adequate funds are available to cover amounts payable in other periods.
- (2) Subject to the provisions of appropriations acts, for fiscal year 2013, the KUSF administrator may transfer moneys from the KUSF to the state treasurer. Upon the receipt of any payment, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury and credit it to the KAN-ED fund. Any such payments shall be made after all payments required by K.S.A. 66-2008, and amendments thereto, for the month are made from the KUSF.

Sec. 10. K.S.A. 74-2916 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-

2916. (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of K.S.A. 74-5074, and amendments thereto, on July 1, 2002, or as soon thereafter as moneys are available, the secretary of commerce is authorized and directed to loan to the director of the Kansas sports hall of fame \$100,000 from the Kansas export loan guarantee fund. The director of the Kansas sports hall of fame is authorized and directed to use any moneys in the Kansas sports hall of fame surcharge fund to provide for the ongoing expenses of the Kansas sports hall of fame. Such loan shall not be deemed to be an indebtedness or debt of the state of Kansas within the meaning of section 6 of article 11 of the constitution of the state of Kansas.

- (b) Upon certification by the secretary of commerce and by the director of the Kansas sports hall of fame, the director of accounts and reports shall transfer such amount from the Kansas export loan guarantee fund to the Kansas sports hall of fame surcharge fund.
- (c) The loan authorized pursuant to subsection (a) shall be repaid in one payment payable on or before June 30, 2003, of \$50,000, and one payment payable on or before June 30, 2004, of \$50,000.
- (d)—The state of Kansas sports hall of fame board of trustees, in consultation with postsecondary educational institutions and the accredited independent institutions, shall develop and implement a voluntary plan to have such institutions participate in the raising of funds for the Kansas sports hall of fame.
- (e) Quarterly, during fiscal year 2003 and 2004, the state of Kansas sports hall of fame board of trustees shall submit a report to the chairperson of the legislative budget committee concerning the progress and provisions of this act when the legislature is not in session and the chairperson of the committee on appropriations of the house of representatives and the chairperson of the committee on ways and means of the senate when the legislature is in session.
- (f)(b) "Postsecondary educational institution" means Kansas state university, the university of Kansas, Wichita state university, Emporia state university, Fort Hays state university, Pittsburg state university, Washburn university and any community college.
- Sec. 11. K.S.A. 74-5210 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-5210. (a) The Kansas arts commission created by K.S.A. 74-5202, and amendments thereto prior to its repeal, and the Kansas film services commission created by K.S.A. 74-9201, and amendments thereto prior to its repeal, are hereby abolished.
- (b) Except as otherwise provided by this act, all of the powers, duties and functions of the existing Kansas arts commission and the Kansas film services commission are hereby transferred to, conferred and imposed upon the creative arts industries commission within the department of commerce, established by this act.

(c) Except as otherwise provided by this act, the creative arts industries commission within the department of commerce established by this act shall be the successor in every way to the powers, duties and functions of the Kansas arts commission and the Kansas film services commission in which the same were vested prior to the effective date of this act. Every act performed in the exercise of such powers, duties and functions by or under the authority of the creative arts industries commission within the department of commerce established by this act shall be deemed to have the same force and effect as if performed by the Kansas arts commission and the Kansas film services commission in which such powers, duties and functions were vested prior to the effective date of this act.

- (d) Except as otherwise provided by this act, whenever the Kansas arts commission or the Kansas film services commission, or words of like effect, are referred to or designated by a statute, contract or other document, such reference or designation shall be deemed to apply to the creative arts industries commission within the department of commerce established by this act.
- (e) All rules and regulations of the Kansas arts commission and the Kansas film services commission in existence on the effective date of this act shall continue to be effective and shall be deemed to be duly adopted rules and regulations of the creative arts industries commission within the department of commerce established by this act until revised, amended, revoked or nullified pursuant to law.
- (f) All orders and directives of the Kansas arts commission and the Kansas film services commission in existence on the effective date of this act shall continue to be effective and shall be deemed to be orders and directives of the creative arts industries commission within the department of commerce established by this act, until revised, amended, revoked or nullified pursuant to law.
- (g) On the effective date of this act, the creative arts industries commission within the department of commerce shall succeed to whatever right, title or interest the Kansas arts commission and the Kansas film services commission have acquired in any real property in this state, and the creative arts industries commission within the department of commerce shall hold the same for and in the name of the state of Kansas. On and after the effective date of this act, whenever any statute, contract, deed or other document concerns the power or authority of the Kansas arts commission or the Kansas film services commission to acquire, hold or dispose of real property or any interest therein, the creative arts industries commission within the department of commerce shall succeed to such power or authority.
  - (h) The creative arts industries commission within the department of

commerce established by this act shall be a continuation of the Kansas arts commission and the Kansas film services commission.

- (i) On the effective date of this act, all officers and employees who, immediately prior to such date, were engaged in the performance of powers, duties or functions of the Kansas arts commission and the Kansas film services commission which are transferred by this act, or who become a part of the creative arts industries commission within the department of commerce, and who, in the opinion of the director of the creative arts industries commission within the department of commerce, are necessary to perform the powers, duties and functions of the creative arts industries commission within the department of commerce, shall be transferred to, and shall become officers and employees of the creative arts industries commission within the department of commerce.
- (j) Officers and employees of the Kansas arts commission and the Kansas film services commission transferred by this act shall retain all retirement benefits and leave balances and rights which had accrued or vested prior to the date of transfer. The service of each such officer and employee so transferred shall be deemed to have been continuous. All transfers, layoffs or abolition of classified service positions under the Kansas civil service act shall be made in accordance with the civil service laws and any rule and regulation adopted thereunder. Nothing in this act shall affect the classified status of any transferred person employed by the Kansas arts commission and the Kansas film services commission prior to the date of transfer.
- (k) For the purposes of K.S.A. 12-2536, and amendments thereto, the creative arts industries commission within the department of commerce, instead of the Kansas arts commission, shall provide an appointee to serve on the metropolitan culture commission.
- Sec. 12. K.S.A. 74-6603 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-6603. As used in this act, the following words and terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, unless the context shall indicate another or different meaning or intent:
- (a) "Natural and scientific area" means an area of land or water in public or private ownership which either retains to some degree its primeval character, though it need not be completely natural and undisturbed, or has natural flora, fauna, ecological, geological, historical or archeological features of scientific or educational interest.
- (b) "Natural and scientific preserve" means a natural or scientific area which is formally dedicated under the provisions of this act to be maintained as nearly as possible in its natural condition and to be used in a manner and under limitations consistent with its continued preservation, without impairment, disturbance, or artificial development except that deemed necessary for scientific research, education, or public

interpretation of the area.

 (e) "Board" means the natural and scientific areas advisory board-ereated by K.S.A. 74-6614.

Sec. 13. K.S.A. 74-6609 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-6609. A natural or scientific area—which has been found by the board to be suitable for inclusion in the system shall become a natural and scientific preserve upon its dedication by the owner of the land or of an interest or a right therein, with the approval of the state biological survey. The dedication shall be evidenced by articles of dedication which shall be in such form as the state biological survey may approve. The articles of dedication may, consistent with the purposes of this act, define the respective rights and duties of the owner or custodian and the state biological survey; contain provisions relating to management, development use, public access, sale or transfer; provide or create reversionary rights; contain such other provisions as may be necessary or advisable; and vary in provisions from one natural and scientific preserve to another.

Sec. 14. K.S.A. 74-72,123 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-72,123. (a) As used in the Kansas taxpayer transparency act:

- (1) "Searchable website" means a website that allows the public to search and aggregate the information identified in subsection (b) including requirements that the website offer the public the ability to efficiently search and display data, and ascertain the total amounts of revenues and expenditures (A) of funds established within the state treasury in an aggregate or summary form in a manner determined by the secretary of administration, (B) of compensation paid to public employees employed by state agencies, and (C) of bond debt as specified in this act.
- (2) "Agency" means any entity or instrumentality of the state of Kansas as defined in K.S.A. 75-3701, and amendments thereto, and any other entity or instrumentality delegated statutory authority by the legislature to issue bonds and to collect revenue for the purpose of repaying bonds issued under authority delegated by statute.
  - (3) "Board" means the public finance transparency board.
- (b) No later than March 1, 2009, The secretary of administration shall develop and operate a single, searchable website accessible by the public at no cost to access, that includes:
- (1) Annual expenditures, as determined by the secretary of administration and as available within the central accounting system and state payroll system, shall include, but not be limited to:
- (A) Disbursements by any state agency from funds established within the state treasury;
- (B) bond debt payments;
- (C) salaries and wages including, but not limited to, compensation

paid to individual employees of state agencies;

- (D) contractual services including, but not limited to, amounts paid to individual vendors;
- (E) commodities including, but not limited to, amounts paid to individual vendors;
- (F) capital outlay including, but not limited to, amounts paid to individual vendors;
- (G) debt service including, but not limited to, amounts of bond interest paid and sources of funds paid for individual bond issues;
- (H) aid to local units including, but not limited to, amounts paid to individual units of government for individually identifiable aid programs;
  - (I) other assistance and benefits;
- (J) capital improvements including, but not limited to, amounts of bond principal paid and sources of funds paid for individual bond issues; and
- (K) tax expenditures as reported by the secretary of revenue in the annual tax expenditure report.
- (2) Annual revenues, as determined by the secretary of administration and as available within the central accounting system, shall include, but not be limited to:
- (A) Receipts or deposits by any state agency into funds established within the state treasury;
- (B) taxes including, but not limited to, compulsory contributions imposed by the state for the purpose of financing services;
- (C) agency earnings including, but not limited to, amounts collected by each agency for merchandise sold, services performed, licenses and permits issued, or regulation;
- (D) revenue for the use of money and property including, but not limited to, amounts received for compensation for the use of state-owned money and property;
- (E) gifts, donations and federal grants including, but not limited to, amounts received from public and private entities to aid in support of a specific function or other governmental activity;
- (F) other revenue including, but not limited to, receipts not classified elsewhere; and
- (G) non-revenue receipts including, but not limited to, all receipts that do not constitute revenue.
- (3) Annual bonded indebtedness which shall include, but not be limited to the amount of the total original obligation stated in terms of principal and interest, the term of the obligation, the source of funding for repayment of the obligation, the amounts of principal and interest previously paid to reduce the obligation, the balance remaining of the obligation, any refinancing of the obligation, and the cited statutory

authority to issue such bonds.

- (4) Any other relevant information specified by the secretary of administration—after consulting with and seeking the advice of the public finance transparency board as established in K.S.A. 74-72,124, and amendments thereto.
- (c) The single website provided for in subsection (b) of this section shall include data for fiscal year 2003 and each fiscal year thereafter. The website shall be designed so that such data shall be retained on the single website for not less than 10 years and shall include data for the most recent fiscal years. Data that is available in the central accounting system and state payroll system shall be on the single website as soon as possible, but not later than 45 days after the last day of the preceding fiscal year. The secretary of administration shall develop policies and procedures to make data available from any other source. Nothing in this act shall require the secretary of administration to provide information on the website that is not available in the central accounting system and the state payroll system at the time of initial implementation of the website. After implementation of the initial website, the public finance transparency board shall advise the secretary of administration on incorporating additional information described by this act from any other source of information available to the secretary of administration including information submitted by state agencies pursuant to subsection (d) of this section.
- (d) Any state agency shall provide, at the request of the secretary of administration, such information as is necessary to accomplish the purposes of this act.
- (e) Nothing in this act shall permit or require the disclosure of information which is considered confidential by state or federal law.
- Sec. 15. K.S.A. 74-99b03 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-99b03. As used in the bioscience authority act, and amendments thereto, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings unless a different meaning clearly appears from the content:
- (a) "Authority" means the Kansas bioscience authority created by this act department of commerce.
- (b) "Authority employee" means an employee of the authority who performs services for the authority and whose salary is paid in whole or in part by the authority. An authority employee will not be considered to be a state employee, as such term is defined in this act or in any other statute or regulation.
- (e) "Bioscience" means the use of compositions, methods and organisms in cellular and molecular research, development and manufacturing processes for such diverse areas as pharmaceuticals, medical therapeutics, medical diagnostics, medical devices, medical instruments, biochemistry, microbiology, veterinary medicine, plant

 biology, agriculture and industrial, environmental, and homeland security applications of bioscience, and future developments in the biosciences. Bioscience includes biotechnology and life sciences.

(d)(c) "Bioscience company" means a corporation, limited liability company, S corporation, partnership, registered limited liability partnership, foundation, association, nonprofit entity, sole proprietorship, business trust, person, group, or other entity that is engaged in the business of bioscience in the state and has business operations in the state, including, without limitation, research, development, or production directed towards developing or providing bioscience products or processes for specific commercial or public purposes and are identified by the following NAICS codes: 325411, 325412, 325413, 325414, 325193, 325199, 325311, 32532, 334516, 339111, 339112, 339113, 334510, 334517, 339115, 621511, 621512, 54171, 54138, 54194.

 $\frac{\text{(e)}}{d}$  "Bioscience development project" means an approved project to implement a project plan in a bioscience development district.

(f)(e) "Bioscience research" means any investigation for the advancement of scientific or technological knowledge of bioscience and any activity that seeks to utilize, synthesize, or apply existing knowledge, information or resources to the resolution of a specific problem, question or issue of bioscience.

(g)(f) "Bioscience research institutions" means all universities and colleges located in the state of Kansas conducting bioscience research.

 $\frac{\text{(h)}(g)}{\text{(p)}}$  "Biotechnology" means those fields focusing on technological developments in such areas as molecular biology, genetic engineering, genomics, proteomics, physiomics, nanotechnology, biodefense, biocomputing and bioinformatics.

(i)(h) "Board" means the board of directors of the authority created by this act department of commerce.

(j)(i) "Bonds" has the same meaning means the same as in K.S.A. 74-8902, and amendments thereto.

(k)(j) "Bioscience development and investment fund" means the fund created by K.S.A. 74-99b34, and amendments thereto.

(+)(k) "Eminent scholar" means world-class, distinguished and established investigators recognized nationally for their research, achievements and ability to garner significant federal funding on an annual basis. Eminent scholars are recognized for their scientific knowledge and entrepreneurial spirit to enhance the innovative research that leads to economic gains. Eminent scholars are either members of or likely candidates for the national academy of sciences or other prominent national academic science organizations.

(m)(l) "Life sciences" means the areas of medical sciences, pharmaceutical sciences, biological sciences, zoology, botany, horticulture,

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ecology, toxicology, organic chemistry, physical chemistry, physiology and any future advances associated with life sciences.

- $\frac{\text{(n)}}{\text{(m)}}$  "NAICS" means the north American industry classification system.
- $\frac{(o)}{(n)}$  "NISTAC" means the national institute for strategic technology acquisition and commercialization.
- (p)(o) "President" or "secretary" means the chief executive officer of the authority secretary of commerce.
- $\frac{(q)}{(p)}$  "Principal operation" means the operation of the authority requiring at least 75% of the total number of employees at all times.
- $\frac{(r)}{(q)}$  "Qualified company" means a Kansas company conducting bioscience research and development that may be granted a funding voucher.
- (s)(r) "Rising star scholar" means up-and-coming distinguished investigators growing in their national reputations in their fields, who are active and demonstrate leadership in their associated professional societies, and who attract significant federal research grant support. Rising star scholars would be likely candidates for the national academy of sciences or other prominent national academic science organizations in the future.
- $\frac{(t)}{(s)}$  "State" means the state of Kansas.
  - (u)(t) "State employee" means a person employed by the state of Kansas whether or not a classified or unclassified employee in the state personnel system. Authority employees shall not be considered state-employees, as such term is defined in this act or in any other statute or rule and regulation.
  - $\frac{(v)}{(u)}$  "State universities" includes state educational institutions as defined in K.S.A. 76-711, and amendments thereto, and the municipal university as defined in K.S.A. 74-3201b, and amendments thereto.
  - (w)(v) "Taxpayer" means a person, corporation, limited liability company, S corporation, partnership, registered limited liability partnership, foundation, association, nonprofit entity, sole proprietorship, business trust, group or other entity that is subject to the Kansas income tax act K.S.A. 79-3201 et seq., and amendments thereto.
  - $\frac{(x)}{(w)}$  "Technology transfer" means, without limitation, assisting with filing patent applications, executing licenses, paying maintenance fees and managing the finance, production, sales and marketing of bioscience intellectual property.
    - $\frac{(y)}{(x)}$  "This act" means the bioscience authority act.
- $\frac{(z)}{(y)}$  Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, the terms "bioscience," "biotechnology" and "life sciences" shall not be construed to include:
  - (1) Induced abortion in humans, performed after the date of

enactment of this act, or the use of cells or tissues derived therefrom; or

(2) any research the federal funding of which would be contrary to federal laws that are in effect on the date of enactment of this act.

Sec. 16. K.S.A. 74-99b33 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-99b33. As used in the emerging industry investment act, and amendments thereto, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings unless a different meaning clearly appears from the content:

- (a) "Authority" means the Kansas bioseience authority as created by K.S.A. 74-99b04, and amendments thereto department of commerce.
- (b) "Base year taxation" means 95% of the 2003 state withholding taxes of bioscience employees working for bioscience companies and state universities currently located in or operating in the state. The base year taxation may be adjusted in future years to account for the addition of new bioscience companies and the identification of existing bioscience companies inadvertently omitted from prior determinations. When a bioscience company is added, the base year taxation shall be amended by 95% of the company's 2003 state withholding taxes, if any.
- (c) "Bioscience" means the use of compositions, methods and organisms in cellular and molecular research, development and manufacturing processes for such diverse areas as pharmaceuticals, medical therapeutics, medical diagnostics, medical devices, medical instruments, biochemistry, microbiology, veterinary medicine, plant biology, agriculture, industrial, environmental, and homeland security applications of bioscience and future developments in the biosciences. Bioscience includes biotechnology and life sciences.
- (d) "Bioscience company" or "bioscience companies" means a corporation, limited liability company, S corporation, partnership, registered limited liability partnership, foundation, association, nonprofit entity, sole proprietorship, business trust, person, group or other entity that is engaged in the business of bioscience in the state and has business operations in the state, including, without limitation, research, development, sales, services, distribution or production directed towards developing or providing bioscience products or processes for specific commercial or public purposes but shall not include entities engaged in the distribution or retail sale of pharmaceuticals or other bioscience products. The authority and the secretary of revenue shall jointly determine whether an entity qualifies as a "bioscience company" based on verifiable evidence. One of the factors that shall be considered is whether a company has been identified by the department of labor by one of the following NAICS codes: 325411, 325412, 325413, 325414, 325193, 325199, 325311, 325320, 334516, 339111, 339112, 339113, 334510, 334517, 339115, 621511, 621512, 541710, 541380, 541940 and 622110. Such company shall be presumed to be a bioscience company unless the authority and the

 secretary of revenue agree, based on verifiable evidence, that the company is not engaged in the business of bioscience in the state. A company identified by another NAICS code may be determined to be a bioscience company by the authority and the secretary of revenue based on verifiable evidence that the company is engaged in the business of bioscience in the state. From and after July 1, 2014, the authority and the secretary of revenue, based upon verifiable evidence, may determine that a company which has previously been determined to be a bioscience company shall no longer be considered to be a bioscience company for the purposes of the emerging industry investment act.

- (e) "Bioscience development and investment fund" means the fund created by K.S.A. 74-99b34, and amendments thereto.
- (f) "Bioscience employee" means any employee, officer or director of a bioscience company who is employed in the 2003 tax year or after December 31, 2003, and who is also a state taxpayer and any employee of state universities who is associated with bioscience research in the 2003 tax year or after December 31, 2003, and who is also a state taxpayer.
- (g) "Bioscience research" means any original investigation for the advancement of scientific or technological knowledge of bioscience and any activity that seeks to utilize, synthesize, or apply existing knowledge, information or resources to the resolution of a specific problem, question or issue of bioscience.
- (h) "Biotechnology" means those fields focusing on technological developments in such areas as molecular biology, genetic engineering, genomics, proteomics, physiomics, nanotechnology, biodefense, biocomputing and bioinformatics and future developments associated with biotechnology.
- (i) "Board" means the board of directors of the authority department of commerce.
- (j) "Eminent scholar" means world-class, distinguished and established investigators recognized nationally for their research, achievements and ability to garner significant federal funding on an annual basis. Eminent scholars are recognized for their scientific knowledge and entrepreneurial spirit to enhance the innovative research that leads to economic gains. Eminent scholars are either members of or likely candidates for the national academy of sciences or other prominent national academic science organizations.
- (k) "Life sciences" means, without limitation, the areas of medical sciences, pharmaceutical sciences, biological sciences, zoology, botany, horticulture, ecology, toxicology, organic chemistry, physical chemistry and physiology and any future advances associated with the life sciences.
- (l) "NAICS" means the north American industry classification system.

(m) "Rising star scholar" means up-and-coming distinguished investigators growing in their national reputations in their fields, who are active and demonstrate leadership in their associated professional societies, and who attract significant federal research grant support. Rising star scholars would be likely candidates for the national academy of science or other prominent national academic science organizations in the future.

- (n) "State" means the state of Kansas.
- (o) "State universities" includes state educational institutions as defined in K.S.A. 76-711, and amendments thereto, and the municipal university as defined in K.S.A. 74-3201b, and amendments thereto.
- (p) "Subsequent year taxation" means 95% of all state withholding taxes payable by bioscience companies that commence operating in the state after December 31, 2003, and 95% of withholding associated with new bioscience employees added to bioscience companies and state universities and associated with growth of the existing bioscience employee withholding base after December 31, 2003.
- (q) "Taxpayer" means a person, corporation, limited liability company, S corporation, partnership, registered limited liability partnership, foundation, association, nonprofit entity, sole proprietorship, business trust, group or other entity that is subject to the Kansas income tax act, K.S.A. 79-3201 et seq., and amendments thereto.
  - (r) "This act" means the emerging industry investment act.
- Sec. 17. K.S.A. 74-99b63 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-99b63. As used in the bioscience research and development voucher program act, and amendments thereto, the following words and phrases have the following meanings unless a different meaning clearly appears from the content:
- (a) "Authority" means the Kansas bioscience authority as created by K.S.A. 74-99b04, and amendments thereto department of commerce.
- (b) "Bioscience" means, without limitation, the use of compositions, methods and organisms in cellular and molecular research, development and manufacturing processes for such diverse areas as pharmaceuticals, medical therapeutics, medical diagnostics, medical devices, medical instruments, biochemistry, microbiology, veterinary medicine, plant biology, agriculture, industrial, environmental and homeland security applications of bioscience and future developments in the biosciences. Bioscience includes biotechnology and life sciences.
- (c) "Bioscience research" means any investigation for the advancement of scientific or technological knowledge of bioscience and any activity that seeks to utilize, synthesize, or apply existing knowledge, information or resources to the resolution of a specific problem, question or issue of bioscience.

(d) "Bioscience research institutions" means all universities and colleges located in the state of Kansas conducting bioscience research.

- (e) "Biotechnology" means, without limitation, those fields focusing on technological developments in such areas as molecular biology, genetic engineering, genomics, proteomics, physiomics, nanotechnology, biodefense, biocomputing, bioinformatics and future developments associated with biotechnology.
- (f) "Life sciences" means the areas of medical sciences, pharmaceutical sciences, biological sciences, zoology, botany, horticulture, ecology, toxicology, organic chemistry, physical chemistry, physiology and any future advances associated with life sciences.
- (g) "Qualified company" means a Kansas company conducting bioscience research and development that may be granted a funding voucher.
  - (h) "State" means the state of Kansas.
  - (i) "This act" means the bioscience research and development voucher program act.
  - Sec. 18. K.S.A. 74-99b83 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-99b83. As used in the bioscience research matching funds act, and amendments thereto, the following words and phrases have the following meanings unless a different meaning clearly appears from the content:
  - (a) "Authority" or "board" means the Kansas bioscience authority as ereated by K.S.A. 74-99b04, and amendments thereto department of commerce.
    - (b) "Board" means the board of directors of the authority.
  - (e)—"Bioscience" means the use of compositions, methods and organisms in cellular and molecular research, development and manufacturing processes for such diverse areas as pharmaceuticals, medical therapeutics, medical diagnostics, medical devices, medical instruments, biochemistry, microbiology, veterinary medicine, plant biology, agriculture, industrial, environmental and homeland security applications of bioscience and future developments in the biosciences. Bioscience includes biotechnology and life sciences.
  - (d)(c) "Bioscience research" means any investigation for the advancement of scientific or technological knowledge of bioscience and any activity that seeks to utilize, synthesize, or apply existing knowledge, information or resources to the resolution of a specific problem, question or issue of bioscience.
  - (e)(d) "Bioscience research institutions" means all universities and colleges located in the state of Kansas conducting bioscience research.
- 41 (f)(e) "Biotechnology" means, without limitation, those fields 42 focusing on technological developments in such areas as molecular 43 biology, genetic engineering, genomics, proteomics, physiomics,

nanotechnology, biodefense, biocomputing, bioinformatics and future developments associated with biotechnology.

(g)(f) "Life sciences" means, without limitation, the areas of medical sciences, pharmaceutical sciences, biological sciences, zoology, botany, horticulture, ecology, toxicology, organic chemistry, physiology and any future advances associated with life sciences.

 $\frac{h}{g}$  "State" means the state of Kansas.

 $\frac{(i)}{(h)}$  "This act" means the bioscience research matching funds act.

- Sec. 19. K.S.A. 75-7403 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-7403. (a) The secretary of health and environment is hereby authorized to establish policies and to adopt rules and regulations for the implementation and administration of the powers, duties and functions prescribed for or transferred to the department as provided by law.
- (b) The secretary of health and environment may enter into contracts as may be necessary to perform the powers, duties and functions of *the* department and as provided by law. As provided by this act or as otherwise the secretary of health and environment may enter into contracts with other state agencies or with local governmental entities for the coordination of health services, including care and prevention programs and activities, and public health programs.
- (e) The secretary of health and environment may appoint advisory committees as deemed necessary by the secretary. The advisory committees shall consult with and advise the secretary of health and environment regarding the matters referred thereto by the department. Members of any advisory committee created under this section attending meetings of such committee or attending a subcommittee meeting thereof authorized by such committee shall be paid subsistence allowances, mileage and other expenses as provided in K.S.A. 75-3223, and amendments thereto, but shall receive no compensation for services as members of such advisory committee.

Sec. 20. K.S.A. 12-340, 12-341, 12-342, 12-343, 12-350, 12-351, 12-352, 12-353, 12-354, 12-355, 12-356, 12-357, 12-359, 12-360, 12-361, 12-362, 45-229, 65-2016, 65-2840c, 65-4969, 65-5702, 65-5703, 65-5728, 65-7214, 65-7406, 66-2010, 68-185, 72-3441, 73-1221, 73-1222, 73-1223, 73-1224, 73-1225, 73-1226, 73-1227, 73-1228, 73-1229, 73-1230, 73-1231, 74-2916, 74-5069, 74-5070, 74-5071, 74-5072, 74-5073, 74-5074, 74-5092, 74-5093, 74-5094, 74-5095, 74-5096, 74-5097, 74-5098, 74-5099, 74-50,100, 74-50,101, 74-5210, 74-6603, 74-6609, 74-6614, 74-6615, 74-72,123, 74-72,124, 74-9201, 74-99b03, 74-99b04, 74-99b05, 74-99b11, 74-99b12, 74-99b13, 74-99b17, 74-99b33, 74-99b63, 74-99b83, 75-7221, 75-7222, 75-7223, 75-7224, 75-7225, 75-7226, 75-7227 and 75-7403 and K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 65-4915 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 21. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its

publication in the statute book.



## **Kansas State Board of Healing Arts – Case Process**

The Kansas State Board of Healing Arts ("Board"), created by statute, is required to fulfill its statutory mission of protecting the public. The Board's general duties and responsibilities are set forth in K.S.A. 65-2801 *et seq.* and regulations contained in K.A.R. 100-1-1 *et seq.*, known generally as the Healing Arts Act. The Board fulfills its statutory mission by investigating complaints related to a medical professional's compliance with the applicable practice act.

# **Complaints**

The Board is a complaint-based agency. **Complaints can be received from anyone**. Some individuals or facilities have a legal duty to submit a complaint to the Board in certain circumstances. *See* K.S.A. 65-28,122; K.S.A. 65-28,121; K.S.A. 65-4923; K.S.A. 65-425 *et seq*. Complaints are confidential under Kansas law. K.S.A. 65-2898a. Common complaint sources (although certainly not an exhaustive list) include: patients, patient family members, law enforcement, medical facilities, other state medical boards, a licensee self-reporting, and other licensees. Each complaint is evaluated to determine if a possible violation of state law has occurred. An investigation is opened only if the complaint alleges facts that, if true, may indicate a potentially actionable violation of the applicable practice act.

# **Investigations**

**Investigations serve as an objective fact-gathering process.** Investigations involve collecting records, interviewing patients or witnesses, and other standard investigative processes. A licensee is notified the investigation is opened and can respond to the allegations of the complaint. After the investigation is complete, it undergoes an internal review process. The results of the investigation are reviewed by a staff attorney. Investigations are also confidential under Kansas law. K.S.A. 65-2898a.

## Peer Review Committee/Advisory Council

If the investigation relates to the healthcare professional's care of a patient, the investigation goes to a peer Review Committee (or Advisory Council). Review Committees and Advisory Councils are a statutory creation. They consist of members of the same profession and review the investigation. In reviewing the investigation, the peer Review Committee/Advisory Council is determining whether they believe the standard of care was met (i.e. what a reasonable [healthcare professional] would have done under the same or similar circumstance). If they determine the standard of care was met, the case is closed. If they determine the standard of care was not met, the investigation goes to the Disciplinary Panel to determine what action, *if any*, to take.

#### **Disciplinary Panel**

The Disciplinary Panel is a subcommittee of the Board. The Disciplinary Panel reviews the investigation and the peer Review Committee/Advisory Council's determination to determine



what, *if any*, action to pursue. If the Disciplinary Panel believes there is admissible evidence of a violation, and action is necessary, there are multiple resolutions available, including non-public and public measures. Or, in the alternative, the case may be closed.

#### **Public Action**

Public disciplinary action can include one, or a combination, of the following: fine, public censure, probationary conditions, or limiting, suspending or revoking a license. K.S.A. 65-2836. Such adverse action is initiated by a disciplinary panel of the Board filing a Petition for discipline with the Board. K.S.A. 65-2836; K.S.A. 65-2838; K.S.A. 65-2839a; K.S.A. 65-2840a; K.S.A. 65-2851a.

Kansas law and Kansas courts provide for a robust system of review and due process of any administrative disciplinary action. This system involves several steps of review at which disciplinary action can be lawfully challenged by the professional including before the Board under the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act, K.S.A. 77-501 *et seq.*, ("KAPA"), and ultimately Kansas courts under the Kansas Judicial Review Act ("KJRA"). K.S.A. 77-601 *et seq.* If an action seeking an adverse order is initiated, the proceedings are governed by the KAPA and the KJRA. K.S.A. 77-501 *et seq.*; K.S.A. 77-601 *et seq.*;

KAPA provides due process to those against whom the Board seeks to take adverse action, including notice, formal hearing(s), and the right to immediately appeal to the district court. *See* K.S.A. 77-501 *et. seq.* and K.S.A. 77-601 *et. seq.* 

# **Appellate Review**

KJRA provides a broad range of authority for the reviewing District Court (and other appellate courts) to provide relief to a licensee facing an adverse administrative order from the Board, including an immediate stay of the Board order, vacating the Board order, and/or issuing a remand order to the Board with further directions. *See*, e.g., K.S.A. 77-622(b).