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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Waymaster and members of the House Appropriations Committee

From: Jill A. Wolters, First Assistant Revisor

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Subject: **HB2418**, Abolishing the study 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.

On July 1, 2023, new section 1 of HB2418 abolishes the acts, commissions, boards, task forces and authorities listed in the Subject line. The remaining amendatory sections in the bill are conforming amendments in current statutes.

The bill becomes effective upon the publication in the statute book.

The following table lists the acts and commissions, statutory citations and a brief description of such acts and commissions.

Commission/Act	Statutes	Duties
Study commission for the consolidation of Kansas City, Kansas, and Wyandotte county	K.S.A. 12-340 through 12-346	Prepare and adopt a plan to consolidate Kansas City, Kansas, and Wyandotte county. The final plan was to be submitted on or before January 13, 1997.
Consolidation commission of Topeka, Kansas, and Shawnee county	K.S.A. 12-351 through 12-359	Prepare and adopt a plan to consolidate Topeka, Kansas, and Shawnee county. No statutory date was set for the final plan to be submitted. However, the bill was effective on April 21, 2005 and the commission was to be appointed within 10 days of the effective date of the act. The preliminary report was to be prepared and adopted within 60 days following the appointment of members, and within 30 days of the last public hearing held on the preliminary plan, the commission was to adopt a final plan.
Study commission for the unification in Greeley county	K.S.A. 12-360 through 12-369	Prepare and adopt a plan to address the unification of local units of government in Greeley county. No statutory date was set for the final plan to be submitted. However, the bill was effective on May 25, 2006 and the commission was to be appointed within 10 days of the effective date of the act. The preliminary report was to be prepared and adopted within one year following the appointment of members, and within 30 days of the last public hearing held on the preliminary plan, the commission was to adopt a final plan.
Podiatry review committee	K.S.A. 65-2016	This committee appointed by the board of healing arts replaced a gubernatorial appointed committee in 1992. The statute implies that the review committee is to review the conduct of podiatrists.
State board of healing arts review committee for each branch of the healing arts	K.S.A. 65-2840c	Review committees are established and appointed by the state board of healing arts for each branch of the healing arts as necessary to advise the board in carrying out the provisions of the Kansas healing arts act.
Contact lens advisory council	K.S.A. 65-4969	Advise the state board of healing arts in carrying out the provisions of the patient's contact lens prescription release act.
State emergency response commission	K.S.A. 65-5703	Created for the purpose of carrying out all requirements of the federal emergency planning and community right-to-know act of 1986 and for the purpose of providing assistance in the coordination of state agency activities relating to: (1) Chemical emergency training, preparedness, and response; and (2) chemical release reporting and prevention, transportation, manufacture, storage, handling and use. The state emergency response commission was replaced by the commission on emergency planning and response pursuant to ERO 29 in 1999.
Naturopathic advisory council	K.S.A. 65-7214	Advise the board of healing arts in carrying out the provisions of the naturopathic doctor licensure act.
Transportation vision task force	K.S.A. 68-185	The mission was to: Evaluate the progress of the 2010 transportation works for Kansas program to date (2018); evaluate the current system condition of the

		state transportation system, including roads and bridges; solicit local input on existing uncompleted projects and future projects in each highway and metropolitan district; evaluate current uses of the state highway fund dollars; evaluate current transportation funding in Kansas to determine whether it is sufficient; identify additional necessary transportation projects; make recommendations regarding the needs of the transportation system over the next 10 years and beyond; make recommendations on the future structure of the state highway fund as it relates to maintaining the state infrastructure system. The provisions of this section expired on June 30, 2019.
Special education funding task force	K.S.A. 72-3441	The task force shall: Study and make recommendations for changes in the existing formula for funding of special education and related services; conduct hearings and receive and consider suggestions from teachers, parents, the department of education, the state board of education, other governmental officers and agencies and the general public concerning funding for special education and related services; and make and submit reports to the legislature on the work of the task force concerning recommendations of the task force. The task force ceased to exist on June 30, 2011.
Persian Gulf war veterans health initiative act and Persian Gulf War veterans health initiative board	K.S.A. 73-1221 through 73-1231	A survey was to be conducted by the board in 1997 to determine and study the physical and mental conditions, problems and illnesses, including birth defects, as well as the employment, social, emotional and family problems experienced by veterans, their spouses and family members since the veteran's return to Kansas and by any other persons residing in Kansas who are suffering from Gulf War syndrome. The director shall: Establish and maintain a state Persian Gulf War registry containing the names of veterans, their spouses, family members and other persons in Kansas who have been affected by Gulf War syndrome; inform veterans of any state and federal programs available to meet the veterans' needs; and conduct a fiscal impact study, aimed at identifying the annual budgetary impact of Gulf War syndrome on Kansas in terms of increased costs of education, medical coverage, correction of birth defects and other expenses identified through the results of the surveys. The bill abolishes the Persian Gulf War veterans health initiative fund.
Kansas export finance act and Kansas export loan guarantee review committee	K.S.A. 74-5069 through 74-5074	A program through the department of commerce to support Kansas exporters and financial institutions, and with other public or private entities to provide insurance, coinsurance, reinsurance and guarantees against commercial preexport and postexport credit risks for Kansas export transactions. The committee reviewed/approved all proposals for Kansas export loan financing guarantees. The bill abolishes the Kansas export loan guarantee fund. Commerce discontinued the program approx. 15 years ago.

Community strategic planning assistance act and community strategic planning grant committee	K.S.A. 74-5092 through 74-50,101	The purpose of the act is to: Build and enhance economic development capacity at the local and regional levels; develop and sustain long-term commitments for local development efforts; encourage broad-based local and multi-county development strategies that build on local strengths and to complement and reinforce statewide economic development strategy; improve the ability of local communities to effectively use economic data and analysis in the strategic planning process for economic development; maximize state investments in economic development through more efficient implementation of limited resources; provide recognition for successful communities and to motivate other communities; and encourage local initiatives to revitalize blighted areas in metropolitan counties. Commerce discontinued the program approx. 15 years ago.
Natural and scientific areas advisory board	K.S.A. 74-6614 and 74-6615	The advisory board is a part of the state biological survey. The board consults with and advises the state biological survey.
Public finance transparency board	K.S.A. 72,124	The board shall: (1) Advise the secretary of administration on incorporating additional information for the Kansas taxpayer transparency website; (2) serve in an advisory capacity to the secretary on the further development of the website, expansion of the content of information for the website, and new reports to be generated on the website to assist the public in accessing public information; (3) seek advice from the general public, professional associations, academic groups and institutions and individuals with knowledge of and interest in areas of public information access; and (4) meet at least twice during each fiscal year for a report on the progress in implementing and developing the website, proposed enhancements to the website in terms of content, format, policies and procedures and reports, and other matters. Department of administration reports this has not been a functioning board for over 10 years.
Kansas film services commission	K.S.A. 74-9201	In 2012, the Kansas film services commission was abolished and the powers, duties and functions of the commission were transferred to the creative arts industries commission within the department of commerce.
Kansas bioscience authority	K.S.A. 74-99b04	Pursuant to State Finance Council resolution no. 16-664, the Kansas bioscience authority merged with the department of commerce on July 20, 2016. Commerce is the successor to the powers, duties and property of the authority.
KAN-ED act and KAN-ED advisory committees	K.S.A. 75-7224	The purpose of the KAN-ED act is to provide for a broadband technology-based program to facilitate use of broadband technology-based video communication for distance learning and telemedicine by schools, libraries and hospitals. The advisory committees were appointed by the state board of regents. The bill abolishes the KAN-ED fund.

Department of health and environment advisory committees	K.S.A. 75-7403	The original statute for the advisory committees was enacted in 2005 when the Kansas health policy authority (KHPA) was established. KHPA was to form advisory committees to consult and advise the authority on matters referred to the committees. In 2012 when the KHPA was abolished, their functions were divided between other agencies, mainly Kansas department of health and environment.
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