

75-138. Commission on autism; membership; appointment; duties; meetings; expense allowances. (a) There is hereby established within the governor's department a commission on autism consisting of not more than 15 members appointed by the governor from representatives of state and local governmental agencies, educational professionals knowledgeable in the field of autism, persons licensed to practice medicine and surgery who have expertise in the field of autism, representatives of private organizations involved in assisting autistic persons and their families, providers of services to autistic individuals, consumers of services to autistic individuals and representatives of the general public. The members of the commission shall serve at the pleasure of the governor.

(b) The commission on autism shall advise the office of the governor in regard to matters relating to autism, shall make recommendations to the governor concerning the implementation of the findings and recommendations of the task force on autism created under 1987 House Concurrent Resolution No. 5017 [L. 1987, ch. 416] and shall monitor developments within the field of autism relating to the needs of persons with autism.

(c) The chairperson and vice-chairperson of the commission shall be designated by the governor. The commission shall meet at the call of the chairperson but no more than four times a year. A majority of all the members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

(d) The members of the commission attending meetings of the commission, or attending a subcommittee meeting thereof authorized by the commission, shall be paid amounts provided in subsection (e) of K.S.A. 75-3223 and amendments thereto. Amounts paid under this subsection (d) shall be from appropriations to the governor's department upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the chairperson of the commission or a person designated by the chairperson.

History: L. 1988, ch. 290, § 1; July 1.