

**75-5601. Secretary of health and environment; appointment and confirmation; creation of department of health and environment; department subject to K-GOAL.** (a) There is hereby created a department of health and environment, the head of which shall be the secretary of health and environment, which office is hereby created. The governor shall appoint the secretary of health and environment, subject to confirmation by the senate as provided in K.S.A. 75-4315b, and amendments thereto, and the secretary shall serve at the pleasure of the governor. Except as provided by K.S.A. 46-2601, and amendments thereto, no person appointed as secretary shall exercise any power, duty or function as secretary until confirmed by the senate. The department of health and environment shall consist of the division of public health, the division of health care finance and the division of environment. The secretary of health and environment shall receive an annual salary fixed by the governor.

(b) The provisions of the Kansas governmental operations accountability law apply to the department of health and environment, and the department is subject to audit, review and evaluation under such law.

**History:** L. 1974, ch. 351, § 1; L. 1978, ch. 308, § 76; L. 1982, ch. 347, § 74; L. 1992, ch. 116, § 50; L. 2001, ch. 86, § 14; L. 2008, ch. 121, § 30; L. 2012, ch. 102, § 34; L. 2013, ch. 59, § 6; July 1.