

**75-5001. Secretary of transportation, appointment, confirmation, salary; creation and administration of department; application of K-GOAL.** (a) In order to coordinate the planning, development and operation of the various modes and systems of transportation within this state, there is hereby established a department of transportation, which shall be administered under the direction and supervision of the secretary of transportation. The secretary of transportation shall be appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by the senate as provided in K.S.A. 75-4315b, and amendments thereto, and 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 secretary shall receive an annual salary fixed by the governor.

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

**History:** L. 1975, ch. 426, § 1; L. 1981, ch. 299, § 36; L. 1982, ch. 347, § 60; L. 1992, ch. 116, § 45; L. 2001, ch. 86, § 10; L. 2008, ch. 121, § 24; July 1.