

Journal of the House

SIXTIETH DAY

HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
TOPEKA, KS, Wednesday, May 3, 2017, 10:00 a.m.

The House met pursuant to adjournment with Speaker Ryckman in the chair.

The roll was called with 125 members present.

Excused later: Rep. Carpenter

Prayer by Chaplain Brubaker:

Almighty Lord God,
we are grateful for Your faithfulness,
guidance and presence in our lives.
May we always humbly follow Your wise leading.
As difficult decisions are being made,
help each one to turn to You.
You never slumber or sleep
and are always ready to impart Your wisdom and holy judgment.
In these next few days,
when it may become easy to become impatient
while waiting for the right decisions,
help all of them to seek You and wait upon You.
Give strength to each one as they do the work
You have called them to do.
Help them work together for the common good
and be willing to reach across lines to be
Your hands and feet in a state that desperately needs Your help.
Remind each one that in You there is hope.
And whether they lean to the left or to the right,
help them hear that still small voice of Yours saying,
“this is the way; walk in it.”
I pray this in Christ’s Name, Amen.
(Isaiah 31:21)

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rep. Dietrich.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to committees as indicated:

Federal and State Affairs: **HB 2423, SB 201.**

Taxation: **HB 2421, HB 2422, HB 2424.**

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

The Senate not adopts the Conference Committee report on **HB 2041**, requests a conference and appoints Senators Wilborn, Lynn and Haley as second conferees on the part of the Senate.

INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS

On motion of Rep. Hineman, pursuant to subsection (k) of Joint Rule 4 of the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, the rules were suspended for the purpose of considering **HB 2096, H Sub for SB 42, HB 2041**.

INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS

On motion of Rep. Hineman, the House acceded to the request of the Senate for a conference on **HB 2041**.

Speaker Ryckman thereupon appointed Reps. Finch, F. Patton and Carmichael as second conferees on the part of the House.

FINAL ACTION ON BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

HB 2184, AN ACT concerning economic development; relating to the STAR bonds financing act; historic theater project costs; establishment of district; adverse effects on county or school district; certain notices; approval for transient guest tax funding; sunset date of the act; amending K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 12-17,162, 12-17,165, 12-17,166, 12-17,169, 12-17,171, 12-17,177 and 12-17,179 and repealing the existing sections, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 112; Nays 11; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 2.

Yeas: Alcalá, Alford, Arnberger, Aurand, Baker, Ballard, Barker, Becker, Bishop, Blex, Brim, Burroughs, Campbell, Carlin, Carmichael, B. Carpenter, Claeys, Clayton, Concannon, Cox, Crum, S., Curtis, E. Davis, Deere, Dierks, Dietrich, Elliott, Ellis, Eplee, Finch, Finney, Francis, Frownfelter, Gallagher, Gartner, Good, Helgerson, Henderson, Hibbard, Highberger, Hineman, Hodge, Hoffiman, Holscher, Houser, Humphries, Jennings, Johnson, Judd-Jenkins, Karleskint, Kelly, Kessinger, Koesten, Kuether, Lakin, Landwehr, Lewis, Lusk, Lusker, Markley, Mason, Mastroni, Miller, Murnan, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Orr, Osterman, Ousley, Parker, F. Patton, Phelps, Phillips, Pittman, R. Powell, Proehl, Rafie, Rahjes, Ralph, Resman, Rooker, Ruiz, Ryckman, Sawyer, Schreiber, Schroeder, Schwab, Seiwert, Sloan, Smith, A., Smith, E., Stogsdill, Sutton, S. Swanson, Tarwater, Terrell, Thimesch, Thompson, Trimmer, Vickrey, Victors, Ward, Waymaster, Weber, C., Weigel, Wheeler, Whipple, Whitmer, K. Williams, Wilson, Winn, Wolfe Moore.

Nays: Awerkamp, Corbet, DeGraaf, Delperdang, Dove, Esau, Garber, Hawkins, Highland, Jacobs, K. Jones.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Clark, Huebert.

The bill passed.

EXPLANATION OF VOTE

MR. SPEAKER: I vote NO on **HB 2184**. I recognize that STAR Bonds are a valuable economic tool. But I cannot in good conscience vote for tax breaks for large corporations when we are contemplating taking away the only tax break we have for small business, the LLC tax break. – KEITH ESAU, PETE DEGRAAF, KEVIN JONES

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MADAM PRESIDENT and MR. SPEAKER: Your committee on conference on House amendments to **SB 42** submits the following report:

The Senate accedes to all House amendments to the bill, and your committee on conference further agrees to amend the bill as printed as House Substitute for Senate Bill No. 42, as follows:

On page 1, following line 14, by inserting:

"New Section 1. The state board of education shall:

(a) Implement statewide standards that assure all public school teachers annually receive training and education on identifying likely warning signs indicating that a child may be a victim of sexual abuse;

(b) review and consider statewide social and emotional standards for student education that inform students of the difference between appropriate and inappropriate conduct, actions a child may take to be protected from child sexual abuse and methods for reporting any instance of abuse. The review may include, but not necessarily be limited to:

(1) The age of the students to receive the instruction;

(2) requirements for parental notification and the ability for a parent to exclude a child from such instruction;

(3) best practices in instructional content and delivery methods to achieve desired educational outcome; and

(4) collaboration with subject matter experts and child advocates; and

(c) submit a report of progress and any plan or standards developed with regard to those items listed in subsections (a) and (b) by February 1, 2018, to the legislature.";

On page 4, in line 10, by striking "or" and inserting "and"; in line 11, by striking all after "(B)"; in line 12, by striking "(2)"; in line 13, before the period, by inserting "; or

(2) has absconded from supervision";

On page 23, following line 20, by inserting:

"Sec. 13. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 38-2398 is hereby amended to read as follows: 38-2398. (a) For purposes of determining release of a juvenile from probation, the supreme court, in consultation with the department of corrections, shall establish rules for a system of earned discharge for juvenile probationers to be applied by all community supervision officers. A probationer shall be awarded earned discharge credits while on probation for each full calendar month of compliance with terms of supervised probation pursuant to the rules developed by the supreme court.

(b) The state of Kansas, the secretary of corrections, the secretary's agents or employees, the office of judicial administration and court services officers shall not be liable for damages caused by any negligent or wrongful act or omission in making the earned discharge credit calculations authorized by this section."

On page 30, in line 12, by striking the first comma and inserting "and"; in line 14,

after the fourth comma by inserting "38-2398,";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

On page 1, in the title, in line 1, after "to" by inserting "training and instruction about child sexual abuse;"; in line 9, by striking the first comma and inserting "and"; in line 11, after the second comma by inserting "38-2398,";

And your committee on conference recommends the adoption of this report.

RUSS JENNINGS
JOHN R. WHITMER
DENNIS "BOOG" HIGHBERGER
Conferees on part of House

RICHARD E. WILBORN
JULIA LYNN
DAVID HALEY
Conferees on part of Senate

On motion of Rep. Jennings, the conference committee report on **H Sub for SB 42** was adopted.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 120; Nays 4; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 1.

Yeas: Alcalá, Alford, Arnberger, Aurand, Baker, Ballard, Barker, Becker, Bishop, Blex, Brim, Burroughs, Campbell, Carlin, Carmichael, B. Carpenter, Claeys, Clark, Clayton, Concannon, Corbet, Cox, Crum, S., Curtis, E. Davis, Deere, DeGraaf, Delperdang, Dierks, Dietrich, Dove, Elliott, Ellis, Eplee, Esau, Finch, Finney, Francis, Frownfelter, Gallagher, Gartner, Good, Hawkins, Helgerson, Henderson, Hibbard, Highberger, Highland, Hineman, Hodge, Hoffman, Holscher, Houser, Humphries, Jennings, Johnson, Judd-Jenkins, Karleskint, Kelly, Kessinger, Koesten, Kuether, Lakin, Landwehr, Lewis, Lusk, Lusker, Markley, Mason, Mastroni, Miller, Murnan, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Orr, Osterman, Ousley, Parker, F. Patton, Phelps, Phillips, Pittman, R. Powell, Proehl, Rafe, Rahjes, Ralph, Resman, Rooker, Ruiz, Ryckman, Sawyer, Schreiber, Schroeder, Schwab, Seiwert, Sloan, Smith, A., Smith, E., Stogsdill, Sutton, S. Swanson, Tarwater, Terrell, Thimesch, Thompson, Trimmer, Vickrey, Victors, Ward, Waymaster, Weber, C., Weigel, Wheeler, Whipple, Whitmer, K. Williams, Wilson, Winn, Wolfe Moore.

Nays: Averkamp, Garber, Jacobs, K. Jones.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Huebert.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MADAM PRESIDENT and MR. SPEAKER: Your committee on conference on Senate amendments to **HB 2096** submits the following report:

The House accedes to all Senate amendments to the bill, and your committee on conference further agrees to amend the bill as printed with Senate Committee amendments, as follows:

On page 1, following line 31, by inserting:

"New Sec. 2. The portion of United States highway 75 from the northern border of

Woodson county, then south on United States highway 75 to the northern city limits of the city of Yates Center is hereby designated as the Eldon K Miller memorial highway. Upon compliance with K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 68-10,114, and amendments thereto, the secretary of transportation shall place highway signs along the highway right-of-way at proper intervals to indicate that the highway is the Eldon K Miller memorial highway.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 68-1051 is hereby amended to read as follows: 68-1051. The portion of United States highway 75 where it enters the state on the Kansas-Nebraska border on the north then south to the junction with K-9, then south from the junction of K-9 with K-62 to the junction of K-62 with K-16 then east to the junction with United States highway 75 then south on United States highway 75 to the southern city limits of Holton, then from the junction of United States highway 75 and N.W. 46th street in Shawnee county then south on United States highway 75 to the southern boundary of Osage county, then from the northern ~~boundary of Woodson county city limits of the city of Yates Center~~ south on United States highway 75 to ~~the~~ northern interchange with United States highway 400, then south from the southern interchange with United States highway 400 to the Kansas-Oklahoma border, is hereby designated the purple heart/combat wounded veterans highway. The secretary of transportation shall place markers along the highway right-of-way at proper intervals to indicate that the highway is the purple heart/combat wounded veterans highway. The secretary of transportation may accept and administer gifts and donations to aid in obtaining suitable highway signs bearing the proper approved inscription.";

Also on page 1, in line 32, after "Supp." by inserting "68-1051 and"; also in line 32, by striking "is" and inserting "are";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

On page 1, in the title, in line 1, by striking "regulating traffic" and inserting "concerning roads and highways"; in line 2, after the semicolon by inserting "designating a portion of United States highway 75 as the Eldon K Miller memorial highway"; also in line 2, after "Supp." by inserting "68-1051 and"; in line 3, by striking "section" and inserting "sections";

And your committee on conference recommends the adoption of this report.

MIKE PETERSEN

DON DOLL

PAT PETTEY

Conferees on part of Senate

RICHARD J. PROEHL

SHANNON FRANCIS

Conferees on part of House

On motion of Rep. Proehl, the conference committee report on **HB 2096** was adopted.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 119; Nays 5; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 1.

Yeas: Alcalá, Alford, Arnberger, Aurand, Averkamp, Baker, Ballard, Barker, Becker, Bishop, Blex, Brim, Burroughs, Campbell, Carlin, Carmichael, B. Carpenter, Claeyes, Clark, Clayton, Concannon, Corbet, Cox, Crum, S., Curtis, E. Davis, Deere, Dierks, Dietrich, Dove, Elliott, Ellis, Eplee, Esau, Finch, Finney, Francis, Frownfelter,

Gallagher, Garber, Gartner, Good, Hawkins, Helgerson, Henderson, Hibbard, Highberger, Highland, Hineman, Hodge, Hoffman, Holscher, Houser, Humphries, Jacobs, Jennings, Johnson, K. Jones, Judd-Jenkins, Karleskint, Kelly, Kessinger, Koesten, Kuether, Lakin, Landwehr, Lewis, Lusk, Lusker, Markley, Mason, Mastroni, Miller, Murnan, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Orr, Osterman, Ousley, Parker, F. Patton, Phelps, Phillips, Pittman, Proehl, Rafie, Rahjes, Ralph, Resman, Rooker, Ruiz, Ryckman, Sawyer, Schreiber, Schroeder, Seiwert, Sloan, Smith, A., Smith, E., Stogsdill, Sutton, S. Swanson, Tarwater, Terrell, Thimesch, Thompson, Trimmer, Victors, Ward, Waymaster, Weber, C., Weigel, Wheeler, Whipple, Whitmer, K. Williams, Wilson, Winn, Wolfe Moore.

Nays: DeGraaf, Delperdang, R. Powell, Schwab, Vickrey.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: Huebert.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Taxation** recommends **HB 2380** be passed.

On motion of Rep. Hineman, the House recessed until 1:15 p.m.

EARLY AFTERNOON SESSION

The House met pursuant to recess with Speaker pro tem Schwab in the chair.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

There being no objection, the following remarks of Rep. Finney are spread upon the Journal.

Today I have the honor of introducing Ms. Kansas Teen 2017 & Ms. Wichita 2016, Brillian Lengeju, daughter of Namelokai Sein Lengeju, to the House of Representatives. She is a freshman honor roll student at Trinity Academy with a goal of graduating high school with a 4.0 GPA and attending NYU with a double major in music and business.

She has an impressive resume for a 14 year old. She was the 2016 Boys and Girls Club Leadership winner, a Kansas Legislative Youth Leadership Award winner, a Keep Girls Safe Foundation Leadership winner, two times Statewide Talent Winner, two times Statewide Spokes Model winner, three times Spirit Award winner, two times National Qualifier for Pageant Nominee, a Jesture Ensemble (i.e. Theater) nominee and Student Worship Leader at Maranantha Worship Center. She has many talents including singing, dancing, speaking and multi-lingual.

Her Kansas Teen Platform is to supply adolescents living in poverty with hygiene products, primarily females with feminine hygiene products.

Her International Kansas Teen Platform "From Kansas to Kenya" is to supply girls in third world countries with feminine hygiene products.

On motion of Rep. Hineman, the House recessed until 4:30 p.m

LATE AFTERNOON SESSION

The House met pursuant to recess with Speaker pro tem Schwab in the chair.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

The Senate adopts the Conference Committee report on **SB 112**.

The Senate concurs in House amendments to **SB 205**, and requests return of the bill.

The Senate adopts the Conference Committee report on **S Sub for HB 2053**.

The Senate adopts the Conference Committee report on **HB 2301**.

Announcing passage of **HB 2356**.

INTRODUCTION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS

On motion of Rep. Hineman, pursuant to subsection (k) of Joint Rule 4 of the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, the rules were suspended for the purpose of considering **SB 16**, **SB 149**, **SB 30**.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MADAM PRESIDENT and MR. SPEAKER: Your committee on conference on House amendments to **SB 16** submits the following report:

The Senate accedes to all House amendments to the bill, and your committee on conference further agrees to amend the bill as printed with House Committee of the Whole amendments, as follows:

On page 14, following line 15, by inserting:

"Sec. 4. On and after January 1, 2018, K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 40-221a is hereby amended to read as follows: 40-221a. (a) ~~Any insurance company organized under the laws of this state may (1) with the consent of the commissioner of insurance, cede all of its risks to any other solvent insurance company authorized to transact business in this state or accept all of the risks of any other company, (2) accept all or any part of an individual risk or all or any part of a particular class of risks which it is authorized to insure, and (3) cede all or any part of an individual risk or all or any part of a particular class of risks to another solvent insurer or insurers having the power to accept such reinsurance.~~

~~(b) Any insurance company organized under the laws of this state may take credit as an asset or as a deduction from loss and unearned premium reserves on such ceded risks to the extent reinsured by an insurer or insurers authorized to transact business in this state, but such credit on ceded risks reinsured by any insurer which is not authorized to transact business in this state may be taken in an amount not exceeding:~~

~~(1) The amount of deposits by, and funds withheld from, the assuming insurer pursuant to express provision therefor in the reinsurance contract, as security for the payment of the obligations thereunder, if such deposits or funds are held subject to~~

withdrawal by, and under the control of, the ceding insurer or are placed in trust for such purposes in a qualified United States financial institution, if withdrawals from such trust cannot be made without the consent of the ceding company;

(2) the amount of a clean and irrevocable letter of credit issued by a qualified United States financial institution if such letter of credit is initially issued for a term of at least one year and by its terms is automatically renewed at each expiration date for at least an additional one-year term unless at least 30 days prior written notice of intention not to renew is given to the ceding company by the issuing qualified United States financial institution or the assuming company and provided that such letter of credit is issued under arrangements satisfactory to the commissioner of insurance as constituting security to the ceding insurer substantially equal to that of a deposit under paragraph (1) of this subsection; or

(3) the amount of loss and unearned premium reserves on such ceded risks to an assuming insurer which maintains a trust fund in a qualified United States financial institution, as defined in (b)(3)(D), for the payment of the valid claims of its United States ceding insurers, their assigns and successors in interest. The assuming insurer shall report annually to the commissioner information substantially the same as that required to be reported on the national association of insurance commissioners annual statement form by licensed insurers to enable the commissioner to determine the sufficiency of the trust fund. In the case of a single assuming insurer, the trust shall consist of a trusteed account representing the assuming insurer's liability attributable to business written in the United States and, in addition, the assuming insurer shall maintain a trusteed surplus of not less than \$20,000,000. In the case of a group including incorporated and individual unincorporated underwriters, the trust shall consist of a trusteed account representing the group's liabilities attributable to business written in the United States and, in addition, the group shall maintain a trusteed surplus of which \$100,000,000 shall be held jointly for the benefit of United States ceding insurers of any member of the group; the incorporated members of the group shall not be engaged in any business other than underwriting as a member of the group and shall be subject to the same level of solvency regulation and control by the group's domiciliary regulator as are the unincorporated members; and the group shall make available to the commissioner an annual certification of the solvency of each underwriter by the group's domiciliary regulator and its independent public accountants.

(A) Such trust must be in a form approved by the commissioner of insurance. The trust instrument shall provide that contested claims shall be valid and enforceable upon the final order of any court of competent jurisdiction in the United States. The trust shall vest legal title to its assets in the trustees of the trust for its United States ceding insurers, their assigns and successors in interest. The trust and the assuming group or insurer shall be subject to examination as determined by the commissioner. The trust, described herein, must remain in effect for as long as the assuming group or insurer shall have outstanding obligations due under the reinsurance agreements subject to the trust.

(B) No later than February 28 of each year the trustees of the trust shall report to the commissioner in writing setting forth the balance of the trust and listing the trust's investments at the preceding year end and shall certify the date of termination of the trust, if so planned, or certify that the trust shall not expire prior to the next following December 31.

(C) ~~The credit authorized under subsection (b)(3) shall not be allowed unless the assuming group or insurer agrees in the reinsurance agreements:~~

~~(i) That in the event of the failure of the assuming group or insurer to perform its obligations under the terms of the reinsurance agreement, the assuming group or insurer, at the request of the ceding insurer, shall submit to the jurisdiction of any court of competent jurisdiction in any state of the United States, will comply with all requirements necessary to give such court jurisdiction, and will abide by the final decision of such court or of any appellate court in the event of an appeal; and~~

~~(ii) to designate the commissioner or a designated attorney as its true and lawful attorney upon whom may be served any lawful process in any action, suit or proceeding instituted by or on behalf of the ceding company.~~

~~(iii) This provision is not intended to conflict with or override the obligation of the parties to a reinsurance agreement to arbitrate their disputes, if such an obligation to do so is created in the agreement.~~

(D) (i) For the purposes of paragraphs (1) and (3) of subsection (b), a "qualified United States financial institution" means, for purposes of those provisions of this law specifying those institutions that are eligible to act as a fiduciary of a trust, an institution that:

~~(aa) Is organized, or (in the case of a U.S. branch or agency office of a foreign banking organization) licensed, under the laws of the United States or any state thereof and has been granted authority to operate with fiduciary powers; and~~

~~(bb) is regulated, supervised and examined by federal or state authorities having regulatory authority over banks and trust companies.~~

~~(ii) For the purposes of paragraph (2) of subsection (b), "qualified United States financial institution" means, for the purpose of those provisions of this law specifying those institutions that are eligible to issue a letter of credit, an institution that:~~

~~(aa) Is organized or (in the case of a United States office of a foreign banking organization) licensed, under the laws of the United States or any state thereof;~~

~~(bb) is regulated, supervised and examined by United States federal or state authorities having regulatory authority over banks and trust companies; and~~

~~(cc) has been determined by the insurance commissioner to meet such standards of financial condition and standing as are considered necessary and appropriate to regulate the quality of financial institutions whose letters of credit will be acceptable to the commissioner.~~

In making determinations under this clause, the commissioner may consult with the securities valuation office of the national association of insurance commissioners.

(e) ~~No credit shall be allowed, as an admitted asset or deduction from liability, to any ceding insurer organized under the laws of this state for reinsurance, unless the reinsurance contract provides, in substance, that in the event of the insolvency of the ceding insurer, the reinsurance shall be payable under a contract reinsured by the assuming insurer on the basis of the liability of the ceding company under the contract or contracts reinsured, as approved by the liquidation court, without diminution because of the insolvency of the ceding company. Any reinsurance agreement entered into with a domestic insurer which may be canceled on less than 90 days' notice, and which cancellation would constitute a material cancellation as defined by K.S.A. 40-2,156a, and amendments thereto, must provide in the reinsurance agreement, in substance, for a run-off of the reinsurance in force at the date of cancellation, unless the agreement is~~

anceled for nonpayment of premium or fraud in the inducement. Reinsurance payments shall be made directly to the ceding insurer or to its domiciliary liquidator except: (1) Where the reinsurance contract or policy reinsured specifically provides another payee of such reinsurance in the event of the insolvency of the ceding insurer; or (2) where the assuming insurer, with the consent of the direct insured, has assumed such policy obligations of the ceding insurer as direct obligations of the assuming insurer to the payees under such policies and in substitution for the obligations of the ceding insurer to such payees.

(d) ~~The reinsurance agreement may provide that the domiciliary liquidator of an insolvent ceding insurer shall give written notice to the assuming insurer of the pendency of a claim against such ceding insurer on the contract reinsured within a reasonable time after such claim is filed in the liquidation proceeding. During the pendency of such claim, any assuming insurer may investigate such claim and interpose, at its own expense, in the proceeding where such claim is to be adjudicated any defenses which it deems available to the ceding insurer, or its liquidator. Such expense may be filed as a claim against the insolvent ceding insurer to the extent of a proportionate share of the benefit which may accrue to the ceding insurer solely as a result of the defense undertaken by the assuming insurer. Where two or more assuming insurers are involved in the same claim and a majority in interest elect to interpose a defense to such claim, the expense shall be apportioned in accordance with the terms of the reinsurance agreement as though such expense had been incurred by the ceding insurer. Credit for reinsurance shall be allowed a domestic ceding insurer as either an asset or a reduction from liability on account of reinsurance ceded only when the reinsurer meets the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6). Credit shall be allowed under paragraphs (1), (2) or (3) of this subsection only as respects cessions of those kinds or classes of business that the assuming insurer is licensed or otherwise permitted to write or assume in its state of domicile or, in the case of a United States branch of an alien assuming insurer, in the state through which it is entered and licensed to transact insurance or reinsurance. Credit shall be allowed only under paragraphs (3) or (4) of this subsection if the applicable requirements of paragraph (7) have been satisfied.~~

(1) Credit shall be allowed when the reinsurance is ceded to an assuming insurer that is licensed to transact insurance or reinsurance in this state.

(2) Credit shall be allowed when the reinsurance is ceded to an assuming insurer that is accredited by the commissioner as a reinsurer in this state. In order to be eligible for accreditation, an assuming insurer must:

(A) File with the commissioner evidence of the assuming insurer's submission to this state's jurisdiction;

(B) submit to this state's authority to examine the assuming insurer's books and records;

(C) be licensed to transact insurance or reinsurance in at least one state, or in the case of a United States branch of an alien assuming insurer, be entered through and licensed to transact insurance or reinsurance in at least one state;

(D) file annually with the commissioner a copy of the assuming insurer's annual statement filed with the insurance department of the assuming insurer's state of domicile and a copy of the assuming insurer's most recent audited financial statement; and

(E) demonstrate to the satisfaction of the commissioner that it has adequate

financial capacity to meet the assuming insurer's reinsurance obligations and is otherwise qualified to assume reinsurance from domestic insurers. An assuming insurer is deemed to meet this requirement as of the time of the assuming insurer's application if it maintains a surplus as regards policyholders in an amount not less than \$20,000,000 and its accreditation has not been denied by the commissioner within 90 days after submission of its application.

(3) (A) Credit shall be allowed when the reinsurance is ceded to an assuming insurer that is domiciled in, or in the case of a United States branch of an alien assuming insurer is entered through, a state that employs standards regarding credit for reinsurance substantially similar to those applicable under this statute and the assuming insurer or United States branch of an alien assuming insurer:

(i) Maintains a surplus as regards policyholders in an amount not less than \$20,000,000; and

(ii) submits to the authority of this state to examine the assuming insurer's books and records.

(B) The requirement of subsection (a)(3)(A)(i) does not apply to reinsurance ceded and assumed pursuant to pooling arrangements among insurers in the same holding company system.

(4) (A) Credit shall be allowed when the reinsurance is ceded to an assuming insurer that maintains a trust fund in a qualified United States financial institution, as defined in subsection (c)(2), for the payment of the valid claims of the assuming insurer's United States ceding insurers, their assigns and successors in interest. To enable the commissioner to determine the sufficiency of the trust fund, the assuming insurer shall report annually to the commissioner information substantially the same as that required to be reported on the national association of insurance commissioners annual statement form by licensed insurers. The assuming insurer shall submit to examination of its books and records by the commissioner and bear the expense of examination:

(B) (i) credit for reinsurance shall not be granted under this subsection unless the form of the trust and any amendments to the trust have been approved by either of the following:

(a) The commissioner of the state where the trust is domiciled; or

(b) the commissioner of another state who, pursuant to the terms of the trust instrument, has accepted principal regulatory oversight of the trust.

(ii) The form of the trust and any trust amendments also shall be filed with the commissioner of every state in which the ceding insurer's beneficiaries of the trust are domiciled. The trust instrument shall provide that contested claims shall be valid and enforceable upon the final order of any court of competent jurisdiction in the United States. The trust shall vest legal title to the trust's assets in its trustees for the benefit of the assuming insurer's United States ceding insurers, their assigns and successors in interest. The trust and the assuming insurer shall be subject to examination as determined by the commissioner.

(iii) The trust shall remain in effect for as long as the assuming insurer has outstanding obligations due under the reinsurance agreements subject to the trust. No later than February 28 of each year, the trustee of the trust shall report to the commissioner in writing the balance of the trust and the listing of the trust's investments at the preceding year-end and shall certify the date of termination of the trust, if so.

planned, or certify that the trust will not expire prior to the following December 31.

(C) The following requirements apply to the following categories of the assuming insurer:

(i) The trust fund for a single assuming insurer shall consist of funds in trust in an amount not less than the assuming insurer's liabilities attributable to reinsurance ceded by United States ceding insurers, and, in addition, the assuming insurer shall maintain a trusted surplus of not less than \$20,000,000, except as provided in subsection (a)(4)(C) (ii).

(ii) At any time after the assuming insurer has permanently discontinued underwriting new business secured by the trust for at least three full years, the commissioner with principal regulatory oversight of the trust may authorize a reduction in the required trusted surplus, but only after a finding, based on an assessment of the risk, that the new required surplus level is adequate for the protection of United States ceding insurers, policyholders and claimants in light of reasonably foreseeable adverse loss development. The risk assessment may involve an actuarial review, including an independent analysis of reserves and cash flows, and shall consider all material risk factors, including, when applicable, the lines of business involved, the stability of the incurred loss estimates and the effect of the surplus requirements on the assuming insurer's liquidity or solvency. The minimum required trusted surplus shall not be reduced to an amount less than 30% of the assuming insurer's liabilities attributable to reinsurance ceded by United States ceding insurers covered by the trust;

(iii) (a) in the case of a group including incorporated and individual unincorporated underwriters, all of the following requirements are met:

(1) For reinsurance ceded under reinsurance agreements with an inception, amendment or renewal date on or after January 1, 1993, the trust shall consist of a trusted account in an amount not less than the respective underwriters' several liabilities attributable to business ceded by United States domiciled ceding insurers to any underwriter of the group;

(2) for reinsurance ceded under reinsurance agreements with an inception date on or before December 31, 1992, and not amended or renewed after that date, notwithstanding the other provisions of this act, the trust shall consist of a trusted account in an amount not less than the respective underwriters' several insurance and reinsurance liabilities attributable to business written in the United States; and

(3) in addition to the trusts described in subsections (a)(4)(B)(iii)(a)(1) and (a)(4)(B)(iii)(a)(2), the group shall maintain in trust a trusted surplus of which \$100,000,000 shall be held jointly for the benefit of the United States domiciled ceding insurers of any member of the group for all years of account.

(b) The incorporated members of the group shall not be engaged in any business other than underwriting as a member of the group and shall be subject to the same level of regulation and solvency control by the group's domiciliary regulator as are the unincorporated members of the group; and

(c) within 90 days after its financial statements are due to be filed with the group's domiciliary regulator, the group shall provide to the commissioner an annual certification by the group's domiciliary regulator of the solvency of each underwriter member, or if a certification is unavailable, financial statements prepared by independent public accountants of each underwriter member of the group.

(iv) In the case of a group of incorporated underwriters under common

administration, the group shall meet all of the following requirements:

(a) Have continuously transacted an insurance business outside the United States for at least three years immediately prior to making application for accreditation;

(b) maintain an aggregate policyholders' surplus of at least \$10,000,000,000;

(c) maintain a trust fund in an amount not less than the group's several liabilities attributable to business ceded by United States domiciled ceding insurers to any member of the group pursuant to reinsurance contracts issued in the name of the group;

(d) in addition, maintain a joint trustee surplus of which \$100,000,000 shall be held jointly for the benefit of United States domiciled ceding insurers of any member of the group as additional security for these liabilities; and

(e) within 90 days after the group's financial statements are due to be filed with the group's domiciliary regulator, make available to the commissioner an annual certification of each underwriter member's solvency by the member's domiciliary regulator and financial statements of each underwriter member of the group prepared by its independent public accountant.

(5) Credit shall be allowed when the reinsurance is ceded to an assuming insurer that has been certified by the commissioner as a reinsurer in this state and the reinsurer secures its obligations in accordance with the following requirements:

(A) In order to be eligible for certification, the assuming insurer shall meet all of the following requirements:

(i) Be domiciled and licensed to transact insurance or reinsurance in a qualified jurisdiction, as determined by the commissioner pursuant to subsection (a)(5)(C);

(ii) maintain minimum capital and surplus, or its equivalent, in an amount to be determined by the commissioner pursuant to regulation;

(iii) maintain financial strength ratings from two or more rating agencies deemed acceptable by the commissioner pursuant to regulation;

(iv) agree to submit to the jurisdiction of this state, appoint the commissioner as the assuming insurer's agent for service of process in this state, and agree to provide security for 100% of the assuming insurer's liabilities attributable to reinsurance ceded by United States ceding insurers if the assuming insurer resists enforcement of a final United States judgment;

(v) agree to meet applicable information filing requirements as determined by the commissioner, both with respect to an initial application for certification and on an ongoing basis; and

(vi) satisfy any other requirements for certification deemed relevant by the commissioner.

(B) An association including incorporated and individual unincorporated underwriters may be a certified reinsurer. In order to be eligible for certification, in addition to satisfying the requirements of subsection (a)(5)(A) and all of the following requirements:

(i) The association shall satisfy its minimum capital and surplus requirements through the capital and surplus equivalents, net of liabilities, of the association and its members, which shall include a joint central fund that may be applied to any unsatisfied obligation of the association or any of its members, in an amount determined by the commissioner to provide adequate protection;

(ii) the incorporated members of the association shall not be engaged in any business other than underwriting as a member of the association and shall be subject to

the same level of regulation and solvency control by the association's domiciliary regulator as are the unincorporated members of the association; and

(iii) within 90 days after the association's financial statements are due to be filed with the association's domiciliary regulator, the association shall provide to the commissioner an annual certification by the association's domiciliary regulator of the solvency of each underwriter member. If a certification is unavailable, financial statements prepared by independent public accountants of each underwriter member of the association shall be provided instead.

(C) The commissioner shall create and publish a list of qualified jurisdictions under which an assuming insurer licensed and domiciled in such jurisdiction is eligible to be considered for certification by the commissioner as a certified reinsurer.

(i) In order to determine whether the domiciliary jurisdiction of a non-United States assuming insurer is eligible to be recognized as a qualified jurisdiction, the commissioner shall evaluate the appropriateness and effectiveness of the reinsurance supervisory system of the jurisdiction, both initially and on an ongoing basis, and consider the rights, benefits and the extent of reciprocal recognition afforded by the non-United States jurisdiction to reinsurers licensed and domiciled in the United States. In order to be recognized as a qualified jurisdiction, a jurisdiction must agree to share information and cooperate with the commissioner with respect to all certified reinsurers domiciled within that jurisdiction. A jurisdiction shall not be recognized as a qualified jurisdiction if the commissioner has determined that the jurisdiction does not adequately and promptly enforce final United States judgments and arbitration awards. Additional factors may be considered in the discretion of the commissioner.

(ii) A list of qualified jurisdictions shall be published through the national association of insurance commissioners' process. The commissioner shall consider this list in determining qualified jurisdictions. If the commissioner recognizes a jurisdiction as qualified that does not appear on the list of qualified jurisdictions, the commissioner shall provide thoroughly documented justification in accordance with criteria to be developed under rules and regulations.

(iii) United States jurisdictions that meet the requirement for accreditation under the national association of insurance commissioners' financial standards and accreditation program shall be recognized as qualified jurisdictions.

(iv) If a certified reinsurer's domiciliary jurisdiction ceases to be a qualified jurisdiction, the commissioner has the discretion to suspend the reinsurer's certification indefinitely, in lieu of revocation.

(D) The commissioner shall assign a rating to each certified reinsurer, giving due consideration to the financial strength ratings that have been assigned by rating agencies deemed acceptable to the commissioner pursuant to rules and regulations. The commissioner shall publish a list of all certified reinsurers and their ratings.

(E) A certified reinsurer shall secure obligations assumed from United States ceding insurers under this subsection at a level consistent with the certified reinsurer's rating, as specified in rules and regulations promulgated by the commissioner.

(i) In order for a domestic ceding insurer to qualify for full financial statement credit for reinsurance ceded to a certified reinsurer, the certified reinsurer shall maintain security in a form acceptable to the commissioner and consistent with the provisions of subsection (b), or in a multi-beneficiary trust in accordance with subsection (a)(4), except as otherwise provided in this subsection.

(ii) If a certified reinsurer maintains a trust to fully secure its obligations subject to subsection (a)(4), and chooses to secure its obligations incurred as a certified reinsurer in the form of a multi-beneficiary trust, the certified reinsurer shall maintain separate trust accounts for its obligations incurred under reinsurance agreements issued or renewed as a certified reinsurer with reduced security as permitted by this subsection or comparable laws of other United States jurisdictions and for its obligations subject to subsection (a)(4). It shall be a condition to the grant of certification under subsection (a) (5) that the certified reinsurer shall have bound itself, by the language of the trust and agreement with the commissioner who has principal regulatory oversight of each such trust account, to fund, upon termination of any such trust account, any deficiency of any other such trust account out of the remaining surplus of the terminated trust account.

(iii) The minimum trustee surplus requirements provided in subsection (a)(4) are not applicable with respect to a multi-beneficiary trust maintained by a certified reinsurer for the purpose of securing obligations incurred under this subsection, except that such trust shall maintain a minimum trustee surplus of \$10,000,000.

(iv) With respect to obligations incurred by a certified reinsurer under this subsection, if the security is insufficient, the commissioner shall reduce the allowable credit by an amount proportionate to the deficiency, and the commissioner has the discretion to impose further reductions in allowable credit upon finding there is a material risk that the certified reinsurer's obligations will not be paid in full when due.

(v) For purposes of this subsection, a certified reinsurer whose certification has been terminated for any reason shall be treated as a certified reinsurer required to secure 100% of its obligations.

(a) As used in this paragraph, the term "terminated" includes revocation, suspension, voluntary surrender and inactive status.

(b) If the commissioner continues to assign a higher rating as permitted by other provisions of this subsection, this requirement does not apply to a certified reinsurer in inactive status or to a reinsurer whose certification has been suspended.

(F) If an assuming insurer applying for certification as a reinsurer in this state has been certified as a reinsurer in another jurisdiction accredited by the national association of insurance commissioners, the commissioner has the discretion to defer to that jurisdiction's certification, and has the discretion to defer to the rating assigned by that jurisdiction, and such assuming insurer shall be considered to be a certified reinsurer in this state.

(G) A certified reinsurer that ceases to assume new business in this state may request to maintain the reinsurer's certification in inactive status in order to continue to qualify for a reduction in amount of security required for the reinsurer's in force business. An inactive certified reinsurer shall continue to comply with all applicable requirements of this subsection, and the commissioner shall assign a rating that takes into account, if relevant, the reasons why the reinsurer is not assuming new business.

(6) Credit shall be allowed when the reinsurance is ceded to an assuming insurer that does not meet the requirements of subsections (a)(1) through (a)(5), but only as to the insurance of risks located in jurisdictions where the reinsurance is required by applicable law or regulation of that jurisdiction.

(7) If the assuming insurer is not licensed, accredited or certified to transact insurance or reinsurance in this state, the credit permitted by subsections (a)(3) and (a) (4) of this section shall not be allowed, unless the assuming insurer agrees in the

reinsurance agreement to do all of the following:

(A) (i) In the event of the failure of the assuming insurer to perform its obligations under the terms of the reinsurance agreement, the assuming insurer, at the request of the ceding insurer, will: Submit to the jurisdiction of any court of competent jurisdiction in any state of the United States; comply with all requirements necessary to give the court jurisdiction; and abide by the final decision of the court or of any appellate court in the event of an appeal; and

(ii) the assuming insurer will designate the commissioner or a designated attorney as its true and lawful attorney to receive lawful process in any action, suit or proceeding instituted by or on behalf of the ceding insurer.

(B) This subsection is not intended to conflict with or override the obligation of the parties to a reinsurance agreement to arbitrate their disputes, if the obligation is created in the agreement.

(8) If the assuming insurer does not meet the requirements of subsection (a)(1), (a)(2) or (a)(3), the credit permitted by subsection (a)(4) or (a)(5) shall not be allowed unless the assuming insurer agrees in a trust agreement to the following conditions:

(A) Notwithstanding any other provisions in the trust instrument, if the trust fund is inadequate because the trust fund contains an amount less than the amount required by subsection (a)(4)(C), or if the grantor of the trust has been declared insolvent or has been placed into receivership, rehabilitation, liquidation or similar proceedings under the laws of the trust's state or country of domicile, the trustee shall comply with an order of the commissioner with regulatory oversight over the trust or with an order of a court of competent jurisdiction directing the trustee to transfer all of the assets of the trust fund to the commissioner with regulatory oversight over the trust.

(B) The assets shall be distributed and claims shall be filed with and valued by the commissioner with regulatory oversight in accordance with the laws of the state in which the trust is domiciled that are applicable to the liquidation of domestic insurance companies.

(C) If the commissioner with regulatory oversight over the trust determines that the assets of the trust fund or any part of the trust fund are not necessary to satisfy the claims of the United States ceding insurers of the grantor of the trust, the assets of the trust or part of those assets shall be returned by the commissioner with regulatory oversight over the trust to the trustee for distribution in accordance with the trust agreement.

(D) The grantor shall waive any right otherwise available to it under United States law that is inconsistent with the provisions of this subsection.

(9) Credit for reinsurance ceded to a certified reinsurer is limited to reinsurance contracts entered or renewed on or after the effective date of the certification of the assuming insurer by the commissioner.

(10) If an accredited or certified reinsurer ceases to meet the requirements of this section for accreditation or certification, the commissioner may suspend or revoke the reinsurer's accreditation or certification.

(A) The commissioner shall give the reinsurer notice and opportunity for a hearing prior to such suspension or revocation. The suspension or revocation shall not take effect until after the commissioner's order on hearing, unless one of the following applies:

(i) The reinsurer waives its right to a hearing;

(ii) the commissioner's order is based on regulatory action by the reinsurer's domiciliary jurisdiction or by the voluntary surrender or termination of the reinsurer's eligibility to transact insurance or reinsurance business in its domiciliary jurisdiction or in the primary certifying state of the reinsurer under subsection (a)(5)(F); or

(iii) the commissioner finds that an emergency requires immediate action and a court of competent jurisdiction has not stayed the commissioner's action.

(B) While a reinsurer's accreditation or certification is suspended, a reinsurance contract issued or renewed after the effective date of the suspension does not qualify for credit, except to the extent that the reinsurer's obligations under the reinsurance contract are secured in accordance with subsection (b). If a reinsurer's accreditation or certification is revoked, credit for reinsurance shall not be granted after the effective date of the revocation, except to the extent that the reinsurer's obligations under the contract are secured in accordance with subsection (a)(5)(A) or (a)(5)(B).

(11) (A) A domestic ceding insurer shall take steps to manage its reinsurance recoverables proportionate to its own book of business. A domestic ceding insurer shall notify the commissioner within 30 days after reinsurance recoverables from any single assuming insurer, or group of affiliated assuming insurers, exceeds 50% of the domestic ceding insurer's last reported surplus to policyholders, or after it is determined that reinsurance recoverables from any single assuming insurer, or group of affiliated assuming insurers, is likely to exceed this limit. The notification shall demonstrate that the exposure is safely managed by the domestic ceding insurer.

(B) A domestic ceding insurer shall take steps to diversify its reinsurance program. A domestic ceding insurer shall notify the commissioner within 30 days after ceding to any single assuming insurer, or group of affiliated assuming insurers, more than 20% of the ceding insurer's gross written premium in the prior calendar year, or after the domestic ceding insurer has determined that the reinsurance ceded to any single assuming insurer, or group of affiliated assuming insurers, is likely to exceed this limit. The notification shall demonstrate that the exposure is safely managed by the domestic ceding insurer.

(b) An asset or a reduction from liability for the reinsurance ceded by a domestic insurer to an assuming insurer not meeting the requirements of subsection (a) shall be allowed in an amount not exceeding the liabilities carried by the ceding insurer. The reduction shall be in the amount of funds held by or on behalf of the ceding insurer, including funds held in trust for the ceding insurer, under a reinsurance contract with the assuming insurer as security for the payment of obligations under the contract, if the security is held in the United States subject to withdrawal solely by, and under the exclusive control of, the ceding insurer; or, in the case of a trust, held in a qualified United States financial institution, as defined in subsection (c)(2). The security may be in the form of any of the following:

(1) Cash;

(2) a security listed by the securities valuation office of the national association of insurance commissioners, including those securities deemed exempt from filing as defined by the purposes and procedures manual of the national association of insurance commissioners investment analysis office, and qualifying as admitted assets;

(3) (A) clean, irrevocable, unconditional letters of credit, issued or confirmed by a qualified United States financial institution, as defined in subsection (c)(1), effective no later than December 31 of the year for which the filing is being made, and in the

possession of, or in trust for, the ceding insurer on or before the filing date of the ceding insurer's annual statement; or

(B) a letter of credit meeting applicable standards of issuer acceptability as of the date of the letter of credit's issuance, or confirmation, shall, notwithstanding the issuing or confirming, institution's subsequent failure to meet applicable standards of issuer acceptability, continue to be acceptable as security until their expiration, extension, renewal, modification or amendment, whichever first occurs; or

(4) any other form of security acceptable to the commissioner.

(c) (1) For purposes of subsection (b)(3), a "qualified United States financial institution" means an institution that meets all of the following requirements:

(A) Is organized or, in the case of a United States office of a foreign banking organization, licensed under the laws of the United States or any state thereof;

(B) is regulated, supervised and examined by United States federal or state authorities having regulatory authority over banks and trust companies; and

(C) has been determined by either the commissioner or the securities valuation office of the national association of insurance commissioners to meet the standards of financial condition and standing as are considered necessary and appropriate to regulate the quality of financial institutions whose letters of credit will be acceptable to the commissioner.

(2) For purposes of those provisions of this law specifying those institutions that are eligible to act as a fiduciary of a trust, a "qualified United States financial institution" means an institution that meets all of the following requirements:

(i) Is organized, or in the case of a United States branch or agency office of a foreign banking organization, is licensed under the laws of the United States or any state of the United States and has been granted authority to operate with fiduciary powers; and

(ii) is regulated, supervised and examined by federal or state authorities having regulatory authority over banks and trust companies.

(d) The commissioner is hereby authorized to adopt any rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this law. Such rules and regulations shall be adopted no later than January 1, 2019.

(e) This section shall apply to all cessions under reinsurance contracts that occur on or after January 1, 2018. ";

Also on page 14, following line 16; by inserting:

"Sec. 6. On and after January 1, 2018, K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 40-221a is hereby repealed.";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

On page 1, in the title, in line 1, by striking all after the first semicolon; by striking lines 2 through 4; in line 5, by striking all before the semicolon and inserting "relating to the insurance holding company act; credit for reinsurance; exemption of certain service contracts from regulation as insurance"; also in line 5, after "40-201a" by inserting "and 40-221a"; in line 6, by striking "section" and inserting "sections";

And your committee on conference recommends the adoption of this report.

JENE VICKREY
 WILLIE DOVE
 CINDY NEIGHBOR
Conferees on part of House

JEFF LONGBINE
 RICK BILLINGER
 LYNN W. ROGERS
Conferees on part of Senate

On motion of Rep. Vickrey, the conference committee report on **SB 16** was adopted.
 Call of the House was demanded.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 123; Nays 0; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 2.

Yeas: Alcalá, Alford, Arnberger, Aurand, Awerkamp, Baker, Ballard, Barker, Becker, Bishop, Blex, Brim, Burroughs, Campbell, Carlin, Carmichael, Claeys, Clark, Clayton, Concannon, Corbet, Cox, Crum, S., Curtis, E. Davis, Deere, DeGraaf, Delperdang, Dierks, Dietrich, Dove, Elliott, Ellis, Eplee, Esau, Finch, Finney, Francis, Frownfelter, Gallagher, Garber, Gartner, Good, Hawkins, Helgerson, Henderson, Hibbard, Highberger, Highland, Hineman, Hodge, Hoffman, Houser, Huebert, Humphries, Jacobs, Jennings, Johnson, K. Jones, Judd-Jenkins, Karleskint, Kelly, Kessinger, Koesten, Kuether, Lakin, Landwehr, Lewis, Lusk, Lusker, Markley, Mason, Mastroni, Miller, Murnan, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Orr, Osterman, Ousley, Parker, F. Patton, Phelps, Phillips, Pittman, R. Powell, Proehl, Rafie, Rahjes, Ralph, Resman, Rooker, Ruiz, Ryckman, Sawyer, Schreiber, Schroeder, Schwab, Seiwert, Sloan, Smith, A., Smith, E., Stogsdill, Sutton, S. Swanson, Tarwater, Terrell, Thimesch, Thompson, Trimmer, Vickrey, Victors, Ward, Waymaster, Weber, C., Weigel, Wheeler, Whipple, Whitmer, K. Williams, Wilson, Winn, Wolfe Moore.

Nays: None.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: B. Carpenter, Holscher.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MADAM PRESIDENT and MR. SPEAKER: Your committee on conference on House amendments to **SB 149** submits the following report:

The Senate accedes to all House amendments to the bill, and your committee on conference further agrees to amend the bill as printed with House Committee amendments, as follows:

On page 1, in line 7, before "Section" by inserting "New"; in line 14 before "Sec." by inserting "New";

On page 2, following line 20, by inserting:

"New Sec. 3. (a) On and after the effective date of this act, all of the powers, duties, functions, records and property of the office of the inspector general within the department of health and environment are hereby transferred to the office of inspector general within the office of the attorney general, except as is otherwise provided.

(b) (1) The office of inspector general within the office of the attorney general shall be the successor in every way of the powers, duties and functions of the office of the inspector general within the department of health and environment in which the same were vested prior to the effective date of this act, except as otherwise provided.

(2) Whenever the office of the inspector general within the department of health and environment, or words of like effect, is referred to or designated by a statute, contract or other document, such reference or designation shall be deemed to apply to the office of inspector general within the office of the attorney general.

(3) All orders or directives of the office of the inspector general within the department of health and environment in existence on the effective date of this act shall continue to be effective and shall be deemed to be the orders or directives of the office of inspector general within the office of the attorney general, until revised, amended, repealed or nullified pursuant to law.

(c) On the effective date of this act, all unexpended balances of appropriations of the office of the inspector general within the department of health and environment shall be transferred to the office of the attorney general to be used by the office of inspector general within the office of the attorney general to carry out the powers, duties and functions transferred to the office of the inspector general within the office of the attorney general by the provisions of this act.

(d) (1) No suit, action or other proceeding, judicial or administrative, lawfully commenced, or which could have been commenced, by or against any existing state agency mentioned in this act, or by or against any officer of the state in the officer's official capacity or in relation to the discharge of the officer's official duties, shall abate by reason of the taking effect of this act. The court may allow any such suit, action or other proceeding to be maintained by or against the successor of any such existing state agency, or any officer affected.

(2) No criminal action commenced or which could have been commenced by the state shall abate by the taking effect of this act.

(e) Whenever any conflict arises as to the disposition of any power, function or duty or the unexpended balance of any appropriation as a result of any abolishment, transfer, attachment or other change made by this act, or under authority of this act, the conflict shall be resolved by the governor and such decision of the governor shall be final.

Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 50-6,109a is hereby amended to read as follows: 50-6,109a. (a) The attorney general is hereby given jurisdiction and authority over all matters involving the implementation, administration and enforcement of the provisions of the scrap metal theft reduction act including to:

(1) Employ or appoint agents as necessary to implement, administer and enforce the act;

(2) contract;

(3) expend funds;

(4) license and discipline;

(5) investigate;

(6) issue subpoenas;

(7) keep statistics; and

(8) conduct education and outreach programs to promote compliance with the act.

(b) In accordance with the rules and regulations filing act, the attorney general is

hereby authorized to adopt rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of the scrap metal theft reduction act.

(c) There is hereby established in the state treasury the scrap metal theft reduction fee fund to be administered by the attorney general. All moneys received by the attorney general from fees, charges or penalties collected under the provisions of the scrap metal theft reduction act shall be remitted to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto, who shall deposit the entire amount thereof in the state treasury to the credit of the scrap metal theft reduction fee fund. All expenditures from such fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the attorney general or the attorney general's designee. All moneys credited to the scrap metal theft reduction fee fund shall be expended for the administration of the duties, functions and operating expenses incurred under the provisions of the scrap metal theft reduction act.

(d) ~~Before July January 1, 2016~~ 2019, the attorney general shall establish and maintain a database which shall be a central repository for the information required to be provided under K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 50-6,110, and amendments thereto. The database shall be maintained for the purpose of providing information to law enforcement and for any other purpose deemed necessary by the attorney general to implement and enforce the provisions of the scrap metal theft reduction act.

(e) The information required by K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 50-6,110, and amendments thereto, maintained in such database by the attorney general, or by any entity contracting with the attorney general, submitted to, maintained or stored as part of the system shall:

(1) Be confidential, shall only be used for investigatory, evidentiary or analysis purposes related to criminal violations of city, state or federal law and shall only be released to law enforcement in response to an official investigation or as permitted in subsection (d); and

(2) not be a public record and shall not be subject to the Kansas open records act, K.S.A. 45-215 et seq., and amendments thereto. The provisions of this subsection shall expire on July 1, 2020, unless the legislature reviews and reenacts this provision pursuant to K.S.A. 45-229, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 5. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 50-6,109c is hereby amended to read as follows: 50-6,109c. (a) Any scrap metal dealer who violates any of the provisions of the scrap metal theft reduction act, in addition to any other penalty provided by law, may incur a civil penalty imposed pursuant to subsection (b) in an amount not less than \$100 nor more than \$5,000 for each violation.

(b) The attorney general, upon a finding that a scrap metal dealer or any employee or agent thereof or any person or entity required to be registered as a scrap metal dealer has violated any of the provisions of the scrap metal theft reduction act may impose a civil penalty as provided in this subsection upon such scrap metal dealer.

(c) A civil penalty shall not be imposed pursuant to this section except upon the written order of the attorney general to the scrap metal dealer who is responsible for the violation. Such order is a final order for purposes of judicial review and shall state the violation, the penalty to be imposed and the right of such dealer to appeal as provided in the Kansas judicial review act.

(d) ~~This section shall take effect on and after January 1, 2016~~ This section shall be

unenforceable and shall not apply from the effective date of this act to January 1, 2019.

Sec. 6. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 50-6,110 is hereby amended to read as follows: 50-6,110. (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to sell any item or items of regulated scrap metal to a scrap metal dealer, or employee or agent of a dealer, in this state unless such person meets the requirements of this subsection.

(1) Such person shall present to such scrap metal dealer, or employee or agent of such dealer, at or before the time of sale, the following: The seller's name, address, sex, date of birth and the seller's driver's license, military identification card, passport or personal identification license. An official governmental document for a country other than the United States may be used to meet this requirement provided that a legible fingerprint is also obtained from the seller.

(2) Such person shall complete and sign the statement provided for in subsection (b)(10).

(b) Every scrap metal dealer shall keep a register in which the dealer, or employee or agent of the dealer, shall at the time of purchase or receipt of any item for which such information is required to be presented, cross-reference to previously received information, or accurately and legibly record at the time of sale the following information:

(1) The time, date and place of transaction;

(2) the seller's name, address, sex, date of birth and the identifying number from the seller's driver's license, military identification card, passport or personal identification license; the identifying number from an official governmental document for a country other than the United States may be used to meet this requirement provided that a legible fingerprint is also obtained from the seller;

(3) a copy of the identification card or document containing such identifying number. Failure to comply with the provisions of this paragraph between the effective date of this act and January 1, 2019, may result in an assessment of a civil penalty by the attorney general of not less than \$100 nor more than \$5,000 for each violation;

(4) the license number, color and style or make of any motor vehicle in which the junk vehicle or other regulated scrap metal property is delivered in a purchase transaction;

(5) a general description, made in accordance with the custom of the trade, of the predominant types of junk vehicle or other regulated scrap metal property purchased in the transaction;

(6) the weight, quantity or volume, made in accordance with the custom of the trade, of the regulated scrap metal property purchased;

(7) if a junk vehicle or vehicle part is being bought or sold, a description of the junk vehicle or vehicle part, including the make, model, color, vehicle identification number and serial number if applicable;

(8) the price paid for, traded for or dealt for in a transaction for the junk vehicle or other regulated scrap metal property;

(9) the full name of the individual acting on behalf of the regulated scrap metal dealer in making the purchase; and

(10) a signed statement from the seller indicating from where the property was obtained and that: (A) Each item is the seller's own personal property, is free of encumbrances and is not stolen; or (B) the seller is acting for the owner and has permission to sell each item. If the seller is not the owner, such statement shall include

the name and address of the owner of the property.

(c) Every scrap metal dealer shall photograph ~~both the seller and~~ the item or lot of items being sold at the time of purchase or receipt of any item for which such information is required to be presented. Such photographs shall be kept with the record of the transaction and the scrap metal dealer's register of information required by subsection (b). Failure to comply with the provisions of this subsection between the effective date of this act and January 1, 2019, may result in an assessment of a civil penalty by the attorney general of not less than \$100 nor more than \$5,000 for each violation.

(d) The scrap metal dealer's register of information required by subsection (b), including copies of identification cards and signed statements by sellers, and photographs required by subsection (c) may be kept in electronic format.

(e) Every scrap metal dealer shall forward the information required by this section to the database described in K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 50-6,109a, and amendments thereto.

(f) Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, this section shall not apply to transactions in which the seller is a:

- (1) Registered scrap metal dealer;
- (2) vehicle dealer licensed under chapter 8 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto; or
- (3) scrap metal dealer or vehicle dealer registered or licensed in another state.

(g) (1) Except as provided in subsection (g)(2), this section shall not apply to transactions in which the seller is known to the purchasing scrap metal dealer to be a licensed business that operates out of a fixed business location and that can reasonably be expected to generate regulated scrap metal.

(2) The attorney general may determine, by rules and regulations, which of the requirements of this section shall apply to transactions described in subsection (g)(1).

(h) The amendments made to subsection (e) by section 13 of chapter 96 of the 2015 Session Laws of Kansas shall be unenforceable and shall not apply from the effective date of this act to January 1, 2019.

Sec. 7. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 50-6,111 is hereby amended to read as follows: 50-6,111. (a) It shall be unlawful for any such scrap metal dealer, or employee or agent of the dealer, to purchase any item or items of regulated scrap metal in a transaction for which K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 50-6,110, and amendments thereto, requires information to be presented by the seller, without demanding and receiving from the seller that information. Every scrap metal dealer shall file and maintain a record of information obtained in compliance with the requirements in K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 50-6,110, and amendments thereto. All records kept in accordance with the provisions of the scrap metal theft reduction act shall be open at all times to law enforcement officers and shall be kept for two years. If the required information is maintained in electronic format, the scrap metal dealer shall provide a printout of the information to law enforcement officers upon request.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any scrap metal dealer, or employee or agent of the dealer, to purchase any junk vehicle in a transaction for which K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 50-6,110, and amendments thereto, requires information to be presented by the seller, without:

- (1) Inspecting the vehicle offered for sale and recording the vehicle identification number; and

(2) obtaining an appropriate bill of sale issued by a governmentally operated vehicle impound facility if the vehicle purchased has been impounded by such facility or agency.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any scrap metal dealer, or employee or agent of the dealer, to purchase or receive any regulated scrap metal from a minor unless such minor is accompanied by a parent or guardian or such minor is a licensed scrap metal dealer.

(d) It shall be unlawful for any scrap metal dealer, or employee or agent of the dealer, to purchase any of the following items without obtaining proof that the seller is an employee, agent or person who is authorized to sell the item on behalf of the governmental entity; utility provider; railroad; cemetery; civic organization; manufacturing, industrial or other commercial vendor that generates or sells such items in the regular course of business; or scrap metal dealer:

- (1) Utility access cover;
- (2) street light poles or fixtures;
- (3) road or bridge guard rails;
- (4) highway or street sign;
- (5) water meter cover;
- (6) traffic directional or traffic control signs;
- (7) traffic light signals;
- (8) any metal marked with any form of the name or initials of a governmental entity;
- (9) property owned and marked by a telephone, cable, electric, water or other utility provider;
- (10) property owned and marked by a railroad;
- (11) funeral markers or vases;
- (12) historical markers;
- (13) bales of regulated metal;
- (14) beer kegs;
- (15) manhole covers;
- (16) fire hydrants or fire hydrant caps;
- (17) junk vehicles with missing or altered vehicle identification numbers;
- (18) real estate signs;
- (19) bleachers or risers, in whole or in part;
- (20) twisted pair copper telecommunications wiring of 25 pair or greater existing in 19, 22, 24 or 26 gauge; and
- (21) burnt wire.

(e) It shall be unlawful for any scrap metal dealer, or employee or agent of the dealer, to sell, trade, melt or crush, or in any way dispose of, alter or destroy any regulated scrap metal, junk vehicle or vehicle part upon notice from any law enforcement agency, or any of their agents or employees, that they have cause to believe an item has been stolen. A scrap metal dealer shall hold any of the items that are designated by or on behalf of the law enforcement agency for 30 days, exclusive of weekends and holidays.

(f) Failure to comply with the provisions of this section between the effective date of this act and January 1, 2019, may result in an assessment of a civil penalty by the attorney general of not less than \$100 nor more than \$5,000 for each violation.

Sec. 8. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 50-6,112a is hereby amended to read as follows: 50-

6,112a. (a) A scrap metal dealer shall not purchase any regulated scrap metal without having first registered each place of business with the attorney general as herein provided.

(b) The attorney general shall establish a system for the public to confirm scrap metal dealer registration certificates. Such system shall include a listing of valid registration certificates and such other information collected pursuant to the scrap metal theft reduction act, as the attorney general may determine is appropriate. Disclosure of any information through use of the system established by the attorney general shall not be deemed to be an endorsement of any scrap metal dealer or determination of any facts, qualifications, information or reputation of any scrap metal dealer by the attorney general, the state, or any of their respective agents, officers, employees or assigns.

(c) A registration for a scrap metal dealer shall be verified and upon a form approved by the attorney general and contain:

(1) (A) The name and residence of the applicant, including all previous names and aliases; or

(B) if the applicant is a: Corporation, the name and address of each manager, officer or director thereof, and each stockholder owning in the aggregate more than 25% of the stock of such corporation; or partnership or limited liability company, the name and address of each partner or member;

(2) the length of time that the applicant has resided within the state of Kansas and a list of all residences outside the state of Kansas during the previous 10 years;

(3) the particular place of business for which a registration is desired, the name of the business, the address where the business is to be conducted, the hours of operation and the days of the week during which the applicant proposes to engage in business;

(4) the name of the owner of the premises upon which the place of business is located; and

(5) the applicant shall disclose any prior convictions within 10 years immediately preceding the date of making the registration for: A violation of article 37 of chapter 21 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, prior to their repeal, or K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 21-5801 through 21-5839 or K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 21-6412(a)(6), and amendments thereto; perjury, K.S.A. 21-3805, prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 21-5903, and amendments thereto; compounding a crime, K.S.A. 21-3807, prior to its repeal; obstructing legal process or official duty, K.S.A. 21-3808, prior to its repeal; falsely reporting a crime, K.S.A. 21-3818, prior to its repeal; interference with law enforcement, K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 21-5904, and amendments thereto; interference with judicial process, K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 21-5905, and amendments thereto; or any crime involving dishonesty or false statement or any substantially similar offense pursuant to the laws of any city, state or of the United States.

(d) Each registration for a scrap metal dealer to purchase regulated scrap metal shall be accompanied by a fee of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,500, as prescribed by the attorney general for each particular place of business for which a registration is desired.

(e) The attorney general shall accept a registration for a scrap metal dealer as otherwise provided for herein, from any scrap metal dealer qualified to file such registration, to purchase regulated scrap metals. Such registration shall be issued for a period of one year.

(f) If an original registration is accepted, the attorney general shall grant and issue

renewals thereof upon application of the registration holder, if the registration holder is qualified to receive the same and the registration has not been revoked as provided by law. The renewal fee shall be not more than \$1,500, as prescribed by the attorney general.

(g) Any registration issued under the scrap metal theft reduction act shall not be transferable.

(h) This section shall not apply to a business licensed under the provisions of K.S.A. 8-2404, and amendments thereto, unless such business buys or recycles regulated scrap metal that are not motor vehicle components.

(i) The amendments made to subsections (d) and (f) by section 15 of chapter 96 of the 2015 Session Laws of Kansas shall be unenforceable and shall not apply from the effective date of this act to January 1, 2019.

Sec. 9. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 50-6,112b is hereby amended to read as follows: 50-6,112b. (a) After examining the information contained in a filing for a scrap metal dealer registration and determining the registration meets the statutory requirements for such registration, the attorney general shall accept such filing and the scrap metal dealer shall be deemed to be properly registered.

(b) No scrap metal registration shall be accepted for:

(1) A person who is not a citizen or legal permanent resident of the United States.

(2) A person who is under 18 years of age and whose parents or legal guardians have been convicted of a felony or other crime which would disqualify a person from registration under this section and such crime was committed during the time that such parents or legal guardians held a registration under the scrap metal theft reduction act.

(3) A person who, within 10 years immediately preceding the date of filing, has pled guilty to, entered into a diversion agreement for, been convicted of, released from incarceration for or released from probation or parole for committing, attempting to commit, or conspiring to commit a violation of: Article 37 of chapter 21 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, prior to their repeal, or K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 21-5801 through 21-5839 or K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 21-6412(a)(6), and amendments thereto; perjury, K.S.A. 21-3805, prior to its repeal, or K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 21-5903 and amendments thereto; compounding a crime, K.S.A. 21-3807, prior to its repeal; obstructing legal process or official duty, K.S.A. 21-3808, prior to its repeal; falsely reporting a crime, K.S.A. 21-3818, prior to its repeal; interference with law enforcement, K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 21-5904 and amendments thereto; interference with judicial process, K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 21-5905 and amendments thereto; or any crime involving dishonesty or false statement or any substantially similar offense pursuant to the laws of any city, state or of the United States.

(4) A person who within the 10 years immediately preceding the date of registration held a scrap metal dealer registration which was revoked, or managed a facility for a scrap metal dealer whose registration was revoked, or was an employee whose conduct led to or contributed to the revocation of such registration.

(5) A person who makes a materially false statement on the registration application or has made a materially false statement on a registration or similar filing within the last 10 years.

(6) A partnership or limited liability company, unless all partners or members of the partnership or limited liability company are otherwise qualified to file a registration.

(7) A corporation, if any manager, officer or director thereof, or any stockholder

owning in the aggregate more than 25% of the stock of such corporation, would be ineligible to receive a license hereunder for any reason.

(8) A person whose place of business is conducted by a manager or agent unless the manager or agent possesses all of the qualifications for registration.

(9) A person whose spouse has been convicted of a felony or other crime which would disqualify a person from registration under this section and such crime was committed during the time that the spouse held a registration under the scrap metal theft reduction act.

(10) A person who does not own the premises upon which the place of business is located for which a license is sought, unless the person has a written lease for at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of the period for which the license is to be issued.

(c) Any person filing a scrap metal dealer registration may be subject to a criminal history records check and may be given a written notice that a criminal history records check is required. The attorney general may require such applicant to be fingerprinted and submit to a state and national criminal history record check. If required, such fingerprints shall be used to identify the applicant and to determine whether the applicant has a record of criminal history in this state or another jurisdiction. The attorney general shall submit any fingerprints provided to the Kansas bureau of investigation and the federal bureau of investigation for a state and national criminal history record check. Local and state law enforcement officers and agencies shall assist the attorney general in the taking and processing of fingerprints of applicants. The attorney general may use the information obtained from fingerprinting and the criminal history for purposes of verifying the identification of the applicant and in the official determination of whether the scrap metal dealer registration shall be accepted. If the criminal history record information is used to disqualify an applicant, the applicant shall be informed in writing of that decision.

(d) The amendments made to subsections (b)(10) and (c) by section 16 of chapter 96 of the 2015 Session Laws of Kansas shall be unenforceable and shall not apply from the effective date of this act to January 1, 2019.

Sec. 10. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 75-7427 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-7427. (a) As used in this section:

(1) "Attorney general" means the attorney general of the state of Kansas, employees of the attorney general or authorized representatives of the attorney general.

(2) "Benefit" means the receipt of money, goods, items, facilities, accommodations or anything of pecuniary value.

(3) "Claim" means an electronic, electronic impulse, facsimile, magnetic, oral, telephonic or written communication that is utilized to identify any goods, service, item, facility or accommodation as reimbursable to the state medicaid program, or its fiscal agents, the state mediKan program or the state children's health insurance program or which states income or expense.

(4) "Client" means past or present beneficiaries or recipients of the state medicaid program, the state mediKan program or the state children's health insurance program.

(5) "Contractor" means any contractor, supplier, vendor or other person who, through a contract or other arrangement, has received, is to receive or is receiving public funds or in-kind contributions from the contracting agency as part of the state medicaid program, the state mediKan program or the state children's health insurance program, and shall include any sub-contractor.

(6) "Contractor files" means those records of contractors which relate to the state medicaid program, the state mediKan program or the state children's health insurance program.

(7) "Fiscal agent" means any corporation, firm, individual, organization, partnership, professional association or other legal entity which, through a contractual relationship with the state of Kansas receives, processes and pays claims under the state medicaid program, the state mediKan program or the state children's health insurance program.

(8) "Health care provider" means a health care provider as defined under K.S.A. 65-4921, and amendments thereto, who has applied to participate in, who currently participates in, or who has previously participated in the state medicaid program, the state mediKan program or the state children's health insurance program.

~~(9) "Department" means the department of health and environment, or its successor agency.~~

~~(10)~~ "Managed care program" means a program which provides coordination, direction and provision of health services to an identified group of individuals by providers, agencies or organizations.

~~(11)~~(10) "Medicaid program" means the Kansas program of medical assistance for which federal or state moneys, or any combination thereof, are expended, or any successor federal or state, or both, health insurance program or waiver granted thereunder.

~~(12)~~(11) "Person" means any agency, association, corporation, firm, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, natural person, organization, partnership or other legal entity, the agents, employees, independent contractors, and subcontractors, thereof, and the legal successors thereto.

~~(13)~~(12) "Provider" means a person who has applied to participate in, who currently participates in, who has previously participated in, who attempts or has attempted to participate in the state medicaid program, the state mediKan program or the state children's health insurance program, by providing or claiming to have provided goods, services, items, facilities or accommodations.

~~(14)~~(13) "Recipient" means an individual, either real or fictitious, in whose behalf any person claimed or received any payment or payments from the state medicaid program, or its fiscal agent, the state mediKan program or the state children's health insurance program, whether or not any such individual was eligible for benefits under the state medicaid program, the state mediKan program or the state children's health insurance program.

~~(15)~~(14) "Records" means all written documents and electronic or magnetic data, including, but not limited to, medical records, x-rays, professional, financial or business records relating to the treatment or care of any recipient; goods, services, items, facilities or accommodations provided to any such recipient; rates paid for such goods, services, items, facilities or accommodations; and goods, services, items, facilities or accommodations provided to nonmedicaid recipients to verify rates or amounts of goods, services, items, facilities or accommodations provided to medicaid recipients, as well as any records that the state medicaid program, or its fiscal agents, the state mediKan program or the state children's health insurance program require providers to maintain. "Records" shall not include any report or record in any format which is made pursuant to K.S.A. 65-4922, 65-4923 or 65-4924, and amendments thereto, and which

is privileged pursuant to K.S.A. 65-4915 or 65-4925, and amendments thereto.

~~(16)~~(15) "State children's health insurance program" means the state children's health insurance program as provided in K.S.A. 38-2001 et seq., and amendments thereto.

(b) (1) There is hereby established within the ~~department of health and environment~~ office of the attorney general the office of inspector general. All budgeting, purchasing and related management functions and personnel of the office of inspector general shall be administered under the direction and supervision of the ~~executive director of the department of health and environment~~ attorney general. The purpose of the office of inspector general is to establish a full-time program of audit, investigation and performance review to provide increased accountability, integrity and oversight of the state medicaid program, the state medikan program and the state children's health insurance program ~~within the jurisdiction of the department of health and environment~~ and to assist in improving agency and program operations and in deterring and identifying fraud, waste, abuse and illegal acts. The office of inspector general shall be independent and free from political influence and in performing the duties of the office under this section shall conduct investigations, audits, evaluations, inspections and other reviews in accordance with professional standards that relate to the fields of investigation and auditing in government.

(2) (A) The inspector general shall be appointed by the ~~department of health and environment~~ attorney general with the advice and consent of the senate and subject to confirmation by the senate as provided in K.S.A. 75-4315b, and amendments thereto. Except as provided in K.S.A. 46-2601, and amendments thereto, no person appointed to the position of inspector general shall exercise any power, duty or function of the inspector general until confirmed by the senate. The inspector general shall be selected without regard to political affiliation and on the basis of integrity and capacity for effectively carrying out the duties of the office of inspector general. The inspector general shall possess demonstrated knowledge, skills, abilities and experience in conducting audits or investigations and shall be familiar with the programs subject to oversight by the office of inspector general.

(B) No former or current executive or manager of any program or agency subject to oversight by the office of inspector general may be appointed inspector general within two years of that individual's period of service with such program or agency. The inspector general shall hold at time of appointment, or shall obtain within one year after appointment, certification as a certified inspector general from a national organization that provides training to inspectors general.

(C) ~~The term of the person first appointed to the position of inspector general shall expire on January 15, 2009. Thereafter,~~ A person appointed to the position of inspector general shall serve for a term which shall expire on January 15 of each year in which the whole senate is sworn in for a new term.

(D) The inspector general shall be in the ~~classified unclassified~~ service and shall receive ~~such compensation as is determined by law~~ an annual salary in an amount equal to the annual salary paid by the state to a district court judge, except that such compensation may be increased but not diminished during the term of office of the inspector general. The inspector general may be removed from office prior to the expiration of the inspector general's term of office ~~in accordance with the Kansas civil service act by the attorney general for cause~~. The inspector general shall exercise

independent judgment in carrying out the duties of the office of inspector general under subsection (b). Appropriations for the office of inspector general shall be made to the ~~department of health and environment attorney general~~ by separate line item appropriations for the office of inspector general. The inspector general shall report to the ~~secretary of health and environment attorney general~~.

(E) ~~Subject to subsection (b)(1),~~ the inspector general shall have general managerial control over the office of the inspector general and shall establish the organization structure of the office as the inspector general deems appropriate to carry out the responsibilities and functions of the office.

(3) Within the limits of appropriations therefor, the ~~inspector attorney~~ general may hire such employees in the unclassified service as are necessary to administer the office of the inspector general. Such employees shall serve at the pleasure of the ~~inspector attorney~~ general. Subject to appropriations ~~and to subsection (b)(1),~~ the inspector general may obtain the services of certified public accountants, qualified management consultants, professional auditors, or other professionals necessary to independently perform the functions of the office.

(c) (1) In accordance with the provisions of this section, the duties of the office of inspector general shall be to oversee, audit, investigate and make performance reviews of the state medicaid program, the state medikAn program and the state children's health insurance program, ~~which programs are within the jurisdiction of the department of health and environment or their successor programs.~~

(2) In order to carry out the duties of the office, the inspector general shall conduct independent and ongoing evaluation of ~~the department of health and environment and of such programs administered by the department of health and environment or their successor programs,~~ which oversight includes, but is not limited to, the following:

(A) Investigation of fraud, waste, abuse and illegal acts ~~by the department of health and environment and its agents, employees, vendors, contractors, consumers, clients and health care providers or other providers directly relating to such programs.~~

(B) Audits of ~~the department of health and environment, its employees, state programs,~~ contractors, vendors and health care providers related to ensuring that appropriate payments are made for services rendered and to the recovery of overpayments.

(C) Investigations of fraud, waste, abuse or illegal acts committed by clients of the ~~department of health and environment programs~~ or by consumers of services administered by the ~~department of health and environment of such programs.~~

(D) Monitoring adherence to the terms of ~~the any~~ contract between ~~the department of health and environment a state agency~~ and an organization, ~~if any,~~ with which the ~~department state agency~~ has entered into a contract to make claims payments.

(3) Upon finding credible evidence of fraud, waste, abuse or illegal acts, the inspector general shall report its findings to the ~~department of health and environment and refer the findings to the attorney general.~~

(d) The inspector general shall have access to all pertinent information, confidential or otherwise, and to all personnel and facilities of ~~the department of health and environment, their employees, a state agency, state~~ vendors, contractors and health care providers and any federal, state or local governmental agency that are necessary to perform the duties of the office as directly related to such programs ~~administered by the department.~~ Access to contractor or health care provider files shall be limited to those

files necessary to verify the accuracy of the contractor's or health care provider's invoices or their compliance with the contract provisions or program requirements. No health care provider shall be compelled under the provisions of this section to provide individual medical records of patients who are not clients of the state medicaid program, the state medikAn program or the state children's health insurance program. State and local governmental agencies are authorized and directed to provide to the inspector general requested information, assistance or cooperation.

(e) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the inspector general and all employees and former employees of the office of inspector general shall be subject to the same duty of confidentiality imposed by law on any such person or agency with regard to any such information, and shall be subject to any civil or criminal penalties imposed by law for violations of such duty of confidentiality. The duty of confidentiality imposed on the inspector general and all employees and former employees of the office of inspector general shall be subject to the provisions of subsection (f), and the inspector general may furnish all such information to the attorney general, Kansas bureau of investigation or office of the United States attorney in Kansas pursuant to subsection (f). Upon receipt thereof, the attorney general, Kansas bureau of investigation or office of the United States attorney in Kansas and all assistants and all other employees and former employees of such offices shall be subject to the same duty of confidentiality with the exceptions that any such information may be disclosed in criminal or other proceedings which may be instituted and prosecuted by the attorney general or the United States attorney in Kansas, and any such information furnished to the attorney general, the Kansas bureau of investigation or the United States attorney in Kansas under subsection (f) may be entered into evidence in any such proceedings.

(f) All investigations conducted by the inspector general shall be conducted in a manner that ensures the preservation of evidence for use in criminal prosecutions, civil actions or agency administrative actions. If the inspector general determines that a possible criminal act or false claim relating to fraud in the provision or administration of such programs ~~administered by the department of health and environment~~ has been committed, the inspector general shall immediately notify the ~~office of the Kansas~~ attorney general. If the inspector general determines that a possible criminal act has been committed within the jurisdiction of the office, the inspector general may request the special expertise of the Kansas bureau of investigation. The inspector general may present for prosecution the findings of any criminal investigation to the office of the attorney general or the office of the United States attorney in Kansas.

(g) To carry out the duties as described in this section, the inspector general and the inspector general's designees shall have the power to compel by subpoena the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of books, electronic records and papers as directly related to such programs ~~administered by the department of health and environment~~. Access to contractor files shall be limited to those files necessary to verify the accuracy of the contractor's invoices or its compliance with the contract provisions. No health care provider shall be compelled to provide individual medical records of patients who are not clients of ~~the department~~ such a program or programs.

(h) The inspector general shall report all convictions, terminations and suspensions taken against vendors, contractors and health care providers to ~~the department of health~~

~~and environment and to~~ any agency contracting with or responsible for licensing or regulating those persons or entities. If the inspector general determines reasonable suspicion exists that an act relating to the violation of an agency licensure or regulatory standard has been committed by a vendor, contractor or health care provider who is licensed or regulated by an agency, the inspector general shall immediately notify such agency of the possible violation.

(i) The inspector general shall make annual reports, findings and recommendations regarding the office's investigations into reports of fraud, waste, abuse and illegal acts relating to any such programs ~~administered by the director of health care finance to the secretary of health and environment to the appropriate state agency,~~ the legislative post auditor, the committee on ways and means of the senate, the committee on appropriations of the house of representatives, the attorney general and the governor. These reports shall include, but not be limited to, the following information:

- (1) Aggregate provider billing and payment information;
- (2) the number of audits of such programs administered by the department of health and environment and the dollar savings, if any, resulting from those audits;
- (3) health care provider sanctions, in the aggregate, including terminations and suspensions; and
- (4) a detailed summary of the investigations undertaken in the previous fiscal year, which summaries shall comply with all laws and rules and regulations regarding maintaining confidentiality in such programs ~~administered by the department of health and environment.~~

(j) Based upon the inspector general's findings under subsection (c), the inspector general may make such recommendations to the ~~department of health and environment state agency or agencies which administer such program or programs~~ or the legislature for changes in law, rules and regulations, policy or procedures as the inspector general deems appropriate to carry out the provisions of law or to improve the efficiency of such programs ~~administered by the department of health and environment.~~ The inspector general shall not be required to obtain permission or approval from any other official or department prior to making any such recommendation.

(k) (1) The inspector general shall make provision to solicit and receive reports of fraud, waste, abuse and illegal acts in such programs ~~administered by the department of health and environment~~ from any person or persons who shall possess such information. The inspector general shall not disclose or make public the identity of any person or persons who provide such reports pursuant to this subsection unless such person or persons consent in writing to the disclosure of such person's identity. Disclosure of the identity of any person who makes a report pursuant to this subsection shall not be ordered as part of any administrative or judicial proceeding. Any information received by the inspector general from any person concerning fraud, waste, abuse or illegal acts in such programs ~~administered by the department of health and environment~~ shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed or made public, upon subpoena or otherwise, except such information may be disclosed if: (A) Release of the information would not result in the identification of the person who provided the information; (B) the person or persons who provided the information to be disclosed consent in writing prior to its disclosure; (C) the disclosure is necessary to protect the public health; or (D) the information to be disclosed is required in an administrative proceeding or court proceeding and appropriate provision has been made to allow disclosure of the

information without disclosing to the public the identity of the person or persons who reported such information to the inspector general.

(2) No person shall:

(A) Prohibit any agent, employee, contractor or subcontractor from reporting any information under subsection (k)(1); or

(B) require any such agent, employee, contractor or subcontractor to give notice to the person prior to making any such report.

(3) Subsection (k)(2) shall not be construed as:

(A) Prohibiting an employer from requiring that an employee inform the employer as to legislative or auditing agency requests for information or the substance of testimony made, or to be made, by the employee to legislators or the auditing agency, as the case may be, on behalf of the employer;

(B) permitting an employee to leave the employee's assigned work areas during normal work hours without following applicable rules and regulations and policies pertaining to leaves, unless the employee is requested by a legislator or legislative committee to appear before a legislative committee or by an auditing agency to appear at a meeting with officials of the auditing agency;

(C) authorizing an employee to represent the employee's personal opinions as the opinions of the employer; or

(D) prohibiting disciplinary action of an employee who discloses information which: (i) The employee knows to be false or which the employee discloses with reckless disregard for its truth or falsity; (ii) the employee knows to be exempt from required disclosure under the open records act; or (iii) is confidential or privileged under statute or court rule.

(4) Any agent, employee, contractor or subcontractor who alleges that disciplinary action has been taken against such agent, employee, contractor or subcontractor in violation of this section may bring an action for any damages caused by such violation in district court within 90 days after the occurrence of the alleged violation.

(5) Any disciplinary action taken against an employee of a state agency or firm as such terms are defined under ~~subsection (b) of~~ K.S.A. 75-2973, and amendments thereto, for making a report under subsection (k)(1) shall be governed by the provisions of K.S.A. 75-2973, and amendments thereto.

(l) The scope, timing and completion of any audit or investigation conducted by the inspector general shall be within the discretion of the inspector general. Any audit conducted by the inspector general's office shall adhere and comply with all provisions of generally accepted governmental auditing standards promulgated by the United States government accountability office.

(m) Nothing in this section shall limit investigations by any state department or agency that may otherwise be required or permitted by law or that may be necessary in carrying out the duties and functions of such agency.

(n) No contractor who has been convicted of fraud, waste, abuse or illegal acts or whose actions have caused the state of Kansas to pay fines to or reimburse the federal government more than \$1,000,000 in the medicaid program shall be eligible for any state medicaid contracts subsequent to such conviction unless the ~~department of health and environment~~ attorney general finds that the contractor is the sole source for such contracts, is the least expensive source for the contract, has reimbursed the state of Kansas for all losses caused by the contractor, or the removal of the contractor would

create a substantial loss of access for medicaid beneficiaries, in which case ~~the department~~, after a specific finding to this effect ~~may waive~~, the prohibition of this subsection may be waived by the attorney general. Nothing in this section shall be construed to conflict with federal law, or to require or permit the use of federal funds where prohibited.

(o) ~~The department of health and environment, in accordance with K.S.A. 75-4319, and amendments thereto, may recess for a closed, executive meeting under the open meetings act, K.S.A. 75-4317 through 75-4320a, and amendments thereto, to discuss with the inspector general any information, records or other matters that are involved in any investigation or audit under this section. All information and records of the inspector general that are made, maintained, kept, obtained or received under any investigation or audit under this section shall be confidential, except as required or authorized pursuant to this section.~~

Sec. 11. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 50-6,109a, 50-6,109c, 50-6,110, 50-6,111, 50-6,112a, 50-6,112b and 75-7427 are hereby repealed.";

Also on page 2, in line 22, by striking "statute book" and inserting "Kansas register";
And by renumbering sections accordingly;

On page 1, in the title, in line 4, after "fund" by inserting "; the office of the inspector general; enforcement of the scrap metal theft reduction act; amending K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 50-6,109a, 50-6,109c, 50-6,110, 50-6,111, 50-6,112a, 50-6,112b and 75-7427 and repealing the existing sections";

And your committee on conference recommends the adoption of this report.

BLAINE FINCH

FRED PATTON

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Conferees on part of House

RICHARD E. WILBORN

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DAVID HALEY

Conferees on part of Senate

On motion of Rep. Finch, the conference committee report on **SB 149** was adopted.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 123; Nays 0; Present but not voting: 0; Absent or not voting: 2.

Yeas: Alcalá, Alford, Arnberger, Aurand, Awerkamp, Baker, Ballard, Barker, Becker, Bishop, Blex, Brim, Burroughs, Campbell, Carlin, Carmichael, Claeys, Clark, Clayton, Concannon, Corbet, Cox, Crum, S., Curtis, E. Davis, Deere, DeGraaf, Delperdang, Dierks, Dietrich, Dove, Elliott, Ellis, Eplee, Esau, Finch, Finney, Francis, Frownfelter, Gallagher, Garber, Gartner, Good, Hawkins, Helgerson, Henderson, Hibbard, Highberger, Highland, Hineman, Hodge, Hoffman, Houser, Huebert, Humphries, Jacobs, Jennings, Johnson, K. Jones, Judd-Jenkins, Karleskint, Kelly, Kessinger, Koesten, Kuether, Lakin, Landwehr, Lewis, Lusk, Lusker, Markley, Mason, Mastroni, Miller, Murnan, Neighbor, Ohaebosim, Orr, Osterman, Ousley, Parker, F. Patton, Phelps, Phillips, Pittman, R. Powell, Proehl, Rafie, Rahjes, Ralph, Resman, Rooker, Ruiz, Ryckman, Sawyer, Schreiber, Schroeder, Schwab, Seiwert, Sloan, Smith, A., Smith, E., Stogsdill, Sutton, S. Swanson, Tarwater, Terrell, Thimesch, Thompson,

Trimmer, Vickrey, Victors, Ward, Waymaster, Weber, C., Weigel, Wheeler, Whipple, Whitmer, K. Williams, Wilson, Winn, Wolfe Moore.

Nays: None.

Present but not voting: None.

Absent or not voting: B. Carpenter, Holscher.

REPORT ON ENGROSSED BILLS

HB 2096 reported correctly engrossed May 3, 2017.

On motion of Rep. Hineman, the House adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Thursday, May 4, 2017.

BECKIE HENDRICKS, JENNY HAUGH, JULIA WERNER, *Journal Clerks.*

SUSAN W. KANNARR, *Chief Clerk.*

