

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE BILL FOR SB 195 – DV

The current SB 195 be replaced with the following section and the title and the repealer section changed accordingly):

44-1138. Kansas employment first oversight commission; membership; duties

(a) There is hereby established a Kansas employment first oversight commission consisting of [~~five~~] **seven** members. The commission shall consist of the following members who shall serve for a three-year term:

(1) Four members who are persons with a disability or who are knowledgeable of disability issues and who are not state employees, of whom:

(A) One shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

(B) one shall be appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives;

(C) one shall be appointed by the president of the senate; and

(D) one shall be appointed by the minority leader of the senate;

(2) **three members shall be appointed by the governor as follows:**

(A) One member who is experienced with employment service programs [~~and who is not a state employee~~],

(B) one member who has a disability employment experience and

(C) one member with business employment experience [~~shall be appointed by the governor~~].

(b) The governor shall designate one member to convene and organize the first meeting of the commission at which the commission shall elect a chairperson and a vice-person from among its members. The commission shall meet at least four times a year and, additionally, whenever called by the chairperson. A quorum shall consist of [~~three~~] **four** members. All actions of the commission shall be taken by a majority of the members of the commission.

(c) Each member of the commission shall be paid mileage and other expenses as provided by K.S.A. 75-3212, and amendments thereto.

(d) [~~The commission shall establish measurable goals and objectives for the state of Kansas to ensure implementation of this act. The commission shall track the measurable progress of public agencies in implementing this act. All state agencies shall fully cooperate with and provide data and information to assist the commission in carrying out its duties.~~] **The focus of the commission shall be on**

increasing the number of Kansans with disabilities in competitive integrated employment. To increase the number of Kansans with disabilities achieving competitive integrated employment, the commission shall work collaboratively with state agencies that provide services specifically to assist Kansans with disabilities to become employed, and privately owned or operated organizations, non-profit organizations and community-based organizations that receive moneys from the state or federal government, or both, to provide services and supports that assist individuals with disabilities to obtain, maintain or regain competitive and integrated employment. In addition the commission may promote and educate state agencies and stakeholders regarding the employment first initiative.

(e) ~~[The commission shall issue an annual report on or before January 1 each year which shall be presented to the governor and members of the state legislature. The report shall detail progress toward the goals and objectives and full implementation of this act. All state agencies shall cooperate with the commission on the creation and dissemination of the annual report. The report also shall identify barriers to achieving the outcomes along with the effective strategies and policies that can help realize the employment first initiative.]~~ **At the commencement of each regular session of the legislature, the commission, in the form of an annual report, may make recommendations to the governor, legislature and state agencies on strategies to increase the number of Kansans with disabilities in competitive integrated employment. The lead agency shall cause the report to be published on the internet on the lead agency's web site.**

(f) The governor shall select from the cabinet agencies the lead agency responsible for compiling data and coordinating the preparation of the annual report at the direction of the commission. The activities of the commission and lead agency pursuant to this section shall be done within existing grants and resources.