

Kansas Turnpike Authority Contracts and Operations; HB 2085

HB 2085 amends provisions related to the relationship between the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) and the Kansas Turnpike Authority (KTA) in these ways:

- The bill designates the Secretary of Transportation (Secretary) as the director, rather than the director of operations, of the KTA. The bill also removes a July 1, 2016, sunset on the Secretary being in that position;
- The bill removes a July 1, 2016, effective date for provisions authorizing the Secretary and KTA to contract with each other (generally, allowing KTA to contract with KDOT for use of KDOT resources for certain types of work related to KTA projects), allowing the provisions to become effective with the bill; and
- The bill removes a July 1, 2016, sunset date for a section of law authorizing the KTA and the Secretary to take actions to minimize duplication of effort.

The bill also changes a KTA reporting requirement. The KTA has made an annual report to the Governor before March 31, for the preceding calendar year. The bill requires the report be made prior to the tenth day of each regular legislative session and to cover the preceding fiscal year.