

**SENATE BILL No. 160**

By Committee on Public Health and Welfare

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1 AN ACT concerning local health departments; prohibition of accreditation  
2 requirements.

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4 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

5 Section 1. (a) The determination of the roles, responsibilities,  
6 standards and duties of the secretary of health and environment, county  
7 boards of health, local health officers and local health program  
8 administrators shall be the sole responsibility of the state legislature or  
9 combined responsibility of the state legislature and the governing board of  
10 a county or municipality, unless otherwise specified by state law.

11 (b) All state and local public health agencies shall be prohibited from  
12 seeking, requesting, implementing, advocating or promoting any form of  
13 local health department accreditation or similar process that intentionally  
14 or unintentionally violates the spirit or intent of subsection (a).

15 (c) No state or local public health agency shall be permitted to assist,  
16 coordinate or participate in any activities with any person, public agency  
17 or private entity that seeks, requests, implements, advocates or promotes  
18 any form of local health department accreditation or similar process that  
19 intentionally or unintentionally violates the spirit or intent of subsection  
20 (a).

21 (d) No person, public agency or private entity shall, acting on behalf  
22 of or in cooperation with any state or local public health agency, seek,  
23 request, implement, advocate or promote any form of local health  
24 department accreditation or similar process that intentionally or  
25 unintentionally violates the spirit or intent of subsection (a).

26 (e) This act shall apply uniformly to all counties in the state.

27 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
28 publication in the statute book.