

2023 Kansas Statutes

38-1901. Kansas children's cabinet; membership and terms; qualifications; substantial interests prohibited; duties; expense allowances. On and after the effective date of this act:

(a) The advisory committee on children and families is hereby redesignated and shall be known and referred to as the Kansas children's cabinet.

(b) The Kansas children's cabinet shall consist of 15 members as follows: (1) The secretary of health and environment, or the secretary's designee; (2) the secretary for children and families, or the secretary's designee; (3) a member of the state board of regents selected by the state board of regents, or such member's designee; (4) the commissioner of education, or the commissioner's designee; (5) the commissioner of juvenile justice, or the commissioner's designee; (6) a member of the Kansas supreme court selected by the Kansas supreme court, or such member's designee; (7) five members of the public who are interested in and knowledgeable about the needs of children and families shall be appointed by the governor, which, subject to the provisions of subsection (e), may include persons who are children's advocates, members of organizations with experience in programs that benefit children or other individuals who have experience with children's programs and services; (8) one person appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; (9) one person appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives; (10) one person appointed by the president of the senate; and (11) one person appointed by the minority leader of the senate. The members designated by clauses (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) and (6) of this subsection shall be nonvoting members of the Kansas children's cabinet. All other members shall be voting members.

(c) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the members of the Kansas children's cabinet appointed by the governor, speaker, president and minority leaders shall serve for terms of four years and until their successors are appointed and qualified. The governor shall appoint a chairperson of the committee from among the members appointed by the governor. The chairperson shall serve in such office throughout such member's current term of office and until a successor is appointed and qualified. The members of the Kansas children's cabinet may elect any additional officers from among its members necessary to carry out the duties and functions of the Kansas children's cabinet.

(2) Of the members first appointed by the governor, two shall be appointed for terms of two years, two shall be appointed for terms of three years and the member selected by the governor to be the chairperson shall be appointed for a term of four years. The member first appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives shall be appointed for a term of one year, the member first appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives shall be appointed for a term of two years, the member first appointed by the president of the senate shall be appointed for a term of three years and the member first appointed by the minority leader of the senate shall be appointed for a term of four years. The governor shall designate the term for which each of the members first appointed by the governor shall serve.

(3) All members appointed to fill vacancies in the membership of the Kansas children's cabinet and all members appointed to succeed members appointed to membership on the Kansas children's cabinet shall be appointed in like manner as that provided for the original appointment of the member succeeded. All members appointed to fill vacancies of a member of the Kansas children's cabinet appointed by the governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, the minority leader of the house of representatives, the president of the senate or the minority leader of the senate shall be appointed to fill the unexpired term of such member.

(d) Not more than three members of the Kansas children's cabinet appointed by the governor under subsection (b)(7) shall be members of the same political party.

(e) (1) No person shall serve on the Kansas children's cabinet if such person has knowingly acquired a substantial interest in any business. Any such person who knowingly acquires such an interest shall vacate such member's position on the Kansas children's cabinet.

(2) For purposes of this subsection, "substantial interest" means any of the following:

(A) If an individual or an individual's spouse, either individually or collectively, has owned within the preceding 12 months a legal or equitable interest exceeding \$5,000 or 5% of any business, whichever is less, the individual has a substantial interest in that business.

(B) If an individual or an individual's spouse, either individually or collectively, has received during the preceding calendar year compensation which is or will be required to be included as taxable income on federal income tax returns of the individual and spouse in an aggregate amount of \$2,000 from any business or combination of businesses, the individual has a substantial interest in that business or combination of businesses.

(C) If an individual or an individual's spouse holds the position of officer, director, associate, partner or proprietor of any business, the individual has a substantial interest in that business, irrespective of that amount of compensation received by the individual or the individual's spouse.

(D) If an individual or an individual's spouse receives compensation which is a portion or percentage of each separate fee or commission paid to a business or combination of businesses, the individual has a substantial interest in any client or customer who pays fees or commissions to the business or combination of businesses from which fees or commissions the individual or the individual's spouse, either individually or collectively, received an aggregate of \$2,000 or more in the preceding calendar year.

(3) As used in this subsection, "client or customer" means a business or combination of businesses.

(4) As used in this subsection, "business" means any entity which is eligible to receive funds from the children's initiatives fund, as provided in K.S.A. 38-2102, and amendments thereto, from the children's initiatives accountability fund, established by K.S.A. 38-2103, and amendments thereto, or from the family and children trust account of the family and children investment fund, as provided in K.S.A. 38-1808, and amendments thereto.

(f) The Kansas children's cabinet shall meet upon the call of the chairperson as necessary to carry out the duties and functions of the Kansas children's cabinet. A quorum of the Kansas children's cabinet shall be five voting members.

(g) The Kansas children's cabinet shall have and perform the following functions:

(1) Assist the governor in developing and implementing a coordinated, comprehensive service delivery system to serve the children and families of Kansas;

(2) identify barriers to service and gaps in service due to strict definitions of boundaries between departments and agencies;

(3) facilitate interagency and interdepartmental cooperation toward the common goal of serving children and families;

(4) investigate and identify methodologies for the combining of funds across departmental boundaries to better serve children and families;

(5) propose actions needed to achieve coordination of funding and services across departmental lines;

(6) encourage and facilitate joint planning and coordination between the public and private sectors to better serve the needs of children and families; and

(7) perform the duties and functions prescribed by K.S.A. 38-2103, and amendments thereto.

(h) Members of the Kansas children's cabinet shall not be paid compensation, but shall receive subsistence allowances, mileage and other expenses as provided by K.S.A. 75-3223, and amendments thereto. The subsistence allowances, mileage and other expenses as provided in K.S.A. 75-3223, and amendments thereto, shall be paid from available appropriations of the Kansas department for children and families except that expenses of members who are employed by a state agency shall be reimbursed by that state agency.

(i) On the effective date of this act, the advisory committee on children and families is hereby abolished and all powers, duties, functions, records and other property of the advisory committee on children and families are hereby transferred to the Kansas children's cabinet created by this section. Except as otherwise specifically provided by this act, the Kansas children's cabinet shall be a continuation of the advisory committee on children and families as it existed prior to the effective date of this act.

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