AN ACT concerning state authorities; creating the joint committee on state authorities oversight.

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

Section 1. (a) There is hereby created the joint committee on state authorities oversight within the legislative branch of state government. The joint committee shall be composed of 12 members. Six members shall be members of the house of representatives and six members shall be members of the senate. Four of the members who are members of the house of representatives shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, four members who are senators shall be appointed by the president of the senate, two members who are members of the house of representatives shall be appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives and two members who are senators shall be appointed by the minority leader of the senate.

(b) All members of the joint committee on state authorities oversight shall serve for terms of two years ending on the first day of the regular session of the legislature commencing in the first odd-numbered year after the year of appointment, except that the first members shall be appointed on July 1, 2011, and shall serve for terms ending on the first day of the regular session of the legislature commencing in 2013. If a vacancy occurs in the office of any member of the joint committee on state authorities oversight, a successor shall be appointed in the same manner as the original appointment for the remainder of the term.

(c) (1) The chairperson of the joint committee on state authorities oversight shall be appointed for a term of one year which ends on the first day of the next occurring regular session of the legislature. The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint the first chairperson on July 1, 2011, and shall appoint the chairperson for the term commencing on the first day of the regular session of the legislature commencing in 2012 for a one-year term to end on the first day of the regular session of the legislature commencing in the year 2013. The president of the senate shall appoint the next chairperson on the first day of the regular session of the legislature commencing in the year 2013 for a one-year term which ends on the first day of the next occurring regular session of the legislature. Thereafter the appointment of the chairperson shall continue to alternate
between the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of
the senate with each subsequent chairperson being appointed for a one-
year term ending on the first day of the regular session of the legislature in
the next occurring regular session of the legislature after the year of
appointment.

(2) The vice-chairperson of the joint committee on state authorities
oversight shall be appointed for a term of one year which ends on the first
day of the next occurring regular session of the legislature. The president
of the senate shall appoint the first vice-chairperson on July 1, 2011, and
shall appoint the vice-chairperson for the term commencing on the first
day of the regular session of the legislature commencing in 2012 for a one-
year term to end on the first day of the regular session of the legislature
commencing in the year 2013. The speaker of the house of representatives
shall appoint the next vice-chairperson on the first day of the regular
session of the legislature commencing in the year 2013 for a one-year term
which ends on the first day of the next occurring regular session of the
legislature. Thereafter the appointment of the vice-chairperson shall
continue to alternate between the speaker of the house of representatives
and the president of the senate with each subsequent vice-chairperson
being appointed for a one-year term ending on the first day of the regular
session of the legislature after the year of appointment.

(3) If a vacancy occurs in the office of the chairperson or vice-
chairperson, a member of the joint committee on state authorities oversight
who is a member of the same house of the legislature as the member who
vacated the office shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of
representatives, if the vacating member was a member of the house of
representatives, or by the president of the senate, if the vacating member
was a member of the senate, to fill such vacancy.

(d) A quorum of the joint committee on state authorities oversight
shall be seven. All actions of the joint committee on state authorities
oversight shall be taken by a majority of all of the members of the joint
committee.

(e) The joint committee on state authorities oversight shall have the
authority to meet at any time and at any place within the state on the call
of the chairperson.

(f) The provisions of the acts contained in article 12 of chapter 46 of
the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, applicable to
special committees shall apply to the joint committee on state authorities
oversight to the extent that the same do not conflict with the specific
provisions of this section applicable to the joint committee.

(g) Members of the joint committee on state authorities oversight
shall receive compensation, travel expenses and subsistence expenses as
provided in K.S.A. 75-3212, and amendments thereto, when attending
meetings of the joint committee on state authorities oversight.

(h) The staff of the office of revisor of statutes, the legislative research department and the division of legislative administrative services shall provide such assistance as may be requested by the joint committee on state authorities oversight and to the extent authorized by the legislative coordinating council.

(i) The joint committee on state authorities oversight shall have the exclusive responsibility to monitor and study the operations and decisions of the Kansas bioscience authority, the Kansas development finance authority, the Kansas electric transmission authority, the Kansas turnpike authority, the Kansas water office, the university of Kansas hospital authority and any port authority established under K.S.A. 12-3402, and amendments thereto.

(j) In accordance with K.S.A. 46-1204, and amendments thereto, the legislative coordinating council may provide for such professional services as may be requested by the joint committee on state authorities oversight.

(k) The joint committee on state authorities oversight may introduce such legislation as it deems necessary in performing its functions.

(l) The provisions of this section shall expire on July 1, 2019.

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