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MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on Veterans and Military
From: Jenna Moyer, Assistant Revisor of Statutes
Date: February 26, 2019
Subject: HB 2362 – Creating the Kansas military and veteran task force

House Bill 2362 establishes the Kansas military and veteran task force to advise and make recommendations to the governor, legislature and the governor’s military council relating to military installations and veterans issues in Kansas.

Subsection (b) sets out that the 23 members of the task force must be appointed before September 1, 2019. These members include:

- Executive director of the governor’s military council
- Adjutant general
- Director of the KCVAO
- Director of the VA for eastern Kansas
- The chairperson and ranking minority member of the veterans and military committee
- Two senator members
- The commanders from Fort Riley, Fort Leavenworth, McConnell air force base and Forbes field
- The director of the division of aviation of the Kansas department of transportation
- The mayors of Leavenworth, Junction City and Wichita
- Two members representing veterans service organizations
- Two members representing businesses that hire veterans or have military contracts
- Three members representing veterans

Subsection (c) provides that the executive director of the governor’s military council would serve as chairperson of the task force. The chairperson must call an organizational meeting by November 1, 2019 and meet quarterly after that. Subsection (d) allows the chairperson to call meetings upon notice and sets out procedures related to action by the task force.

The mission of the task force is set out in subsection (e), and includes enhancing the value of military installations to the state, analyze the needs of military members and their families in Kansas, coordinate between the public and private sectors to maintain a significant DOD presence in the state of Kansas, and advise the governor and the legislature on issues and strategies related to military base closure.

Subsection (f) requires the task force to submit an annual report to the governor and the legislature on or before February 1.

Subsection (g) provides reimbursement procedures for legislative and non-legislative members.

Subsection (h) sets the provisions of section to expire on September 1, 2024.