

HOUSE BILL No. 2845

By Committee on Health and Human Services

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AN ACT concerning adult care homes; relating to training of inspectors of adult care homes.

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

Section 1. (a) Designated representatives of the department of health and environment as the licensing agency and the state fire marshal with any required assistance of the county, city-county or multicounty health departments or their designated representatives who perform inspections and investigations of adult care homes as defined in subsection (a)(1) of K.S.A. 39-923, and amendments thereto, shall participate in a 10-day or longer training program for adult care home inspectors before such inspectors perform an inspection of an adult care home.

(b) The department of health and environment as the licensing agency, by rules and regulations, shall develop and implement such training program after consulting with the fire marshal and other representatives described in subsection (a) regarding the requirements and standards such training program shall encompass.

(c) As part of the training program to be an inspector of adult care homes, within the first 30 days of employment as an inspector, the trainee shall be assigned to an adult care home as defined in K.S.A. 39-923 for a 10-day full-time assignment to observe the actual operations of such facility outside of the inspection and investigation process. Thereafter, every two years, each inspector shall participate in a minimum of two full-time days in onsite observation in an adult care home outside of the inspection process.

(d) The department of health and environment shall monitor the inspector training program and re-evaluate within a year whether it is more beneficial to have: (1) One or two staff members provide all of the inspector training in the state to ensure greater consistency or (2) allow regional staff to provide most of the training in their region with one or two staff persons from the department of health and environment overseeing what is being taught in each regional training program for consistency between the regions in an effort to maintain consistency, efficiency and cost effectiveness.

(e) The department of health and environment shall provide written

1 guidance to its inspectors about when it is appropriate to express concern
2 to an adult care home administrator through verbal comments as opposed
3 to or in addition to including the concern in the written report provided
4 to the administrator at the conclusion of each inspection.

5 (f) This act shall be part of and supplemental to the adult care home
6 licensure act.

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

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