

**As Amended by House Committee**

*Session of 2005*

**HOUSE BILL No. 2374**

By Representatives O'Malley, Ballard, Carter, Freeborn, Jack, Kilpatrick, Newton, Otto, Pilcher-Cook, Siegfried, Yoder and Yonally

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11 AN ACT concerning adoption; creating a task force to promote adoption.

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

14 Section 1. (a) There is hereby established a task force to promote  
15 adoption. The task force shall be composed of the following members,  
16 **who shall be appointed not later than 45 days after the effective**  
17 **date of this act:**

18 (1) Two members of the house of representatives and one member  
19 of the public appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

20 (2) one member of the house of representatives appointed by the  
21 minority leader of the house of representatives;

22 (3) two members of the senate and one member of the public ap-  
23 pointed by the president of the senate;

24 (4) one member of the senate appointed by the minority leader of  
25 the senate; and

26 (5) three persons appointed by the governor.

27 (b) One of the legislative members of the task force appointed by the  
28 speaker of the house of representatives shall call and preside at the first  
29 meeting of the task force. At such meeting the members of the task force  
30 shall elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson. The task force shall meet  
31 on the call of the chairperson. The task force shall meet at least quarterly  
32 and at other times necessary to perform its functions. If a vacancy occurs  
33 on the task force, the vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the  
34 original appointment.

35 (c) Members of the task force to promote adoption shall receive com-  
36 pensation and travel expenses and subsistence expenses or allowances as  
37 provided in subsection (e) of K.S.A. 75-3223, and amendments thereto,  
38 when attending meeting of such task force.

39 (d) The task force to promote adoption may meet at any time and at  
40 any place within the state on the call of the chairperson.

41 (e) It shall be the duty of the task force to provide statewide policy  
42 recommendations aimed at encouraging adoption. Specifically, the task  
43 force shall conduct an analysis of adoption in Kansas focused on the fol-

1 following questions:

2 (1) Is the current adoption tax credit adequate enough to encourage  
3 adoption?

4 (2) Does the current adoption tax credit adequately offset adoption  
5 expenses incurred by adoptive parents?

6 (3) What primary issues factor into the decision of birth parents when  
7 faced with an unintended pregnancy?

8 (g) The staff of the office of revisor of statutes, the legislative research  
9 department and the division of legislative administrative services shall  
10 provide such assistance as may be requested by the task force.

11 (h) The task force shall submit a final report of its findings and rec-  
12 ommendations to the legislature and to the governor on or before ~~De-~~  
13 ~~ember 1, 2005~~ **February 15, 2006**.

14 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
15 publication in the ~~statute book~~ **Kansas register**.