HOUSE BILL No. 2194

By Committee on Energy and Utilities

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9 AN ACT amending the KAN-ED act; relating to certain criminal justice 10 agencies; amending K.S.A. 2006 Supp. 75-7222, 75-7223 and 75-7224 and repealing the existing sections. 11

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2006 Supp. 75-7222 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-7222. As used in this act, unless the context requires otherwise:

- (a) "Board" means the state board of regents.
- "Criminal justice agencies" means the Kansas department of corrections, the juvenile justice authority and the state courts and their medical and education providers;
- "Hospital" means a licensed hospital, as defined in K.S.A. 65-425, and amendments thereto.
 - "Library" means: (1) The state library; (2) any public library established and operating under the laws of this state; or (3) any regional system of cooperating libraries, as defined in K.S.A. 75-2548, and amendments thereto.
 - (d) (e) "Network" means the KAN-ED network created pursuant to this act.
 - "School" means: (1) Any unified school district, school district interlocal cooperative, school district cooperative or nonpublic school accredited by the state board of education; or (2) any community college, technical college, area vocational school, area vocational-technical school or Kansas educational institution, as defined in K.S.A. 74-32,120, and amendments thereto.
 - Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2006 Supp. 75-7223 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-7223. (a) The purpose of this act is to provide for a broadband technology-based network to which schools, libraries, criminal justice agencies and hospitals may connect for broadband internet access and intranet access for distance learning. For that purpose, the state board of regents shall contract in accordance with this act for the creation, operation and maintenance of such network, to be known as the KAN-ED network.
- 43 (b) The network shall not provide for: (1) Impairment of any existing

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contract for the provision of telecommunications services or internet services to any school, library, *criminal justice agency* or hospital; (2) state ownership or construction of any network facilities other than those owned or being constructed by the state on the effective date of this act; (3) switched voice access, except to the extent switched access is being provided by state owned, leased or operated facilities as of the effective date of this act; (4) transmission of voice over internet or voice over internet protocol, except to the extent necessary to facilitate interactive two-way video; or (5) use of the network for purposes inconsistent with the purposes of this act.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2006 Supp. 75-7224 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-7224. (a) The board shall establish a plan to ensure that all schools, libraries, criminal justice agencies and hospitals have quality, affordable access to the internet and distance learning. The board shall adopt standards for determining whether such access is available to each school, library, criminal justice agency or hospital desiring such access and shall adopt priorities for implementation of such access. The board may request and receive assistance from any school, any library, any hospital, the state corporation commission, any other agency of the state or any telecommunications, cable or other communications services provider to gather necessary data to implement such plan and establish such standards and priorities. The board shall develop a methodology for updating and validating any data collected for periodic revisions of the plan, standards and priorities. Not less than 75% of all schools which have applied to the board to participate in the network, 75% of all libraries which have applied to the board to participate in the network and 75% of all hospitals which have applied to the board to participate in the network shall have access to the network by July 1, 2004.

- (b) The board shall contract with providers of telecommunications services, cable services and other communications services for the creation, operation and maintenance of the network. Such contracts shall be let by competitive bids as provided by K.S.A. 75-3739, and amendments thereto.
- (c) The board shall establish: (1) Technical standards for operation and maintenance of the network; (2) the method of monitoring operations of the network; and (3) the method or methods of increasing the capacity of the network to accommodate changes in the demands of schools, libraries, *criminal justice agencies* and hospitals.
- (d) The board shall identify any potential regulatory impediments to and other regulatory considerations in implementation of the network and shall propose measures to address such impediments and other considerations.
- (e) The board shall assess the need of schools, libraries, criminal jus-

tice agencies and hospitals for full-motion video connectivity. Based on its findings, the board may develop a plan to provide such connectivity. The plan may require users of such connectivity bear part of its cost.

- (f) The board may appoint such advisory committees as the board determines necessary to carry out the purposes of this act. The membership of advisory committees may include both members of the board and persons who are not board members. Such advisory committees, to the extent appropriate, shall include both communications services providers and participants knowledgeable about topics such as network facilities and services, network content and user training, and such other topics as may be necessary or useful. Members of advisory committees appointed by the board shall receive amounts provided for in subsection (e) of K.S.A. 75-3223, and amendments thereto.
- (g) On or before July 1, 2002, and thereafter as the board deems appropriate, The board shall adopt rules and regulations to implement and administer the provisions of this act.
- (h) The board shall have all other powers necessary to achieve the purposes of this act, including but not limited to the power to receive any appropriations, donations, grants, bequests and devises, conditional and otherwise, of money, property, services or other things of value for the purposes of this act.
- (i) The state department of education, the division of information systems and communications of the department of administration, the state corporation commission and all other state agencies shall cooperate with the board in providing information and other assistance requested by the board for the performance of its duties pursuant to this act.
- Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2006 Supp. 75-7222, 75-7223 and 75-7224 are hereby repealed.
- Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.