

SENATE BILL No. 245

By Senators Lynn, Journey, Palmer and Schodorf

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9 AN ACT concerning the state long-term care ombudsman; amending
10 K.S.A. 2006 Supp. 75-7301 and repealing the existing section.

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

13 New Section 1. (a) The ombudsman shall adopt and implement any
14 policies the ombudsman deems necessary to recruit and train a number
15 of volunteer ombudsmen sufficient to provide the services of at least one
16 volunteer ombudsman in each area agency on aging planning service area
17 region of the state.

18 (b) The ombudsman may adopt any rules and regulations necessary
19 to implement the provisions of this act.

20 (c) The provisions of this section are a part of and supplemental to
21 the long-term care ombudsman act.

22 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2006 Supp. 75-7301 is hereby amended to read as
23 follows: 75-7301. (a) The office of the state long-term care ombudsman
24 is hereby attached to the department of administration. The office of the
25 state long-term care ombudsman shall be in Topeka, Kansas. The sec-
26 retary of administration shall provide such technical assistance and advice
27 as the secretary deems reasonable and necessary to assist the state long-
28 term care ombudsman office to function as an independent state agency.
29 The secretary of administration and the department of administration
30 shall have no authority over the state long-term care ombudsman, any
31 regional long-term care ombudsman, any other ombudsman, including
32 any volunteer ombudsman, or any other officer, employee or volunteer
33 of the office of the state long-term care ombudsman with respect to the
34 performance of any power, duty or function of the office or the exercise
35 of any other authority of the office or the state long-term care
36 ombudsman.

37 (b) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, and for each fiscal year
38 thereafter, the secretary of administration shall include the budget esti-
39 mate of the office of the state long-term care ombudsman, as prepared
40 and approved by the state long-term care ombudsman, along with the
41 budget estimate prepared and submitted to the division of the budget for
42 the department of administration under K.S.A. 75-3717 and amendments
43 thereto. The budget estimate of the office of the state long-term care

1 ombudsman for each such fiscal year shall be prepared at the direction
2 and under the supervision of the state long-term care ombudsman. Ex-
3 penditures from appropriations to the department of administration for
4 the office of the state long-term care ombudsman, made pursuant to
5 budget estimates for the office, shall be made on vouchers approved by
6 the state long-term care ombudsman or the state long-term care om-
7 budsman's designee. All vouchers for expenditures and all payrolls of the
8 office of the state long-term care ombudsman shall be approved by the
9 state long-term care ombudsman or the state long-term care ombuds-
10 man's designee.

11 *(c) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, and for each fiscal year*
12 *thereafter, the budget estimate of the state long-term care ombudsman*
13 *shall include funding for the activities of the statewide long-term care*
14 *ombudsman program, including one regional long-term care ombudsman*
15 *for each area agency on aging planning service area region of Kansas and*
16 *a sufficient number of officers and employees for the office of the long-*
17 *term care ombudsman, to provide for the recruiting and training of vol-*
18 *unteer ombudsmen and friendly advocates, to provide the services of the*
19 *statewide long-term care ombudsman program under the provisions of*
20 *the long-term care ombudsman act for all residents of facilities in Kansas*
21 *and to investigate all complaints involving residents of facilities in Kansas*
22 *pursuant to the long-term care ombudsman act.*

23 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2006 Supp. 75-7301 is hereby repealed.

24 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
25 publication in the statute book.