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**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT  
HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 605**

As Agreed to May 1, 2002

**Brief \***

House Sub. for SB 605 alters the statutory reporting requirements for a number of agencies. Instead of submitting paper copies of reports to the Senate Commerce Committee and House Committee on New Economy or generally to the Legislature, the bill requires that certain agencies either (a) publish the report on the Internet, notify the Legislature that the report is available, and provide the web address where the report can be found; or (b) submit copies of the report on CDROM or other electronically readable media.

House Sub. for SB 605 also amends other statutes by allowing any state agency that is required to submit reports, books, pamphlets, etc., to the Legislature, the option of submitting such items in printed or electronic form. In addition, the bill allows an agency that submits a document on the Internet to not be required to submit the same document in printed form, as long as the document is made available on the Internet for at least 12 months. If the agency submitting the document on the Internet is required to provide the report to another state agency or official, then it must notify the agency or official that the publication is available on the Internet.

Under the bill, if an agency chooses to print the publication or provide copies of the publication on CD-Rom, then copies must be delivered to the Governor, State Librarian, State Historical Society, and each member of the Legislature. Printed or CD-Rom copies must be sold at cost and the amount received from the sale must be placed in the state treasury and credited to the fee fund of the agency if such fund exists, or otherwise to the State General Fund. Research, industrial, agricultural, and educational matters of general concern to the people of Kansas may be distributed without charge.

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The bill would modify the current requirement that Kansas Venture Capital, Inc. prepare and publish an annual report of its activities for the information of the Governor, the Senate Commerce Committee, the House New Economy Committee, the Joint Committee on Economic Development, and the public to include the Securities Commissioner of Kansas and the Attorney General.

The bill would provide that the Director of Accounts and Reports compile a report documenting the payment of claims against the state. However, instead of the current requirement that the Director provide copies of this report annually to the Senate Ways and Means Committee, House Appropriations Committee and the Joint Committee on Special Claims Against the State, the bill would require only that the Director provide this report to any legislator, legislative committee, the Kansas Legislative Research Department, or other legislative staff agency upon request.

The bill would also require that each state agency deposit one printed copy of any publication issued by the agency with the Kansas State Library and the State Historical Society. This would apply to publications that are provided in print or electronically.

## **Background**

The Senate Committee on Commerce amended the original SB 605 by altering an outdated reference to the House Economic Development Committee to reflect the name change to the House Committee on New Economy. The House Committee on e-Government amended SB 605 by adding additional provisions, such as the authorization of reports in CD-ROM format, and creating House Sub. for SB 605.

The House Committee of the Whole amended the bill to require, instead of allow, a state agency publishing a report to notify other agencies or state officials that the report is available on the Internet. The publishing of the report could also be in CD-ROM format and not in printed form.

The Conference Committee resolved several disputed provisions in the bills, including provisions governing:

- The requirements for notification when an agency submitting a document on the Internet is required to provide the report to another state agency or official.

- The requirements for agencies choosing to provide copies of a publication on CD-Rom.
- The requirement that Kansas Venture Capital, Inc. prepare and publish an annual report of its activities for the information of the Securities Commissioner and the Attorney General in addition to the Governor, the Senate Commerce Committee, the House New Economy Committee, the Joint Committee on Economic Development, and the public existing under current law.
- The requirement that the Director of Accounts and Reports provide the report on payment of claims against the state upon request of any legislator, legislative committee, the Kansas Legislative Research Department, or other legislative staff agency instead of the current requirement that the Director provide copies of the report annually to the Senate Ways and Means Committee, House Appropriations Committee and the Joint Committee on Special Claims Against the State.
- The requirement that each state agency deposit one printed copy of any publication issued by the agency with the Kansas State Library and the State Historical Society.

The Division of the Budget reports that passage of SB 605 would not have a negative fiscal impact on the operations of the agencies named in the bill, and that the agencies could experience savings in printing costs from printing fewer copies of annual reports.