

HOUSE BILL No. 2272

By Committee on Judiciary

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1 AN ACT concerning the Kansas department for children and families;
2 relating to classified and unclassified service; amending K.S.A. 2014
3 Supp. 75-5310 and repealing the existing section.
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 75-5310 is hereby amended to read as
7 follows: 75-5310. (a) (1) The secretary for children and families may
8 appoint a chief attorney and other attorneys for the Kansas department for
9 children and families. The chief attorney shall serve at the pleasure of the
10 secretary, shall be in the unclassified service under the Kansas civil service
11 act and shall receive an annual salary fixed by the secretary and approved
12 by the governor. The secretary may also appoint staff assistants. Such staff
13 assistants and attorneys other than the chief attorney *employed with the*
14 *Kansas department for children and families immediately preceding July*
15 *1, 2015*, shall be in the classified service under the Kansas civil service
16 act. The secretary may appoint one public information officer, one
17 personal secretary and one special assistant who shall serve at the pleasure
18 of the secretary, shall be in the unclassified service under the Kansas civil
19 service act and shall receive annual salaries fixed by the secretary and
20 approved by the governor. The secretary may appoint a deputy secretary
21 who shall serve at the pleasure of the secretary, be in the unclassified
22 service under the Kansas civil service act and shall receive an annual
23 salary fixed by the secretary and approved by the governor.

24 (2) *Whenever a classified staff assistant or attorney position in the*
25 *Kansas department for children and families becomes vacant, the*
26 *secretary for children and families is authorized to designate such staff*
27 *assistant or attorney position to be in the unclassified service under the*
28 *Kansas civil service act. Nothing in this section shall affect the status of*
29 *being in the classified service of any staff assistant or attorney employed*
30 *with the Kansas department for children and families immediately*
31 *preceding July 1, 2015.*

32 (b) The secretary may appoint commissioners and deputy
33 commissioners as determined necessary by the secretary to effectively
34 carry out the mission of the department. All commissioners and deputy
35 commissioners shall serve at the pleasure of the secretary, shall be in the
36 unclassified service under the Kansas civil service act and shall receive an

1 annual salary fixed by the secretary and approved by the governor. The
2 secretary may also appoint a director for each of the department's
3 management areas. Each area director shall serve at the pleasure of the
4 secretary, be in the unclassified service under the Kansas civil service act
5 and shall receive an annual salary fixed by the secretary and approved by
6 the governor. Nothing in this act shall affect the classified status of any
7 person employed as a deputy commissioner or area director on the day
8 immediately preceding the effective date of the act and the unclassified
9 status shall apply only to persons appointed to such positions on or after
10 the effective date of the act.

11 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 75-5310 is hereby repealed.

12 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
13 publication in the statute book.