

SENATE BILL No. 413

By Committee on Ways and Means

2-18

1 AN ACT creating the transparency and accountability act; concerning
2 legislative meetings; providing for live audio and video broadcasts;
3 relating to open meetings.
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. (a) Beginning January 1, 2015, audio and video broadcasts
7 shall be made of all legislative committee meetings that convene in the
8 committee rooms designated pursuant to this act and that are required to be
9 open to the public pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4317 et seq., and amendments
10 thereto, and made available in real time for public access on the internet.
11 Each of the designated committee rooms shall be equipped with
12 broadcasting devices that are sufficient to provide the public with an
13 accurate depiction of the proceedings. Each committee may suspend this
14 broadcasting requirement by an affirmative vote of $\frac{2}{3}$ of the committee's
15 voting members when there is an equipment failure and the purpose is not
16 to avoid the requirements of this act.

17 (b) All broadcasts of the legislative proceedings described in this act
18 shall be made available in real time on the public website of the Kansas
19 legislature, but the legislature and any of its agents or officers shall not
20 provide for the archiving, copying, reproducing or retaining of any such
21 broadcasts.

22 (c) The legislative chief information technology officer shall provide
23 for the operation and maintenance of all such broadcasting devices in a
24 manner sufficient to provide the public with access to all committee
25 meetings. The legislative chief information technology officer shall, in
26 consultation with the legislative coordinating council, designate four
27 committee rooms in the capitol to be equipped with broadcasting
28 equipment necessary to effectuate the provisions of this act.

29 (d) Following the 2016 legislative session, the legislative chief
30 information technology officer shall report to the legislative coordinating
31 council and the joint committee on information technology on the
32 implementation of the broadcasts of such legislative committee meetings
33 pursuant to this act. In order to prepare such report, the legislative chief
34 information technology officer shall consult with the director of legislative
35 research and the revisor of statutes to prepare information about the: (1)
36 Expenses incurred in order to provide the broadcasts of committee

1 meetings; (2) number of visitors viewing the broadcasts; (3) feasibility and
2 projected costs of expanding the number of rooms equipped with
3 broadcast equipment and the associated costs; and (4) any possible
4 changes to the broadcasting of legislative meetings.

5 (e) For the purposes of this section: (1) "Committee" means any
6 standing committee, subcommittee, conference committee, interim
7 committee or any committee that is established by law or by either
8 presiding officer; and

9 (2) "committee room" means one of the four rooms in the state
10 capitol designated by the legislative chief information technology officer
11 in which a meeting is held that is required to be open to the public
12 pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4317 et seq., and amendments thereto.

13 (f) The provisions of this act shall expire on June 30, 2017.

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