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To: Senate Committee on Ways and Means
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
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Subject: HB 2760 – Establishing the Kansas office of veterans services

House Bill 2760 establishes the Kansas office of veterans services and transfers the powers and duties of the Kansas commission on veterans affairs to the Kansas office of veterans services.

New Section 1 abolishes the Kansas commission on veterans affairs office and transfers all of its powers, duties and functions to the Kansas office of veterans services and the director of the Kansas office of veterans services.

New Section 2 establishes the Kansas office of veterans services. It requires that the director of the Kansas office of veterans services be a veteran and shall be confirmed by the senate. New Section 2 also states the budgeting, purchasing and management functions of the office will be administered by the director of the Kansas office of veterans services. The director would be appointed by the governor.

New Section 3 establishes the responsibilities of the Kansas office of veterans services, including affording and furnishing to veterans and their families information, advice, direction and assistance through the coordination of programs and services in the fields of education, health, vocational guidance and placement, mental care and economic security.

Sections 4 through 59 of HB 2760 amend every statute that references the Kansas commission on veterans affairs office and renames it the Kansas office of veterans services.

HB 2760 also contains technical amendments to bring such statutes up to date with current drafting practices.

House Bill 2760 would be enacted on July 1, 2024, upon publication in the statute book.

The House made no amendments to HB 2760 and passed the bill 123-0 on February 20, 2024.