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HOUSE BILL No. 2296

By Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care

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AN ACT concerning state institutions and agencies; establishing the joint committee on oversight of the closure of the Kansas neurological institute and the Kansas neurological institute community conversion conservation fund.

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

Section 1. (a) There is hereby established the joint committee on oversight of the closure of the Kansas neurological institute. The joint committee shall review the number of individuals who are transferred from the Kansas neurological institute to home and community based services and the associated cost savings and other outcomes of the money-follows-the-person program. The joint committee shall review the data and information submitted by the Kansas facilities closure and realignment commission regarding community placement costs, proposed costs incurred by the Kansas neurological institute transition of Kansas neurological institute residents to the community and projected savings in the closure of the Kansas neurological institute. The joint committee may consider other data or information that the joint committee deems necessary to review in the joint committee's oversight of the closure of the Kansas neurological institute.

- (1) The joint committee shall have oversight of savings resulting from the transfer of individuals from the Kansas neurological institute to home and community based services. As used in this act, "savings" means the difference between the average cost of providing services for individuals in an institutional setting and the cost of providing services in a home and community based setting.
- (2) The joint committee shall consider the issues of whether sufficient funding is provided for enhancement of wages and benefits of direct individual care workers, their staff training, and whether adequate progress is being made to transfer individuals from the Kansas neurological institute and to move them from the waiver waiting lists to receive home and community based services.
 - (3) The joint committee shall review and ensure that any proceeds

resulting from a successful transfer of individuals from the Kansas neurological institute be applied to the system of provision of services for home and community based services.

- (b) The joint committee shall consist of nine 11 members as follows:
- (1) One member of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;
- (2) one member of the house of representatives appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives;
- (3) one member of the senate appointed by the president of the senate;
- (4) one member of the senate appointed by the minority leader of the senate;
- (5) one member of the house of representatives appointed by the chairperson of the house committee on appropriations;
- (6) one member of the senate appointed by the chairperson of the senate committee on ways and means;
- (7) one member of the house of representatives appointed by the ranking minority member of the house committee on appropriations;
- (8) one member of the senate appointed by the ranking minority member of the senate committee on ways and means; and
- (9) one member of the house of representatives appointed by the majority leader of the house of representatives-; and
- (10) two members appointed by the governor, one of which shall be a former employee of the Kansas neurological institute and the other of which is a parent of a current resident of the Kansas neurological institute.
- (c) Members shall be appointed for terms coinciding with the legislative terms for which such members are elected or appointed. All members appointed to fill vacancies in the membership of the joint committee and all members appointed to succeed members appointed to membership on the joint committee shall be appointed in the manner provided for the original appointment of the member succeeded. The first meeting of the joint committee shall be held before August 1, 2011.
- (d) The members originally appointed as members of the joint committee shall meet upon the call of the member appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, who shall be the first chairperson, within 30 days of the effective date of this act. The vice-

chairperson of the joint committee shall be appointed by the president of the senate. Chairperson and vice-chairperson shall alternate annually between the members appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate. The ranking minority member shall be from the same chamber as the chairperson. The joint committee shall meet at least four times each year at the call of the chairperson of the joint committee. Five members of the joint committee shall constitute a quorum.

- (e) At the beginning of each regular session of the legislature, the committee shall submit to the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives a written report on numbers of individuals transferred from the Kansas neurological institute to the home and community based services including the average daily census in the state institutions and long-term care facilities, savings resulting from the transfer certified by the secretary of social and rehabilitation services and the current balance in the Kansas neurological institute community conversion conservation fund of the department of social and rehabilitation services.
- (f) Members of the committee shall be paid compensation, travel expenses and subsistence expenses or allowance as provided in K.S.A. 75-3212, and amendments thereto, for attendance at any meeting of the joint committee or any subcommittee meeting authorized by the committee.
- Sec. 2. (a) (1) There is hereby established the Kansas neurological institute community conversion conservation fund in the state treasury which shall be administered by the secretary of social and rehabilitation services. All savings resulting from transferring individuals from the Kansas neurological institute to home and community based services shall be deposited in this credited to the Kansas neurological institute community conversion conservation fund. All proceeds resulting from a sale, lease, mortgage or any other transaction of Kansas neurological institute real or personal property shall be deposited in the state treasury in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto, and shall be credited to the Kansas neurological institute community conversion conservation fund. All expenditures from the Kansas neurological institute community conversion conservation fund shall be in accordance with the provisions of appropriation acts upon vouchers approved by the secretary of social and rehabilitation services or the

secretary's designee.

- (2) Whenever an individual who is residing in the Kansas neurological institute transfers to home and community based services, the secretary of social and rehabilitation services shall determine the savings attributable to such transfer and shall certify the amount or amounts of such savings to the director of accounts and reports. Upon receipt of each such certification, the director of accounts and reports shall transfer the amount or amounts specified in such certification from the funds and accounts specified to the Kansas neurological institute community conversion conservation fund of the department of social and rehabilitation services in accordance with such certification. The secretary of social and rehabilitation services shall transmit a copy of each such certification to the director of the budget and to the director of legislative research.
- (b) The secretary shall certify to the joint committee on oversight of the closure of the Kansas neurological institute at the beginning of each calendar quarter the amount of savings resulting from the transfer of individuals from the Kansas neurological institute to home and community based services that have been transferred during the preceding calendar quarter to the Kansas neurological institute community conversion conservation fund during the preceding quarter.
- (c) If any provision of this section is repealed or becomes null and void and has no further force and effect, all moneys in the Kansas neurological institute community conversion conservation fund which were paid under the provisions of this section shall be returned to the home and community based services waiver for individuals with developmental disabilities.
- Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.