

2012 Kansas Statutes

- 46-3501. Joint committee on health policy oversight; membership; appointment; terms; officers; quorum; meetings; duties; professional services; legislation.** (a) There is hereby created the joint committee on health policy oversight within the legislative branch of state government. The joint committee shall be composed of 12 members. Six members shall be members of the house of representatives and six members shall be members of the senate. Four of the members who are members of the house of representatives shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, four members who are senators shall be appointed by the president of the senate, two members who are members of the house of representatives shall be appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives and two members who are senators shall be appointed by the minority leader of the senate.
- (b) All members of the joint committee on health policy oversight shall serve for terms of two years ending on the first day of the regular session of the legislature commencing in the first odd-numbered year after the year of appointment, except that the first members shall be appointed on July 1, 2005, and shall serve for terms ending on the first day of the regular session of the legislature commencing in 2007. If a vacancy occurs in the office of any member of the joint committee on health policy oversight, a successor shall be appointed in the same manner as the original appointment for the remainder of the term.
- (c) (1) The chairperson of the joint committee on health policy oversight shall be appointed for a term of one year which ends on the first day of the next occurring regular session of the legislature. The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint the first chairperson on July 1, 2005, and shall appoint the chairperson for the term commencing on the first day of the regular session of the legislature commencing in 2006 for a one-year term to end on the first day of the regular session of the legislature commencing in the year 2007. The president of the senate shall appoint the next chairperson on the first day of the regular session of the legislature commencing in the year 2007 for a one-year term which ends on the first day of the next occurring regular session of the legislature. Thereafter the appointment of the chairperson shall continue to alternate between the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate with each subsequent chairperson being appointed for a one-year term ending on the first day of the regular session of the legislature in the next occurring regular session of the legislature after the year of appointment.
- (2) The vice-chairperson of the joint committee on health policy oversight shall be appointed for a term of one year which ends on the first day of the next occurring regular session of the legislature. The president of the senate shall appoint the first vice-chairperson on July 1, 2005, and shall appoint the vice-chairperson for the term commencing on the first day of the regular session of the legislature commencing in 2006 for a one-year term to end on the first day of the regular session of the legislature commencing in the year 2007. The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint the next vice-chairperson on the first day of the regular session of the legislature commencing in the year 2007 for a one-year term which ends on the first day of the next occurring regular session of the legislature. Thereafter the appointment of the vice-chairperson shall continue to alternate between the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate with each subsequent vice-chairperson being appointed for a one-year term ending on the first day of the regular session of the legislature in the next occurring regular session of the legislature after the year of appointment.
- (3) If a vacancy occurs in the office of the chairperson or vice-chairperson, a member of the joint committee on health policy oversight who is a member of the same house of the legislature as the member who vacated the office shall be appointed by the speaker of the house, if the vacating member was a member of the house of representatives, or by the president of the senate, if the vacating member was a member of the senate, to fill such vacancy.
- (d) A quorum of the joint committee on health policy oversight shall be seven. All actions of the joint committee on health policy oversight shall be taken by a majority of all of the members of the joint committee.
- (e) The joint committee on health policy oversight shall have the authority to meet at any time and at any place within the state on the call of the chairperson.
- (f) The provisions of the acts contained in article 12 of chapter 46 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, applicable to special committees shall apply to the joint committee on health policy oversight to the extent that the same do not conflict with the specific provisions of this section applicable to the joint committee.
- (g) Members of the joint committee on health policy oversight shall receive compensation, travel expenses and subsistence expenses as provided in K.S.A. 75-3212, and amendments thereto, when attending meetings of the joint committee.
- (h) The staff of the legislative research department, the office of revisor of statutes and the division of legislative administrative services shall provide such assistance as may be requested by the joint committee on health policy oversight and to the extent authorized by the legislative coordinating council.
- (i) The joint committee on health policy oversight shall have the exclusive responsibility to monitor and study the operations and decisions of the division of health care finance of the department of health and environment. In addition, the joint committee shall oversee the implementation and operation of the children's health insurance plans, including the assessment of the performance based contracting's measurable outcomes as set forth in subsection (b)(4) of K.S.A. 38-2001, and amendments thereto.
- (j) In accordance with K.S.A. 46-1204, and amendments thereto, the legislative coordinating council may provide for such professional services as may be requested by the joint committee on health policy oversight.
- (k) The joint committee on health policy oversight may introduce such legislation as it deems necessary in performing its functions.
- (l) The provisions of this section shall expire on July 1, 2013.

History: L. 2005, ch. 187, § 4; L. 2008, ch. 164, § 15; L. 2012, ch. 102, § 22; July 1.