

HOUSE BILL No. 2340

By Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development

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1 AN ACT concerning the Kansas employment first initiative act; amending
2 K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 44-1137 and repealing the existing section; also
3 repealing K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 44-1138.

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

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 44-1137 is hereby amended to read as
7 follows: 44-1137. (a) All state agencies shall coordinate efforts and shall
8 collaborate within and among such agencies to ensure that state programs,
9 policies, procedures and funding support competitive and integrated
10 employment of individuals with disabilities. All state agencies shall,
11 whenever feasible, share data and information across systems in order to
12 track progress toward full implementation of the act.

13 ~~(b) State agencies are authorized to adopt rules and regulations to~~
14 ~~implement this act. The secretary for children and families, through~~
15 ~~vocational rehabilitation services, is authorized to adopt rules and~~
16 ~~regulations to implement this act.~~

17 (c) *The secretary for children and families, through vocational*
18 *rehabilitation services, shall establish and track measurable goals and*
19 *objectives for the state of Kansas to ensure implementation of this act. All*
20 *state agencies shall fully cooperate with and provide data and information*
21 *to assist the department for children and families, vocational*
22 *rehabilitation services, in carrying out its duties.*

23 (d) *The secretary for children and families, through vocational*
24 *rehabilitation services, shall issue an annual report on or before January*
25 *1 each year which shall be presented to the governor and members of the*
26 *state legislature. The report shall detail progress toward the goals and*
27 *objectives and full implementation of this act. All state agencies shall*
28 *cooperate with the department for children and families on the creation*
29 *and dissemination of the annual report. The report also shall identify*
30 *barriers to achieving the outcomes along with the effective strategies and*
31 *policies that can help realize the employment first initiative.*

32 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 44-1137 and 44-1138 are hereby repealed.

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