

Senate Substitute for HOUSE BILL No. 2616

AN ACT concerning workplace safety; authorizing and directing the secretary of labor to make a study of whether the state should enter into an agreement with the federal government regarding state enforcement of federal occupational safety and health act standards.

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

Section 1. (a) The secretary of labor is hereby authorized and directed to:

(1) Make a study and recommendations concerning whether the state should submit to the federal government a plan for state enforcement of occupational safety and health standards that provides for safe and healthful employment by the adoption of standards and means for enforcement of the standards that are at least as effective as those standards and means for enforcement of the standards as are provided by the federal occupational safety and health act of 1970, compiled in 29 U.S.C. §§ 651-678;

(2) identify agreements necessary to carry out the purposes of such plan;

(3) review funding arrangements necessary for the state to finance a plan for state enforcement of such standards;

(4) review statutory and rule and regulation changes necessary to carry out such a plan;

(5) estimate additional staff and positions required to implement such a plan;

(6) identify steps needed for interaction with the federal government in ways that are reasonably designed to carry out the purposes of this subsection; and

(7) review such other matters as may be necessary in making the study.

(b) On or before January 12, 2015, the secretary of labor shall submit to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, each member of the committee on commerce of the senate and each member of the committee on commerce, labor and economic development of the house of representatives a report of the secretary's findings and recommendations from the study conducted under subsection (a).

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

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the HOUSE, and passed that body

HOUSE concurred in
SENATE amendments _____

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.

Passed the SENATE
as amended _____

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.

APPROVED _____

Governor.