

## HOUSE BILL No. 2423

By Committee on Appropriations

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9 AN ACT creating the task force on obesity prevention and management.

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

12 Section 1. (a) There is hereby created the Kansas task force on obe-  
13 sity prevention and management, hereinafter referred to as the “task  
14 force”, within the department of health and environment. In addition to  
15 any legislative appropriation, the task force may accept and expend grants  
16 and private donations from any source, including federal, state, public  
17 and private entities, to assist the task force to carry out the task force’s  
18 functions.

19 (b) The duties of the task force shall include, but not be limited to,  
20 conducting statewide meetings with students in grades four through 12  
21 for discussions on obesity-related diseases and conditions including, but  
22 not limited to, diabetes, depression, low self-esteem and social discrimi-  
23 nation. Following the discussions with students, the task force shall have  
24 meetings with school personnel to discuss how to better assist children  
25 of school age who may have early indicators of obesity. Such school per-  
26 sonnel shall include, but not be limited to, teachers, administrators, coun-  
27 selors, food service staff and school nurses. Following the discussions with  
28 school personnel, the task force shall have meetings reaching out to the  
29 parents and civic leaders in the communities to discuss how each area  
30 could promote early prevention and management of obesity. Discussion  
31 shall include what parents and the communities could do to have access  
32 to affordable, effective prevention and management services. After all  
33 meetings and discussions have occurred, the task force shall establish  
34 recommendations for changes to statewide elementary and secondary ed-  
35 ucation curricula to implement comprehensive, coordinated obesity  
36 awareness and education programs and for community projects to pro-  
37 mote obesity awareness and education programs.

38 (c) The task force shall convene for its first meeting no later than  
39 August 1, 2007. The chairperson and vice-chairperson of the task force  
40 shall be appointed by the secretary of health and environment. The de-  
41 partment of health and environment shall provide such administrative  
42 assistance as may be requested by the task force. The task force may adopt  
43 such rules of procedure as are necessary to facilitate orderly conduct of

1 its business.

2 (d) The task force shall submit a report, including proposed legisla-  
3 tion if necessary, to the governor, the speaker of the house of represen-  
4 tatives and the president of the senate, on or before November 1, 2008.  
5 Such report shall include a comprehensive state plan for implementation  
6 of services and programs in the state of Kansas to increase prevention  
7 and management of the disease of obesity in children and an estimate of  
8 the cost of implementation of such a plan.

9 (e) All departments, boards, agencies, officers and institutions of the  
10 state and all subdivisions thereof shall cooperate with the task force in  
11 carrying out its purposes pursuant to this act.

12 (f) All members shall be reimbursed for necessary and actual ex-  
13 penses incurred for traveling and subsistence in the performance of serv-  
14 ing on the task force.

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