

73-1224. Same; survey of individuals suffering syndrome; duties of director of the Kansas commission on veterans affairs office; limitation on expenses. (a) The director shall develop comprehensive surveys, or adopt one or more existing surveys, to be conducted to determine and study the physical and mental conditions, problems and illnesses, including birth defects, as well as the employment, social, emotional and family problems experienced by veterans, their spouses and family members since the veteran's return to Kansas and by any other persons residing in Kansas who are suffering from Gulf War syndrome.

(b) The director shall develop or adopt the surveys within the first four months after the effective date of this act. The director shall administer the surveys and review the completed surveys with the board. The director shall compile the results of the surveys and develop recommendations for the legislature based thereon. The director shall report the results to appropriate federal agencies and shall request additional assistance for veterans commensurate with the director's duties under K.S.A. 73-1209, and amendments thereto.

(c) The aggregate amount expended for the development and administration of surveys and studies set out under this section and for board expenses, including the position established by K.S.A. 73-1225, and amendments thereto, shall not exceed \$100,000 per fiscal year.

(d) The director shall request the different media, including radio, television and newspaper, to make public service announcements publicizing information on the Persian Gulf War surveys and inform Kansans of the health problems identified and where help is available. The public service announcements should be published no less than four times a year.

History: L. 1997, ch. 39, § 4; L. 2014, ch. 83, § 16; July 1.