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Rep. Ed O'Malley will leave Kansas Legislature

Kansas Rep. Ed O'Malley of Roeland Park will resign his seat and move to Wichita to lead a new non-profit organization.

O'Malley will be the first president and CEO of the Kansas Leadership Center, opening in January. Its aim is to convene statewide leaders to address health and wellness issues and train them to help their respective communities and organizations.

The organization will be funded by the Kansas Health Foundation.

"Ed is the ideal leader for the center," foundation president Marni Vliet said in a statement. "As a native Kansan, he has a deep commitment and passion for ensuring that our communities and our people reach their full potential."

O'Malley, 31, a Republican, has represented the 24th District since 2003. He was elected to another term in November.

In the legislature, O'Malley said, he's worked hard to make Kansas a better place and hopes his new position will allow him to continue the effort on a broader scale.

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