HOUSE BILL No. 2216

By Committee on General Government Budget

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AN ACT concerning joint committees; repealing certain joint committees; relating to membership on the joint committee on special claims against the state; amending K.S.A. 12-2015, 19-4109, 38-2007, 46-912, 71-212 and 74-4907 and K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 39-7,162, 46-2801, 65-1,251, 72-5395, 74-4908, 74-4909, 74-4920, 74-4921, 74-4921c, 74-4937, 74-49,129, 74-5001a, 74-5002s, 74-5049, 74-5097, 74-50,123, 74-50,151, 74-50,216, 74-8004, 74-8135, 74-8136, 74-8204, 74-8310, 74-8317, 74-8405, 74-99c07, 75-7423, 75-7427 and 75-7435 and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 46-1604 and 46-2201 and K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 39-7,160, 39-7,161, 46-1801, 46-3001, 46-3501, 46-3701, 74-49,132, 74-49,133 and 75-7425.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 12-2015 is hereby amended to read as follows: 12-2015. Prior to July 1, 2002, all municipalities in the state of Kansas shall refrain from enacting or enforcing any franchise or right-of-way ordinances or agreements pursuant to chapters 12 and 17 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, home rule powers, or any other authority, that substantially modify the relationship between telecommunications providers and municipalities as those relationships existed on January 1, 2001, except that municipalities may reach franchise or right-of-way ordinances or agreements with new telecommunications providers on terms and conditions consistent with the original provisions of ordinances or agreements between municipalities and other telecommunications providers in existence prior to December 31, 2000. Subsequent to the effective date of this act, representatives of municipalities and telecommunications providers shall confer and shallprovide to the joint committee on economic development at least threeprogress reports of their discussions prior to December 31, 2001.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 19-4109 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-4109. (a) The secretary shall transmit annually to the governor, the standing committee on commerce of the senate, and the standing committee on commerce, labor and economic development of the house of representatives—and the joint committee on economic development, a report, based upon information received from each qualified manufacturer for which benefits have been issued during the preceding year, describing

the following: (1) The manner in which the purpose, as described in this act, has been carried out;

- (2) an estimate of jobs created and jobs preserved by cash investments made in qualified manufacturers; and
- (3) an estimate of the multiplier effect on the Kansas economy of the cash investments made pursuant to this act.
- (b) The secretary shall conduct an annual review of the activities undertaken pursuant to this act to ensure that benefits issued pursuant to this act are issued in compliance with the provisions of this act or rules and regulations promulgated by the department with respect to this act.
- (c) Any violation of the reporting requirements set forth in this section shall be grounds for loss of designation as a qualified manufacturer under this section.
- (d) If the secretary determines that a qualified manufacturer is not in substantial compliance with the requirements of this act, the secretary, by written notice, shall inform the officers of the qualified manufacturer that such qualified manufacturer will lose its designation as a qualified manufacturer unless such qualified manufacturer corrects the deficiencies and is once again in compliance with the requirements for designation.
- Sec. 3. K.S.A. 38-2007 is hereby amended to read as follows: 38-2007. For the purpose of financially empowering parents to choose a health plan for a child, the secretary should review and report both verbally and in writing to the joint committee on children's issues standing committee on public health and welfare of the senate and the standing committee on children and seniors of the house of representatives prior to each legislative session with recommendations regarding the following items:
- (a) Direct transfer of the annual premium for a plan chosen by an eligible low-income family to the insurer;
- (b) The use of a refundable tax credit for an eligible low-income family to apply toward the purchase of a child's health care coverage. Such refundable tax credit would cover most or all of the cost of the insurance with the parents paying any difference. Additionally, an eligible low-income family would receive full benefit of the credit, regardless of how small their income tax obligation was; and
- (c) The status of the Kansas insurance coverage for children's program including all performance measures relating to the Kansas insurance coverage for children's program.
- Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 39-7,162 is hereby amended to read as follows: 39-7,162. (a) (1) There is hereby established the home and community based services savings fund in the state treasury which shall be administered by the secretary-of aging for aging and disability services. All savings resulting from transferring individuals from the institutions to

home and community based services shall be deposited in this fund. All expenditures from the home and community based services savings fund shall be in accordance with the provisions of appropriation acts upon vouchers approved by the secretary-of-aging for aging and disability services or the secretary's designee.

- (2) (b) Whenever an individual, who is residing in an institution, transfers to home and community based services, the secretary-of-aging for aging and disability services shall determine the savings attributable to such transfer and shall certify the amount or amounts of such savings to the director of accounts and reports. Upon receipt of each such certification, the director of accounts and reports shall transfer the amount or amounts specified in such certification from the funds and accounts specified to the home and community based services savings fund of the department-on aging for aging and disability services in accordance with such certification. The secretary-of aging for aging and disability services shall transmit a copy of each such certification to the director of the budget and to the director of legislative research.
- (b) The secretary shall certify to the joint committee on home and community based services oversight at the beginning of each calendar quarter the amount of savings resulting from transferring individuals from institutions to home and community based services that have been transferred during the preceding calendar quarter to the home and community based services savings fund from each institution during the preceding quarter.
- Sec. 5. K.S.A. 46-912 is hereby amended to read as follows: 46-912. There is hereby established the joint committee on special claims against the state which shall have—13 seven members consisting of—five three members of the senate and-eight four members of the house of representatives. The representative members shall be appointed by the speaker, and the senator members shall be appointed by the senate committee on organization, calendar and rules. Of the members of the house, three members shall be from the majority party with the remaining member from the minority part. Of the members of the senate, two members shall be from the majority party with the remaining member from the minority party. Not less than two representative members and two senator members shall be attorneys licensed to practice law in the state of Kansas. Not less than one representative member shall be a member of the house committee on appropriations and not less than one senator member shall be a member of the senate committee on ways and means. In the biennium commencing with the convening of the regular session of the legislature in 1979, and in the biennium commencing with the convening of the regular session of the legislature each four years thereafter, the chairperson of the joint committee shall be a representative member

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designated by the speaker of the house of representatives. In the biennium commencing with the convening of the regular session of the legislature in 1981, and in the biennium commencing with the regular session of the legislature each four years thereafter, the senate committee on organization, calendar and rules shall designate a senator member to be the chairperson of the joint committee. If a chairperson shall die, resign or otherwise be incapable of serving as chairperson for the full two-year period, a successor shall be designated to fill the unexpired portion of such period in the same manner as the original chairperson was selected. The members appointed from each house shall include minority partyrepresentation thereon. The joint committee shall meet in the interim between legislative sessions on the call of the chairperson as authorized by the legislative coordinating council. Any-seven four members of the joint committee shall constitute a quorum. Any action of such joint committee may be taken by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members present, if a quorum is present.

The provisions of article 12 of chapter 46 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, applicable to special committees shall apply to the joint committee on special claims against the state to the extent the same do not conflict with the specific provisions of this act applicable to such committee.

- Sec. 6. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 46-2801 is hereby amended to read as follows: 46-2801. (a) There is hereby created the joint committee on corrections and juvenile justice oversight which shall be within the legislative branch of state government and which shall be composed of no more than seven members of the senate and seven members of the house of representatives.
- (b) The senate members shall be appointed by the president and the minority leader. The two major political parties shall have proportional representation on such committee. In the event application of the preceding sentence results in a fraction, the party having a fraction exceeding .5 shall receive representation as though such fraction were a whole number
 - (c) The seven representative members shall be appointed as follows:
- (1) Two members shall be members of the majority party who are members of the house committee on appropriations and shall be appointed by the speaker;
- (2) two members shall be members of the majority party who are members of the house committee on judiciary and shall be appointed by the speaker; and
- (3) three members shall be members of the minority party who are members of the house committee on appropriations or the house committee on judiciary and shall be appointed by the minority leader.

(d) Any vacancy in the membership of the joint committee on corrections and juvenile justice oversight shall be filled by appointment in the manner prescribed by this section for the original appointment.

- (e) All members of the joint committee on corrections and juvenile justice oversight shall serve for terms ending on the first day of the regular legislative session in odd-numbered years. The joint committee shall organize annually and elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson in accordance with this subsection. During odd-numbered years, the chairperson shall be one of the representative members of the joint committee elected by the members of the joint committee and the vicechairperson shall be one of the senate members elected by the members of the joint committee. During even-numbered years, the chairperson shall be one of the senate members of the joint committee elected by the members of the joint committee and the vice-chairperson shall be one of the representative members of the joint committee elected by the members of the joint committee. The vice-chairperson shall exercise all of the powers of the chairperson in the absence of the chairperson. If a vacancy occurs in the office of chairperson or vice-chairperson, a member of the joint committee, who is a member of the same house as the member who vacated the office, shall be elected by the members of the joint committee to fill such vacancy. Within 30 days after the effective date of this act, the joint committee shall organize and elect a chairperson and a vicechairperson in accordance with the provisions of this act.
- (f) A quorum of the joint committee on corrections and juvenile justice oversight shall be eight. All actions of the joint committee shall be by motion adopted by a majority of those present when there is a quorum.
- (g) The joint committee on corrections and juvenile justice oversight may meet at any time and at any place within the state on the call of the chairperson, vice-chairperson and ranking minority member of the house of representatives when the chairperson is a representative or of the senate when the chairperson is a senator.
- (h) The provisions of the acts contained in article 12 of chapter 46 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, applicable to special committees shall apply to the joint committee on corrections and juvenile justice oversight to the extent that the same do not conflict with the specific provisions of this act applicable to the joint committee.
- (i) In accordance with K.S.A. 46-1204, and amendments thereto, the legislative coordinating council may provide for such professional services as may be requested by the joint committee on corrections and juvenile justice oversight.
- (j) The joint committee on corrections and juvenile justice oversight may introduce such legislation as it deems necessary in performing its functions.

 (k) In addition to other powers and duties authorized or prescribed by law or by the legislative coordinating council, the joint committee on corrections and juvenile justice oversight shall:

- (1) Monitor the inmate population and review and study the programs, activities and plans of the department of corrections regarding the duties of the department of corrections that are prescribed by statute, including the implementation of expansion projects, the operation of correctional, food service and other programs for inmates, community corrections, parole and the condition and operation of the correctional institutions and other facilities under the control and supervision of the department of corrections;
- (2) monitor the establishment of the juvenile justice authority and review and study the programs, activities and plans of the juvenile justice authority regarding the duties of the juvenile justice authority that are prescribed by statute, including the responsibility for the care, custody, control and rehabilitation of juvenile offenders and the condition and operation of the state juvenile correctional facilities under the control and supervision of the juvenile justice authority;
- (3) review and study the adult correctional programs and activities and facilities of counties, cities and other local governmental entities, including the programs and activities of private entities operating community correctional programs and facilities and the condition and operation of jails and other local governmental facilities for the incarceration of adult offenders;
- (4) review and study the juvenile offender programs and activities and facilities of counties, cities, school districts and other local governmental entities, including programs for the reduction and prevention of juvenile crime and delinquency, the programs and activities of private entities operating community juvenile programs and facilities and the condition and operation of local governmental residential or custodial facilities for the care, treatment or training of juvenile offenders;
- (5) study the progress and results of the transition of powers, duties and functions from the department of social and rehabilitation services, office of judicial administration and department of corrections to the juvenile justice authority; and
- (6) make an annual report to the legislative coordinating council as provided in K.S.A. 46-1207, and amendments thereto, and such special reports to committees of the house of representatives and senate as are deemed appropriate by the joint committee.
 - (l) The provisions of this section shall expire on July 1, 2015.
- Sec. 7. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 65-1,251 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-1,251. (a) The department of health and environment shall work to increase influenza immunization awareness and participation

 among parents of children aged six months to five years in child care facilities. The official website of the department of health and environment shall have information on the benefits of annual immunization against influenza for children and its programs offered for the children. The department of health and environment shall cooperate with the department of social and rehabilitation for aging and disability services in order to distribute the information to the parents and child care facilities effectively in August or September in every year.

- (b) The department of health and environment shall conduct a study of the feasibility of establishing a school-based influenza vaccination pilot program. The study shall:
- (1) Examine the costs and benefits of establishing a school-based influenza vaccination pilot program;
- (2) identify any barriers to implementing the school-based influenza vaccination pilot program and recommend strategies for removing the barriers; and
- (3) determine the fiscal impact to the state of the proposed pilot-program.
- (c) The department of health and environment shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations resulting from such study to the joint committee on health policy oversight before the 2009 legislature convenes. The joint committee on health policy oversight may introduce bills or request funding in order to provide for the program.
- (d) The department of health and environment may seek, receive, and spend money received through an appropriation, grant, donation, orreimbursement from any public or private source to implement the pilot program.
- Sec. 8. K.S.A. 71-212 is hereby amended to read as follows: 71-212. (a) The board of trustees of any community college may establish an early retirement incentive program for the benefit of the employees of the community college for retirement of employees prior to the normal retirement age of 65 years. As used in this act, an "early retirement incentive program" is a program that provides cash payments, either in the form of a lump-sum payment at the beginning of the fiscal year, or in regular payments during the fiscal year. No payment pursuant to an early retirement incentive program as provided in this section shall be made prior to the retirement under the provisions of the Kansas public employees retirement system of any such employee of the community college.
- (b) Commencing in the fiscal year that commenced in calendar year 2002 and every three years thereafter, each board that has established an early retirement incentive program shall prepare and submit a report to the state board of regents related to such early retirement incentive program.

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Such report shall contain: (1) Three years of budget data of such program, including actual costs, and a current year and future years' budget data for three to five years; (2) current costs and benefits of such program and projected costs and benefits of such program for three to five years; (3) current and projected number of participants in such program; and (4) such other information as required by the state board of regents. The state board of regents shall design and distribute forms to carry out the provisions of this act to the board of trustees of each community college that has established an early retirement incentive program. The state board of regents shall compile and prepare a summary report which shall be submitted to the joint committee on pensions, investments and benefits standing committee on pension and benefits of the house of representatives no later than January 1 of the year that follows the end of the fiscal year in which the reporting is required as provided in this subsection.

Sec. 9. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 72-5395 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-5395. (a) The board of education of any school district may establish an early retirement incentive program for the benefit of the employees of the district for retirement prior to the retirement age as provided pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 416(1)(1) of the social security act as in effect on the effective date of this act. As used in this act, an "early retirement incentive program" is a program that provides cash payments, either in the form of a lump-sum payment at the beginning of the fiscal year, or in regular payments during the fiscal year. No payment pursuant to an early retirement incentive program as provided in this section shall be made prior to the retirement under the provisions of the Kansas public employees retirement system for any employee of the district.

(b) Commencing in the fiscal year that commenced in calendar year 2002 and every three years thereafter, each board that has established an early retirement incentive program shall prepare and submit a report to the state board of education related to such early retirement incentive program. Such report shall contain: (1) Three years of budget data of such program, including actual costs, and current year and future years' budget data for three to five years; (2) current costs and benefits of such program and projected costs and benefits of such program for three to five years; (3) current and projected number of participants in such program; and (4) such other information as required by the state board of education. The state board of education shall design and distribute forms to carry out the provisions of this act to the board of education of each school district that has established an early retirement incentive program. The state board of education shall compile and prepare a summary report which shall be submitted to the joint committee on pensions, investments and benefits standing committee on pensions and benefits of the house of representatives no later than January 1 of the year that follows the end of

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Sec. 10. K.S.A. 74-4907 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-4907. (1) The principal office of the system shall be in quarters at Topeka, Kansas.

6 (2) The board shall keep a complete record of all proceedings which 7 shall be open at all reasonable hours to inspection. Any agreement in 8 settlement of litigation involving the system and the investment of moneys 9 of the fund shall be open for inspection by any person and suitable 10 facilities shall be made available by the system for this purpose as provided by the provisions of K.S.A. 45-215 et seq., and amendments 11 12 thereto. A report covering the operation of the system for the past fiscal 13 year, including income and disbursements, and of the financial condition of the system at the end of such fiscal year, showing the valuation of assets 14 15 and investments and liabilities of the system, shall be delivered after the 16 end of each fiscal year and prior to January 1 of the next fiscal year to the 17 governor and to the chairperson of the legislative coordinating council, to the secretary of the senate and to the chief clerk of the house of 18 19 representatives and shall be made readily available to the members and 20 participating employers of the system. Such report shall include the 21 financial statements of the system and supporting schedules, presented in 22 accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. 23 supporting schedules presented in the annual report shall include a listing 24 which reports the cost and the fiscal year end lower amount of cost or 25 market value for each individual alternative investment of the system which was initiated on or after July 1, 1991, and reports, in aggregate, the 26 27 cost and the fiscal year end lower amount of cost or market value for those 28 alternative investments of the system initiated prior to July 1, 1991. The 29 retirement system shall maintain a listing which reports the cost and the 30 fiscal year end lower amount of cost or market value for each individual 31 alternative investment of the system which was initiated prior to July 1, 32 1991, and such listing shall be available for review in camera by the joint 33 committee on pensions, investments and benefits standing committee on 34 pensions and benefits of the house of representatives and as may be 35 required under the provisions of the legislative post audit act. 36

Sec. 11. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 74-4908 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-4908. (1) The board shall appoint an executive director and shall establish the compensation therefor. Subject to the direction of the board, the executive director shall be the managing officer of the system and as such shall have charge of the office, records and supervision and direction of the employees of the system. The executive director shall be in the unclassified service under the Kansas civil service act.

(2) The executive director shall recommend to the board the

 administrative organization, the number and qualifications of employees necessary to carry out the intent of this act and the directions of the board. Upon approval of the board, the executive director is authorized to employ such persons in accordance with the Kansas civil service act.

- (3) The board of trustees shall select and employ or retain a qualified actuary who shall serve at its pleasure as its technical advisor on matters regarding operation of the system. The actuary shall:
- (a) Make an annual valuation of the liabilities and reserves of the system, and a determination of the contributions required by the system to discharge its liabilities and administrative costs under this act, and recommend to the board rates of employer contributions required to establish and maintain the system on an actuarial reserve basis. Such recommended employer contributions shall not be based on any other purpose outside of the needs of the system as prescribed by this subsection.
- (b) As soon after the effective date as practicable and once every three years thereafter, make a general investigation of the actuarial experience under the system including mortality, retirement, employment turnover and interest, and recommend actuarial tables for use in valuations and in calculating actuarial equivalent values based on such investigation.
- (c) Cooperate with and provide any assistance to the actuary, and the legislative coordinating council—and the joint committee on pensions, investments and benefits related to the independent actuarial audit and evaluation as provided in K.S.A. 74-4908a, and amendments thereto.
 - (d) Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the board.
- (4) The attorney general of the state shall furnish such legal services as may be necessary upon receipt of a request from the board, except that legal services may be furnished by other counsel as the board in its discretion deems necessary and prudent.
- (5) The board shall employ or retain qualified investment counsel or counselors or may negotiate with a trust company to assist and advise in the judicious investment of funds as herein provided.
- (6) Subject to limitations imposed pursuant to this subsection and otherwise provided by law, the board may appoint such officers and employees necessary to advise and assist the board in the performance of powers, duties and functions relating to the management and investment of the fund and in such other matters as may be directed by the board. Such appointed officers and employees shall be in the unclassified service under the Kansas civil service act. Not more than 25% of the total number of officers and employees appointed or employed by the system shall be in the unclassified service. The provisions of this subsection shall not affect the classified status of any employee in the classified service under the Kansas civil service act who is employed on the date immediately

preceding the effective date of this act. The board is authorized to assign any new or vacant position created by the system on or after the effective date of this act to the classified or unclassified service under the Kansas civil service act. The compensation of such appointed officers and employees in the unclassified service under the Kansas civil service act shall be established by the board.

- (7) The board may establish a program for the paying of bonus awards to unclassified officers and employees pursuant to procedures established by the board.
- Sec. 12. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 74-4909 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-4909. (1) The board of trustees shall be responsible for the general administration of the system, subject to the provisions of this act.
- (2) The board shall establish rules and regulations for the administration of the system and for the transaction of business consistent with law, which rules and regulations shall be filed in the office of the secretary of state.
- (3) The board shall be responsible for the installation of a complete and adequate system of accounts and records. The board shall contract with the department of administration to provide such accounting services as are necessary to avoid duplication of efforts and promote efficiency. The board shall pay the department of administration an amount not exceeding the actual cost incurred in providing this service, which payments shall be deposited in the state treasury and then credited to the state general fund.
- (4) All meetings of the board shall be open to the public. The board shall keep a record of all proceedings.
- (5) The board may prescribe rules and regulations for the determination of the value of maintenance, board, lodging, laundry and other allowances to employees in lieu of money.
- (6) The board may adopt all necessary actuarial tables to be used in the operation of the system as recommended by the actuary, and may compile such additional data as may be necessary for required actuarial valuations and calculations. Whenever the amount of any benefit is to be determined on the basis of actuarial assumptions, the assumptions specified by the board in a way that precludes employer discretion.
- (7) Subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 74-49,123, and amendments thereto, the board or the investment committee may invest all cash not required for current payments in securities eligible for investment under this act. All actions of the investment committee shall be reported to the board at the first meeting of the board following the action of the investment committee.
- (8) The board, as soon after the close of the fiscal year as practical, shall publish for distribution among members a financial statement

showing the financial status of the system.

- (9) All decisions of the board as to questions of fact shall be final and conclusive on all persons except for the right of review as provided by law and except for fraud or such gross mistake of fact as to have an effect equivalent to fraud.
- (10) Each member's account and records shall be administered in a confidential manner and specific data regarding the member shall not be released unless authorized in writing by the member; however, the board may release information to the employer or to other state and federal agencies as the board deems necessary.
- (11) The board shall develop and adopt a specific plan which outlines strategies, goals, procedures and related costs, including additional employees necessary to carry out the provisions of this subsection, to provide for the system's internal management of the investment and reinvestment of moneys of the fund as provided in K.S.A. 74-4921, and amendments thereto. Such internal management would replace the management of all or part of the fund by persons the board has contracted with as provided in subsection (7) of K.S.A. 74-4921, and amendments thereto. The board shall report such plan developed pursuant to this subsection to the legislature and the governor on or before January 1, 1993.
- (12) The board shall adopt rules and regulations providing the requirements and procedures for the election of members of the board by members and retirants of the system as provided in subsection (a)(2) of K.S.A. 74-4905, and amendments thereto and for the filling of any vacancy involving such elected member of the board.
- (13) The board shall cooperate with and provide any assistance to the actuary; *and* the legislative coordinating council—and the joint committee on pensions, investments and benefits related to the independent actuarial audit and evaluation as provided in K.S.A. 74-4908a, and amendments thereto.
- (14) The board shall be responsible for the administration of the Kansas public employees deferred compensation plan and all related functions as prescribed in K.S.A. 74-4911f, K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 74-49b01 through 74-49b06, *and amendments thereto*, and the Kansas public employees deferred compensation act.
- Sec. 13. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 74-4920 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-4920. (1) (a) Upon the basis of each annual actuarial valuation and appraisal as provided for in subsection (3)(a) of K.S.A. 74-4908, and amendments thereto, the board shall certify, on or before July 15 of each year, to the division of the budget in the case of the state and to the agent for each other participating employer an actuarially determined estimate of the rate of contribution which will be required, together with all

accumulated contributions and other assets of the system, to be paid by each such participating employer to pay all liabilities which shall exist or accrue under the system, including amortization of the actuarial accrued liability as determined by the board. The board shall determine the actuarial cost method to be used in annual actuarial valuations, to determine the employer contribution rates that shall be certified by the board. Such certified rate of contribution, amortization methods and periods and actuarial cost method shall be based on the standards set forth in subsection (3)(a) of K.S.A. 74-4908, and amendments thereto, and shall not be based on any other purpose outside of the needs of the system.

- (b) (i) For employers affiliating on and after January 1, 1999, upon the basis of an annual actuarial valuation and appraisal of the system conducted in the manner provided for in K.S.A. 74-4908, and amendments thereto, the board shall certify, on or before July 15 of each year to each such employer an actuarially determined estimate of the rate of contribution which shall be required to be paid by each such employer to pay all of the liabilities which shall accrue under the system from and after the entry date as determined by the board, upon recommendation of the actuary. Such rate shall be termed the employer's participating service contribution and shall be uniform for all participating employers. Such additional liability shall be amortized as determined by the board. For all participating employers described in this section, the board shall determine the actuarial cost method to be used in annual actuarial valuations to determine the employer contribution rates that shall be certified by the board.
- (ii) The board shall determine for each such employer separately an amount sufficient to amortize all liabilities for prior service costs which shall have accrued at the time of entry into the system. On the basis of such determination the board shall annually certify to each such employer separately an actuarially determined estimate of the rate of contribution which shall be required to be paid by that employer to pay all of the liabilities for such prior service costs. Such rate shall be termed the employer's prior service contribution.
- (2) The division of the budget and the governor shall include in the budget and in the budget request for appropriations for personal services the sum required to satisfy the state's obligation under this act as certified by the board and shall present the same to the legislature for allowance and appropriation.
- (3) Each other participating employer shall appropriate and pay to the system a sum sufficient to satisfy the obligation under this act as certified by the board.
- (4) Each participating employer is hereby authorized to pay the employer's contribution from the same fund that the compensation for

which such contribution is made is paid from or from any other funds available to it for such purpose. Each political subdivision, other than an instrumentality of the state, which is by law authorized to levy taxes for other purposes, may levy annually at the time of its levy of taxes, a tax which may be in addition to all other taxes authorized by law for the purpose of making its contributions under this act and, in the case of cities and counties, to pay a portion of the principal and interest on bonds issued under the authority of K.S.A. 12-1774, and amendments thereto, by cities located in the county, which tax, together with any other fund available, shall be sufficient to enable it to make such contribution. In lieu of levying the tax authorized in this subsection, any taxing subdivision may pay such costs from any employee benefits contribution fund established pursuant to K.S.A. 12-16,102, and amendments thereto. Each participating employer which is not by law authorized to levy taxes as described above, but which prepares a budget for its expenses for the ensuing year and presents the same to a governing body which is authorized by law to levy taxes as described above, may include in its budget an amount sufficient to make its contributions under this act which may be in addition to all other taxes authorized by law. Such governing body to which the budget is submitted for approval, may levy a tax sufficient to allow the participating employer to make its contributions under this act, which tax, together with any other fund available, shall be sufficient to enable the participating employer to make the contributions required by this act.

- (5) (a) The rate of contribution certified to a participating employer as provided in this section shall apply during the fiscal year of the participating employer which begins in the second calendar year following the year of the actuarial valuation.
- (b) (i) Except as specifically provided in this section, for fiscal years commencing in calendar year 1996 and in each subsequent calendar year, the rate of contribution certified to the state of Kansas shall in no event exceed the state's contribution rate for the immediately preceding fiscal year by more than 0.2% of the amount of compensation upon which members contribute during the period.
- (ii) Except as specifically provided in this subsection, for the fiscal years commencing in the following calendar years, the rate of contribution certified to the state of Kansas and to the participating employers under K.S.A. 74-4931, and amendments thereto, shall in no event exceed the state's contribution rate for the immediately preceding fiscal year by more than the following amounts expressed as a percentage of compensation upon which members contribute during the period: (A) For the fiscal year commencing in calendar years 2010 through 2012, an amount not to exceed more than 0.6% of the amount of the immediately preceding fiscal year; (B) for the fiscal year commencing in calendar year 2013, an amount

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not to exceed more than 0.9% of the amount of the immediately preceding fiscal year; (C) for the fiscal year commencing in calendar year 2014, an amount not to exceed more than 1% of the amount of the immediately preceding fiscal year; (D) for the fiscal year commencing in calendar year 2015, an amount not to exceed more than 1.1% of the amount of the immediately preceding fiscal year; and (E) for the fiscal year commencing in calendar year 2016, and in each subsequent calendar year, an amount not to exceed more than 1.2% of the amount of the immediately preceding fiscal year.

- (iii) Except as specifically provided in this section, for fiscal years commencing in calendar year 1997 and in each subsequent calendar year, the rate of contribution certified to participating employers other than the state of Kansas shall in no event exceed such participating employer's contribution rate for the immediately preceding fiscal year by more than 0.15% of the amount of compensation upon which members contribute during the period.
- (iv) Except as specifically provided in this subsection, for the fiscal years commencing in the following calendar years, the rate of contribution certified to participating employers other than the state of Kansas shall in no event exceed the contribution rate for such employers for the immediately preceding fiscal year by more than the following amounts expressed as a percentage of compensation upon which members contribute during the period: (A) For the fiscal year commencing in calendar years 2010 through 2013, an amount not to exceed more than 0.6% of the amount of the immediately preceding fiscal year; (B) for the fiscal year commencing in calendar year 2014, an amount not to exceed more than 0.9% of the amount of the immediately preceding fiscal year; (C) for the fiscal year commencing in calendar year 2015, an amount not to exceed more than 1% of the amount of the immediately preceding fiscal year; (D) for the fiscal year commencing in calendar year 2016, an amount not to exceed more than 1.1% of the amount of the immediately preceding fiscal year; and (E) for the fiscal year commencing in calendar year 2017, and in each subsequent calendar year, an amount not to exceed more than 1.2% of the amount of the immediately preceding fiscal year.
- (v) As part of the annual actuarial valuation, there shall be a separate employer rate of contribution calculated for the state of Kansas, a separate employer rate of contribution calculated for participating employers under K.S.A. 74-4931, and amendments thereto, a combined employer rate of contribution calculated for the state of Kansas and participating employers under K.S.A. 74-4931, and amendments thereto, and a separate employer rate of contribution calculated for all other participating employers.
- (vi) There shall be a combined employer rate of contribution certified to the state of Kansas and participating employers under K.S.A. 74-4931,

 and amendments thereto. There shall be a separate employer rate of contribution certified to all other participating employers.

- (vii) If the combined employer rate of contribution calculated for the state of Kansas and participating employers under K.S.A. 74-4931, and amendments thereto, is greater than the separate employer rate of contribution for the state of Kansas, the difference in the two rates applied to the actual payroll of the state of Kansas for the applicable fiscal year shall be calculated. This amount shall be certified by the board for deposit as additional employer contributions to the retirement benefit accumulation reserve for the participating employers under K.S.A. 74-4931, and amendments thereto.
- (6) The actuarial cost of any legislation enacted in the 1994 session of the Kansas legislature will be included in the June 30, 1994, actuarial valuation in determining contribution rates for participating employers.
- (7) The actuarial cost of the provisions of K.S.A. 74-4950i, and amendments thereto, will be included in the June 30, 1998, actuarial valuation in determining contribution rates for participating employers. The actuarial accrued liability incurred for the provisions of K.S.A. 74-4950i, and amendments thereto, shall be amortized over 15 years.
- (8) Except as otherwise provided by law, the actuarial cost of any legislation enacted by the Kansas legislature, except the actuarial cost of K.S.A. 74-49,114a, and amendments thereto, shall be in addition to the employer contribution rates certified for the employer contribution rate in the fiscal year immediately following such enactment. Such actuarial cost shall be determined by the qualified actuary employed or retained by the system pursuant to K.S.A. 74-4908, and amendments thereto, and reported to the system—and the joint committee—on—pensions, investments—and—benefits.
- (9) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (8), the actuarial cost of the provisions of K.S.A. 74-49,109 et seq., and amendments thereto, shall be first reflected in employer contribution rates effective with the first day of the first payroll period for the fiscal year 2005. The actuarial accrued liability incurred for the provisions of K.S.A. 74-49,109 et seq., and amendments thereto, shall be amortized over 10 years.
- (10) The cost of the postretirement benefit payment provided pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 74-49,114b, and amendments thereto, for retirants other than local retirants as described in subsection (11) or insured disability benefit recipients shall be paid in the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2007.
- (11) The actuarial accrued liability incurred for the provisions of K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 74-49,114b, and amendments thereto, for the KPERS local group and retirants who were employees of local employers which affiliated with the Kansas police and firemen's retirement system shall be

amortized over 10 years.

- (12) The cost of the postretirement benefit payment provided pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 74-49,114c, and amendments thereto, for retirants other than local retirants as described in subsection (13) or insured disability benefit recipients shall be paid in the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2008.
- (13) The actuarial accrued liability incurred for the provisions of K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 74-49,114c, and amendments thereto, for the KPERS local group and retirants who were employees of local employers which affiliated with the Kansas police and firemen's retirement system shall be amortized over 10 years.
- (14) The board with the advice of the actuary may fix the contribution rates for participating employers joining the system after one year from the first entry date or for employers who exercise the option contained in K.S.A. 74-4912, and amendments thereto, at rates different from the rate fixed for employers joining within one year of the first entry date.
- (15) Employer contributions shall in no way be limited by any other act which now or in the future establishes or limits the compensation of any member.
- (16) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, each participating employer shall remit quarterly, or as the board may otherwise provide, all employee deductions and required employer contributions to the executive director for credit to the Kansas public employees retirement fund within three days after the end of the period covered by the remittance by electronic funds transfer. Remittances of such deductions and contributions received after such date are delinquent. Delinquent payments due under this subsection shall be subject to interest at the rate established for interest on judgments under subsection (a) of K.S.A. 16-204, and amendments thereto. At the request of the board, delinquent payments which are due or interest owed on such payments, or both, may be deducted from any other moneys payable to such employer by any department or agency of the state.

Sec. 14. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 74-4921 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-4921. (1) There is hereby created in the state treasury the Kansas public employees retirement fund. All employee and employer contributions shall be deposited in the state treasury to be credited to the Kansas public employees retirement fund. The fund is a trust fund and shall be used solely for the exclusive purpose of providing benefits to members and member beneficiaries and defraying reasonable expenses of administering the fund. Investment income of the fund shall be added or credited to the fund as provided by law. All benefits payable under the system, refund of contributions and overpayments, purchases or investments under the law and expenses in connection with the system

unless otherwise provided by law shall be paid from the fund. The director of accounts and reports is authorized to draw warrants on the state treasurer and against such fund upon the filing in the director's office of proper vouchers executed by the chairperson or the executive director of the board. As an alternative, payments from the fund may be made by credits to the accounts of recipients of payments in banks, savings and loan associations and credit unions. A payment shall be so made only upon the written authorization and direction of the recipient of payment and upon receipt of such authorization such payments shall be made in accordance therewith. Orders for payment of such claims may be contained on (a) a letter, memorandum, telegram, computer printout or similar writing, or (b) any form of communication, other than voice, which is registered upon magnetic tape, disc or any other medium designed to capture and contain durable form conventional signals used for the communication of messages.

- (2) The board shall have the responsibility for the management of the fund and shall discharge the board's duties with respect to the fund solely in the interests of the members and beneficiaries of the system for the exclusive purpose of providing benefits to members and such member's beneficiaries and defraying reasonable expenses of administering the fund and shall invest and reinvest moneys in the fund and acquire, retain, manage, including the exercise of any voting rights and disposal of investments of the fund within the limitations and according to the powers, duties and purposes as prescribed by this section.
- (3) Moneys in the fund shall be invested and reinvested to achieve the investment objective which is preservation of the fund to provide benefits to members and member beneficiaries, as provided by law and accordingly providing that the moneys are as productive as possible, subject to the standards set forth in this act. No moneys in the fund shall be invested or reinvested if the sole or primary investment objective is for economic development or social purposes or objectives.
- (4) In investing and reinvesting moneys in the fund and in acquiring, retaining, managing and disposing of investments of the fund, the board shall exercise the judgment, care, skill, prudence and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing, which persons of prudence, discretion and intelligence acting in a like capacity and familiar with such matters would use in the conduct of an enterprise of like character and with like aims by diversifying the investments of the fund so as to minimize the risk of large losses, unless under the circumstances it is clearly prudent not to do so, and not in regard to speculation but in regard to the permanent disposition of similar funds, considering the probable income as well as the probable safety of their capital.
 - (5) Notwithstanding subsection (4): (a) Total investments in common

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stock may be made in the amount of up to 60% of the total book value of the fund;

- (b) the board may invest or reinvest moneys of the fund in alternative investments if the following conditions are satisfied:
- (i) The total of the annual net commitment to alternative investments does not exceed 5% of the total market value of investment assets of the fund as measured from the end of the preceding calendar year;
- (ii) if in addition to the system, there are at least two other qualified institutional buyers, as defined by section (a)(1)(i) of rule 144A, securities act of 1933;
- (iii) the system's share in any individual alternative investment is limited to an investment representing not more than 20% of any such individual alternative investment;
- (iv) the system has received a favorable and appropriate recommendation from a qualified, independent expert in investment management or analysis in that particular type of alternative investment;
- (v) the alternative investment is consistent with the system's investment policies and objectives as provided in subsection (6);
- (vi) the individual alternative investment does not exceed more than 2.5% of the total alternative investments made under this subsection. If the alternative investment is made pursuant to participation by the system in a multi-investor pool, the 2.5% limitation contained in this subsection is applied to the underlying individual assets of such pool and not to investment in the pool itself. The total of such alternative investments made pursuant to participation by the system in any one individual multiinvestor pool shall not exceed more than 20% of the total of alternative investments made by the system pursuant to this subsection. Nothing in this subsection requires the board to liquidate or sell the system's holdings in any alternative investments made pursuant to participation by the system in any one individual multi-investor pool held by the system on the effective date of this act, unless such liquidation or sale would be in the best interest of the members and beneficiaries of the system and be prudent under the standards contained in this section. The 20% limitation contained in this subsection shall not have been violated if the total of such investment in any one individual multi-investor pool exceeds 20% of the total alternative investments of the fund as a result of market forces acting to increase the value of such a multi-investor pool relative to the rest of the system's alternative investments; however, the board shall not invest or reinvest any moneys of the fund in any such individual multi-investor pool until the value of such individual multi-investor pool is less than 20% of the total alternative investments of the fund:
- (vii) the board has received and considered the investment manager's due diligence findings submitted to the board as required by subsection (6)

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(viii) prior to the time the alternative investment is made, the system has in place procedures and systems to ensure that the investment is properly monitored and investment performance is accurately measured; and

(ix) the total of alternative investments does not exceed 15% of the total investment assets of the fund. The 15% limitation contained in this subsection shall not have been violated if the total of such alternative investments exceeds 15% of the total investment assets of the fund, based on the fund total market value, as a result of market forces acting to increase the value of such alternative investments relative to the rest of the system's investments. However, the board shall not invest or reinvest any moneys of the fund in alternative investments until the total value of such alternative investments is less than 15% of the total investment assets of the fund based on the market value. If the total value of the alternative investments exceeds 15% of the total investment assets of the fund, the board shall not be required to liquidate or sell the system's holdings in any alternative investment held by the system, unless such liquidation or sale would be in the best interest of the members and beneficiaries of the system and is prudent under the standards contained in this section.

For purposes of this act, "alternative investment" includes a broad group of investments that are not one of the traditional asset types of public equities, fixed income, cash or real estate. Alternative investments are generally made through limited partnership or similar structures, are not regularly traded on nationally recognized exchanges and thus are relatively illiquid, and exhibit lower correlations with more liquid asset types such as stocks and bonds. Alternative investments generally include, but are not limited to, private equity, private credit, hedge funds, infrastructure, commodities and other investments which have the characteristics described in this paragraph; and

- (c) except as otherwise provided, the board may invest or reinvest moneys of the fund in real estate investments if the following conditions are satisfied:
- (i) The system has received a favorable and appropriate recommendation from a qualified, independent expert in investment management or analysis in that particular type of real estate investment;
- (ii) the real estate investment is consistent with the system's investment policies and objectives as provided in subsection (6); and
- 39 (iii) the system has received and considered the investment manager's due diligence findings.
 - (6) Subject to the objective set forth in subsection (3) and the standards set forth in subsections (4) and (5) the board shall formulate policies and objectives for the investment and reinvestment of moneys in

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the fund and the acquisition, retention, management and disposition of investments of the fund. Such policies and objectives shall include:

- (a) Specific asset allocation standards and objectives;
- (b) establishment of criteria for evaluating the risk versus the potential return on a particular investment;
- (c) a requirement that all investment managers submit such manager's due diligence findings on each investment to the board or investment advisory committee for approval or rejection prior to making any alternative investment;
- (d) a requirement that all investment managers shall immediately report all instances of default on investments to the board and provide the board with recommendations and options, including, but not limited to, curing the default or withdrawal from the investment; and
- (e) establishment of criteria that would be used as a guideline for determining when no additional add-on investments or reinvestments would be made and when the investment would be liquidated.

The board shall review such policies and objectives, make changes considered necessary or desirable and readopt such policies and objectives on an annual basis.

- (7) The board may enter into contracts with one or more persons whom the board determines to be qualified, whereby the persons undertake to perform the functions specified in subsection (2) to the extent provided in the contract. Performance of functions under contract so entered into shall be paid pursuant to rates fixed by the board subject to provisions of appropriation acts and shall be based on specific contractual fee arrangements. The system shall not pay or reimburse any expenses of persons contracted with pursuant to this subsection, except that after approval of the board, the system may pay approved investment related expenses subject to provisions of appropriation acts. The board shall require that a person contracted with to obtain commercial insurance which provides for errors and omissions coverage for such person in an amount to be specified by the board, provided that such coverage shall be at least the greater of \$500,000 or 1% of the funds entrusted to such person up to a maximum of \$10,000,000. The board shall require a person contracted with to give a fidelity bond in a penal sum as may be fixed by law or, if not so fixed, as may be fixed by the board, with corporate surety authorized to do business in this state. Such persons contracted with the board pursuant to this subsection and any persons contracted with such persons to perform the functions specified in subsection (2) shall be deemed to be agents of the board and the system in the performance of contractual obligations.
- (8) (a) In the acquisition or disposition of securities, the board may rely on the written legal opinion of a reputable bond attorney or attorneys,

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the written opinion of the attorney of the investment counselor or managers, or the written opinion of the attorney general certifying the legality of the securities.

- (b) The board shall employ or retain qualified investment counsel or counselors or may negotiate with a trust company to assist and advise in the judicious investment of funds as herein provided.
- (9) (a) Except as provided in subsection (7) and this subsection, the custody of money and securities of the fund shall remain in the custody of the state treasurer, except that the board may arrange for the custody of such money and securities as it considers advisable with one or more member banks or trust companies of the federal reserve system or with one or more banks in the state of Kansas, or both, to be held in safekeeping by the banks or trust companies for the collection of the principal and interest or other income or of the proceeds of sale. The services provided by the banks or trust companies shall be paid pursuant to rates fixed by the board subject to provisions of appropriation acts.
- (b) The state treasurer and the board shall collect the principal and interest or other income of investments or the proceeds of sale of securities in the custody of the state treasurer and pay same when so collected into the fund.
- (c) The principal and interest or other income or the proceeds of sale of securities as provided in clause (a) of this subsection (9) shall be reported to the state treasurer and the board and credited to the fund.
- (10) The board shall with the advice of the director of accounts and reports establish the requirements and procedure for reporting any and all activity relating to investment functions provided for in this act in order to prepare a record monthly of the investment income and changes made during the preceding month. The record will reflect a detailed summary of investment, reinvestment, purchase, sale and exchange transactions and such other information as the board may consider advisable to reflect a true accounting of the investment activity of the fund.
- (11) The board shall provide for an examination of the investment program annually. The examination shall include an evaluation of current investment policies and practices and of specific investments of the fund in relation to the objective set forth in subsection (3), the standard set forth in subsection (4) and other criteria as may be appropriate, and recommendations relating to the fund investment policies and practices and to specific investments of the fund as are considered necessary or desirable. The board shall include in its annual report to the governor as provided in K.S.A. 74-4907, and amendments thereto, a report or a summary thereof covering the investments of the fund.
- (12) (a) An annual financial-compliance audit of the system, including any performance audit subjects which are directed to be included

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in such annual audit by the legislative post audit committee, performance audits of the system as prescribed under the Kansas governmental operations law, and such other audits as are directed by the legislative post audit committee under the Kansas legislative post audit act shall be conducted. The annual financial-compliance audit shall include, but not be limited to, a review of alternative investments of the system with any estimates of permanent impairments to the value of such alternative investments reported by the system pursuant to K.S.A. 74-4907, and amendments thereto.

- (b) In accordance with this subsection (12), the annual financialcompliance audit may include one or more performance audit subjects as directed by the legislative post audit committee. In considering performance audit subjects to be included in any financial-compliance audit conducted pursuant to this subsection (12), the legislative post audit committee shall consider recommendations and requests for performance audits, relating to the system or the management thereof, by the joint eommittee on pensions, investments and benefits or by any-othercommittee or individual member of the legislature. Commencing with the financial-compliance audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998, the legislative post audit committee shall specify if one or more performance audit subjects shall be included in the financial-compliance audit conducted pursuant to this subsection (12), in addition to such other subjects as may be directed to be included in the financial-compliance audit by the legislative post audit committee. Except as otherwise determined by the legislative post audit committee pursuant to this subsection (12), commencing with the financial-compliance audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998, one or more performance audit subjects specified by the legislative post audit committee shall be included at least once every two fiscal years in a financial-compliance audit conducted pursuant to this subsection (12). The legislative post audit committee may direct that one or more performance audit subjects are to be included in a financial-compliance audit conducted pursuant to this subsection (12) not more than once during a specific period of three fiscal years, in lieu of once every two fiscal years.
- (c) The auditor to conduct the financial-compliance audit required pursuant to this subsection (12) shall be specified in accordance with K.S.A. 46-1122, and amendments thereto. If the legislative post audit committee specifies under such statute that a firm, as defined by K.S.A. 46-1112, and amendments thereto, is to perform all or part of the audit work of such audit, such firm shall be selected and shall perform such audit work as provided in K.S.A. 46-1123, and amendments thereto, and K.S.A. 46-1125 through 46-1127, and amendments thereto. The audits required pursuant to this subsection (12) shall be conducted in accordance

with generally accepted governmental auditing standards. The financial-compliance audit required pursuant to this subsection (12) shall be conducted as soon after the close of the fiscal year as practicable, but shall be completed no later than six months after the close of the fiscal year. The post auditor shall annually compute the reasonably anticipated cost of providing the financial-compliance audit pursuant to this subsection (12), subject to review and approval by the contract audit committee established by K.S.A. 46-1120, and amendments thereto. Upon such approval, the system shall reimburse the division of post audit for the amount approved by the contract audit committee. The furnishing of the financial-compliance audit pursuant to this subsection (12) shall be a transaction between the legislative post auditor and the system and shall be settled in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-5516, and amendments thereto

- (d) Any internal assessment or examination of alternative investments of the system performed by any person or entity employed or retained by the board which evaluates or monitors the performance of alternative investments shall be reported to the legislative post auditor so that such report may be reviewed in accordance with the annual financial-compliance audits conducted pursuant to this subsection (12).
- (e) The board shall prepare and submit an alternative investment report to the joint committee on pensions, investments and benefits standing committee on pensions and benefits of the house of representatives prior to January 1, 2016. Such report shall include a review of alternative investments of the system with an emphasis on the effects of changes in law pursuant to this act and includes specific investment cost and market value information of each individual alternative investment.
- Sec. 15. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 74-4921c is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-4921c.-(a) As used in K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 74-4921c and 74-4921d, and amendments thereto:
- (1) "Active business operations" means a company engaged in business operations that provide revenue to the government of Sudan or a company engaged in oil-related activities;
- (2) "board" means the board of trustees of the Kansas public employees retirement system;
- (3) "business operations" means maintaining, selling or leasing equipment, facilities, personnel, or any other apparatus of business or commerce in Sudan, including the ownership or possession of real or personal property located in Sudan;
- (4) "company" means a sole proprietorship, organization, association, corporation, partnership, venture or other entity, its subsidiary or affiliate that exists for profitmaking purposes or to otherwise secure economic advantage. "Company" also means a company owned or controlled, either

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 directly or indirectly, by the government of Sudan, that is established or organized under the laws of or has its principal place of business in the republic of the Sudan;

- (5) "complicity" means the taking of actions which have directly supported or promoted the genocidal campaign in Darfur;
- (6) "energy or power-related operations" means any business operation that involves a project commissioned by the national electricity corporation of Sudan or similar Sudanese entity whose purpose is to facilitate energy or power generation and delivery;
- 10 (7) "government of Sudan" means the government of Sudan or its instrumentalities;
 - (8) "invest" or "investment" means the purchase, ownership or control of stock of a company, association or corporation, the capital stock of a mutual water company or corporation, bonds issued by the government or a political subdivision of Sudan, corporate bonds or other debt instruments issued by a company, or the commitment of funds or other assets to a company, including a loan or extension of credit to that company;
 - (9) "KPERS fund" means the Kansas public employees retirement fund created pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 74-4921, and amendments thereto;
 - (10) "military equipment" means weapons, arms or military defense supplies;
 - (11) "mineral extraction activities" includes, but is not limited to, the exploring, extracting, processing, transporting or wholesale selling or trading of elemental minerals or associated metal alloys or oxides or ore;
 - (12) "oil-related activities" means, but is not limited to, the export of oil, extracting or producing oil, exploration for oil, or the construction or maintenance of a pipeline, refinery, or other oil field infrastructure;
 - (13) "research firm" means a reputable, neutral third-party research firm;
 - (14) "substantial action" means a boycott of the government of Sudan, curtailing business in Sudan until that time described in subsection (m), selling company assets, equipment or real and personal property located in Sudan, or undertaking significant humanitarian efforts in the eastern, southern, or western regions of Sudan; and
 - (15) "Sudan" means the republic of the Sudan, a territory under the administration or control of the Sudan, including, but not limited to, the Darfur region, or an individual, company, or public agency located in Khartoum, northern Sudan, or the Nile River Valley that supports the republic of the Sudan.
- 42 (b) The board shall not invest KPERS funds in a company with business operations in Sudan that meets all of the following criteria:

(1) The company is engaged in active business operations in Sudan. If that company is not engaged in oil-related activities, that company also lacks significant business operations in the eastern, southern and western regions of Sudan; and

- (2) either of the following apply:
- (A) The company is engaged in oil-related activities, mineral extraction activities or energy or power-related operations, or contracts with another company with business operations in the oil, mineral extraction, energy and power sectors of Sudan, and the company failed to take substantial action related to the government of Sudan because of the Darfur genocide; or
 - (B) the company has demonstrated complicity in the Darfur genocide.
- (c) Notwithstanding subsection (b), the board shall not invest KPERS funds in a company that supplies military equipment within the borders of Sudan. If a company provides equipment within the borders of Sudan that may be readily used for military purposes, including, but not limited to, radar systems and military-grade transport vehicles, there shall also be a strong presumption against investing in that company unless that company implements safeguards to prevent the use of that equipment for military purposes.
- (d) (1) The board may contract with a research firm or firms to determine those companies that have business operations in Sudan. Such research firm or firms may obtain aggregate data on a majority of companies with business operations in Sudan. On or before September 30, 2007, such research firm or firms may report any findings to the board and may submit further findings to the board if there is a change of circumstances in Sudan.
- (2) In addition to the reports described in subsection (d)(1), the board shall take all of the following actions no later than September 30, 2007:
- (A) Review publicly available information regarding companies with business operations in Sudan;
- (B) contact other institutional investors that invest in companies with business operations in Sudan; and
- (C) send written notice to a company with business operations in Sudan that the company may be subject to this section.
- (e) (1) The board shall determine, by the next applicable board meeting and based on the information and reports described in subsection (d), if a company meets the criteria described in subsection (b) or (c). If the board plans to invest or has investments in a company that meets the criteria described in subsection (b) or (c), that planned or existing investments shall be subject to subsections (g) and (h).
- (2) Investments of the board in a company that does not meet the criteria described in subsection (b) or (c) or does not have active business

 operations in Sudan are not subject to subsection (h), provided that the company does not subsequently meet the criteria described in subsection (b) or (c) or engage in active business operations. The board shall identify the reasons why that company does not satisfy the criteria described in subsection (b) or (c) or does not engage in active business operations in the report to the joint committee on pensions, investments and benefits standing committee on pensions and benefits of the house of representatives described in subsection (i).

- (f) (1) The board shall not be required to divest passively managed commingled funds when the estimated annual costs of divestment exceed 5% of the total value of scrutinized companies with active business operations held in the fund and the ratio holds for at least six months time. Such an estimate should be submitted in a report to the joint committee on pensions, investments, and benefits before the exemption is exercised. The report should be updated semi-annually thereafter as applicable.
- (2) Notwithstanding subsection (e), if the board's investment in a company described in subsection (b) or (c) is limited to investment via an externally and actively managed commingled fund, the board shall contact that fund manager in writing and request that the fund manager remove that company from the KPERS fund as described in subsection (h). If the KPERS fund or account manager creates a fund or account devoid of companies described in subsection (b) or (c), the transfer of board investments from the prior fund or account to the fund or account devoid of companies with business operations in Sudan shall be deemed to satisfy subsection (h).
- (3) If the board's investment in a company described in subsection (b) or (c) is limited to an alternative fund or account, the alternative fund or account manager creates an actively managed commingled fund that excludes companies described in subsection (b) or (c), and the new fund or account is deemed to be financially equivalent to the existing fund or account, the transfer of board investments from the existing fund or account to the new fund or account shall be deemed to satisfy subsection (h). If the board determines that the new fund or account is not financially equivalent to the existing fund, the board shall include the reasons for that determination in the report described in subsection (i).
- (4) The board shall make a good faith effort to identify any private equity investments that involve companies described in subsection (b) or (c) or are linked to the government of Sudan. If the board determines that a private equity investment clearly involves a company described in subsection (b) or (c) or is linked to the government of Sudan, the board shall consider, at its discretion, if those private equity investments shall be subject to subsection (h). If the board determines that a private equity investment clearly involves a company described in subsection (b) or (c)

or is linked to the government of Sudan and the board does not take action as described in subsection (h), the board shall include the reasons for its decision in the report described in subsection (i).

- (g) Except as described in subsection (f) or subsection (e)(2), the board, in the board's capacity of shareholder or investor, shall notify any company described in subsection (e)(1) that the company is subject to subsection (h) and permit that company to respond to the information and reports described in subsection (d). The board shall request that the company take substantial action no later than 90 days from the date the board notified the company under this subsection. If the board determines that a company has taken substantial action or has made sufficient progress towards substantial action before the expiration of that 90-day period, that company shall not be subject to subsection (h). The board shall, at intervals not to exceed 90 days, continue to monitor and review the progress of the company until that company has taken substantial action in Sudan. A company that fails to complete substantial action or continue to make sufficient progress towards substantial action by the next time interval shall be subject to subsection (h).
- (h) If a company described in subsection (e)(1) fails to complete substantial action by the time described in subsection (g), the board shall take the following actions:
- (1) The board shall not make additional or new investments or renew existing investments in that company.
- (2) The board shall liquidate the investments of the board in that company no later than 18 months after this subsection applies to that company. The board shall liquidate those investments in a manner to address the need for companies to take substantial action in Sudan and consistent with the board's fiduciary responsibilities as provided in K.S.A. 74-4921, and amendments thereto.
- (i) On or before June 30, 2008, and every year thereafter, the board shall file a report with the joint committee on pensions, investments and benefits standing committee on pensions and benefits of the house of representatives. The report shall describe the following:
- (1) A list of investments the board has in companies with business operations in Sudan, including, but not limited to, the issuer, by name, of the stock, bonds, securities and other evidence of indebtedness;
- (2) a detailed summary of the business operations a company described in subsection (i)(1) has in Sudan and whether that company satisfies all of the criteria in subsection (b) or (c);
- (3) whether the board has reduced KPERS fund investments in a company that satisfies the criteria in subsection (b) or (c);
- (4) if the board has not completely reduced KPERS fund investments in a company that satisfies the criteria in subsection (b) or (c), when the

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board anticipates that the board will reduce all investments in that company or the reasons why a sale or transfer of investments is inconsistent with the fiduciary responsibilities of the board as provided in K.S.A. 74-4921, and amendments thereto:

- (5) any information described in subsection (e); and
- (6) a detailed summary of investments that were transferred to funds or accounts devoid of companies with business operations in Sudan as described in subsection (f).
- (j) If the board voluntarily sells or transfers all KPERS fund investments in a company with business operations in Sudan, this section shall not apply except that the board shall file a report with the legislature related to that company as described in subsection (i).
- (k) Nothing in this section shall require the board to take action as described in this section unless the board determines, in good faith, that the action described in this section is consistent with the fiduciary responsibilities of the board as provided in K.S.A. 74-4921, and amendments thereto.
 - (1) Subsection (h) shall not apply to any of the following:
- (1) Investments in a company that is primarily engaged in supplying goods or services intended to relieve human suffering in Sudan, and the supplying of such goods and services is done in conjunction with an international organization, the government of Sudan, the regional government of Southern Sudan or a non-profit entity, and is evaluated and certified by an independent third party to be substantial in relationship to the business operations of the company in Sudan and of benefit to one or more marginalized populations of Sudan;
- (2) investments in a company that promotes health, education, journalistic or religious activities in or welfare in the western, eastern or southern regions of Sudan; and
- (3) investments in a United States company that is authorized by the federal government to have business operations in Sudan.
- (m) This section shall remain in effect only until one of the following occurs, and as of the date of that action, is repealed:
- (1) The government of Sudan halts the genocide in Darfur for 12 months as determined by both the department of state and the congress of the United States; or
 - (2) the United States revokes its current sanctions against Sudan.
- Sec. 16. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 74-4937 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-4937. (1) The normal retirement date of a member of the system who is in school employment and who is subject to K.S.A. 74-4940, and amendments thereto, shall be the first day of the month coinciding with or following termination of employment not followed by employment with any participating employer within 60 days and the

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attainment of age 65 or, commencing July 1, 1986, age 65 or age 60 with the completion of 35 years of credited service or at any age with the completion of 40 years of credited service, or commencing July 1, 1993, any alternative normal retirement date already prescribed by law or age 62 with the completion of 10 years of credited service or the first day of the month coinciding with or following the date that the total of the number of years of credited service and the number of years of attained age of the member is equal to or more than 85. Each member upon giving prior notice to the appointing authority and the retirement system may retire on the normal retirement date or the first day of any month thereafter.

- (2) Any member who is in school employment and who is subject to K.S.A. 74-4940, and amendments thereto, may retire before such member's normal retirement date on the first day of the month coinciding with or following termination of employment not followed by employment with any participating employer within 60 days and the attainment of age 55 with the completion of 10 years of credited service, upon the filing with the office of the retirement system of an application for retirement in such form and manner as the board shall prescribe.
- (3) Commencing July 1, 2009, the provisions of subsection (5) of K.S.A. 74-4914, and amendments thereto, which relate to an earnings limitation which when met or exceeded requires that the retirant not receive a retirement benefit for any month for which such retirant serves in a position as described herein shall not apply to retirants who either retired under the provisions of subsection (1) of K.S.A. 74-4914, and amendments thereto, related to normal retirement, or, if they retired under the provisions of subsection (4) of K.S.A. 74-4914, and amendments thereto, related to early retirement, were retired more than 60 days prior to the effective date of this act, and are subsequently hired in a position that requires a license under K.S.A. 72-1388, and amendments thereto, or other provision of law. The provisions of this subsection do not apply to retirants who retired under subsection (4) of K.S.A. 74-4914, and amendments thereto, which relates to early retirement prior to age 62. Except as otherwise provided, when a retirant is employed by the same school district or a different school district with which such retirant was employed during the final two years of such retirant's participation or employed by a third-party entity who contracts services with a school district to fill a position as described in this subsection, the participating employer of such retirant shall pay to the system the actuarially determined employer contribution based on the retirant's compensation during any such period of employment plus 8%. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to retirants employed as substitute teachers. The provisions of subsection (5) of K.S.A. 74-4914, and amendments thereto, shall be applicable to retirants employed as described in this subsection, except as specifically

 provided in this subsection. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to create any right, or to authorize the creation of any right, which is not subject to amendment or nullification by act of the legislature. The provisions of this subsection shall expire on July 1, 2015. After such date the Kansas public employees retirement system and its actuary shall report the experience to the joint committee on pensions, investments and benefits standing committee on pensions and benefits of the house of representatives.

Sec. 17. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 74-49,129 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-49,129. (a) For the purpose of financing a portion of the unfunded actuarial pension liability of the Kansas public employees retirement system, the Kansas development finance authority is hereby authorized to issue one or more series of revenue bonds under the Kansas development finance authority act in an amount necessary to provide a deposit or deposits in a total amount not to exceed \$500,000,000 to the Kansas public employees retirement system and to pay the costs of issuance of the bonds, including any credit enhancement, and provide any required reserves for the bonds. The principal amount, interest rates and final maturity of such revenue bonds and any bonds issued to refund such bonds or parameters for such principal amount, interest rates and final maturity shall be approved by a resolution of the state finance council. The state finance council shall review and determine the lowest cost method for financing such bonds, including, but not limited to, issues related to the tax status of the bonds. The bonds, and interest thereon, issued pursuant to this section shall be payable from moneys appropriated by the state for such purpose. The bonds and interest thereon, issued pursuant to this section shall be obligations only of the authority and in no event shall such bonds constitute an indebtedness or obligation of the Kansas public employees retirement system or an indebtedness or obligation for which the faith and credit or any assets of the system are pledged.

- (b) As used in this section, "unfunded actuarial pension liability" means the unfunded actuarially accrued liability of the state for the state of Kansas and participating employers under K.S.A. 74-4931, and amendments thereto, portion of such liability of the Kansas public employees retirement system, determined as of the later of December 31, 2001, or the end of the most recent calendar year for which an actuarial valuation report is available and certified to the Kansas development finance authority by the executive secretary of the Kansas public employees retirement system.
- (c) (1) The authority may pledge the contract or contracts authorized in subsection (d), or any part thereof, for the payment or redemption of the bonds, and covenant as to the use and disposition of money available to the authority for payments of the bonds. The authority is authorized to

enter into any agreements necessary or desirable to effectuate the purposes of this section.

- (2) The proceeds from the sale of the bonds, other than refunding bonds, issued pursuant to this section, after payment of any costs related to the issuance of such bonds, shall be paid by the authority to the Kansas public employees retirement system to be applied to the payment, in full or in part, of the unfunded accrued pension liability as directed by the Kansas public employees retirement system.
- (3) The state hereby pledges and covenants with the holders of any bonds issued pursuant to the provisions of this section, that it will not limit or alter the rights or powers vested in the authority by this section, nor limit or alter the rights or powers of the authority, the department of administration or the Kansas public employees retirement system, in any manner which would jeopardize the interest of the holders or any trustee of such holders or inhibit or prevent performance or fulfillment by the authority, the department of administration or the Kansas public employees retirement system with respect to the terms of any agreement made with the holders of the bonds or agreements made pursuant to this section, except that the failure of the legislature to appropriate moneys for any purpose shall not be deemed a violation of this pledge and covenant. The department of administration is hereby specifically authorized to include this pledge and covenant in any agreement with the authority. The authority is hereby specifically authorized to include this pledge and covenant in any bond resolution, trust indenture or agreement for the benefit of holders of the bonds.
- (4) Revenue bonds may be issued pursuant to this section without obtaining the consent of any department, division, commission, board or agency of the state, other than the approvals of the state finance council required by this section, and without any other proceedings or the occurrence of any other conditions or other things other than those proceedings, conditions or things which are specifically required by the Kansas development finance authority act.
- (d) The department of administration and the authority are authorized to enter into one or more contracts to implement the payment arrangement that is provided for in this section. The contract or contracts shall provide for payment of the amounts required to be paid pursuant to this section and shall set forth the procedure for the transfer of moneys for the purpose of paying such moneys. The contract or contracts shall contain such terms and conditions including principal amount, interest rates and final maturity as shall be approved by resolution of the state finance council and shall include, but not be limited to, terms and conditions necessary or desirable to provide for repayment of and to secure any bonds of the authority issued pursuant to this section.

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(e) The approvals by the state finance council required by subsection (a) and (d) are hereby characterized as matters of legislative delegation and subject to the guidelines prescribed in subsection (c) of K.S.A. 75-3711c, and amendments thereto. Such approvals may be given by the state finance council when the legislature is in session.

- (f) No bonds shall be issued pursuant to this section prior to the review of and recommendation to the state finance council of such issuance by the joint committee on pensions, investments and benefits standing committee on pensions and benefits of the house of representatives.
- Sec. 18. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 74-5001a is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-5001a. The purpose of the department of commerce shall be to develop and implement strategies to:
- (a) Facilitate the growth, diversification and expansion of existing enterprises and the creation by Kansans of new wealth-generating enterprises;
- (b) promote economic diversification and innovation within the basic industries and sectors of the state;
- (c) promote increased productivity and value added products, processes and services among wealth-generating enterprises and the export of those goods and services created by small and large Kansas enterprises to the nation and world;
- (d) maintain and revitalize economically depressed rural areas and urban neighborhoods by annually targeting scarce resources by size, sector and location to communities and enterprises of particular need and opportunity and by working in close collaboration with local communities;
- (e) protect and enhance the environmental quality of the state in ways consistent with dynamic economic growth; and
- (f) forge a supportive partnership with the standing committee on commerce of the senate, the standing committee on *commerce*, *labor* and economic development of the house of representatives—and the joint-committee on economic development, Kansas venture capital, inc., Kansas certified development companies, Kansas small business development centers, Kansas public and private educational institutions, and other appropriate private and public sector organizations in achieving the economic goals of the state.
- Sec. 19. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 74-5002s is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-5002s. (a) There is hereby established, within the Kansas department of commerce, a division of workforce development. The head of the division shall be the director of workforce development, who shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the secretary of the department of commerce. The director shall be in the unclassified service under the Kansas civil service act and shall receive an annual salary fixed

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by the secretary of commerce, with the approval of the governor. Under the supervision of the secretary of commerce, the director of workforce development shall administer the division of workforce development.

- (b) The monitoring unit of the division of workforce development shall report annually, on or before January 15, to the senate committee on commerce, the house committee on *commerce*, *labor and* economic development—and tourism and the joint committee on committee on economic—development, and any successor committees thereto, on the monitoring activities of the division during the preceding calendar year, any problems within workforce development activities, compliance with federal and state requirements and such other matters concerning workforce development which the monitoring unit deems appropriate.
- Sec. 20. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 74-5049 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-5049. (a) In order to insure that the department of commerce is effectively administering this act, the department shall cooperate with the standing committee on commerce of the senate, and the standing committee on-new-economy commerce, labor and economic development of the house of representatives and the joint committee on economicdevelopment in the performance of an independent performance review of the activities of the department and the departmental divisions. The review shall include, but not be limited to: (1) An assessment of the impacts of the department's programs corresponding to the strategic plans of the department and the departmental divisions; (2) a comparative assessment of the relative impact of the department's programs with similar programs in other states; and (3) a comparative assessment of the targeting of the department's programs by size and sector of economic activity, and by location in different areas of the state. The review shall be completed or updated at least once every three years.
- (b) On or before October 1, the department shall prepare and publish an annual report, which shall be made widely available, of its activities and expenditures for the information of the governor, the standing committee on commerce of the senate, the standing committee on—new-eeonomy commerce, labor and economic development of the house of representatives, the joint committee on economic development, and the public, and shall, from time to time, submit recommendations to the governor concerning legislation found to be necessary or desirable in effecting the purposes of this act. The annual report shall include any information which the department is required to report by law. The annual report shall specifically account for the ways in which the purposes of the department and its divisions as described in this act have been achieved, and the recommendations shall specifically note what changes in the activities of the department and its divisions, and of state government are necessary to better address the purposes described in this act. The annual

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report to the standing committee on commerce of the senate; and the standing committee on—new economy commerce, labor and economic development of the house of representatives—and the joint committee on economic development shall be made by the department either: (1) By publishing such report on the internet and by notifying each member of the committees that the report is available and providing, as part of such notice, the uniform resource locator (URL) at which such report is available; or (2) by submitting copies of such report on CD-ROM or other electronically readable media to such committees.

- Sec. 21. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 74-5097 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-5097. (a) Subject to the provisions of appropriations acts and in accordance with the provisions of this act, the department of commerce may provide planning grants and action grants to city-county economic development organizations located in nonmetropolitan counties, for the development and implementation of countywide economic development strategy plans or to neighborhood revitalization organizations, in metropolitan counties, for the planning and implementation of urban economic development plans.
- (b) The committee shall establish grant eligibility criteria for applicants in both metropolitan and nonmetropolitan counties, and shall administer the competitive selection process for the awarding of planning grants and action grants. The committee shall submit its recommendations for grant awards to the secretary of commerce for final determination and award.
- (1) Grant applicants from nonmetropolitan counties shall be subject to the following conditions. Planning grants shall be for the development of countywide economic development strategy plans. No planning grant shall exceed \$15,000 for any single county economic development plan. An additional award for an amount not to exceed \$5,000 may be granted for each additional county participating in the development of a joint multi-county strategic economic development plan, except that under no circumstances shall the total planning grant exceed \$35,000. Any citycounty economic development organization receiving a planning grant shall be required to provide additional funds equaling 25% of the amount of the planning grant. Action grants shall be for the implementation of countywide economic development strategy plans. Total action grants shall not exceed \$25,000 for any single county action grant application. An additional award for an amount not to exceed \$10,000 may be granted for each additional county participating in a joint multi-county action grant implementation effort, except that under no circumstances shall the action grant totals exceed \$65,000. Any city-county economic development organization receiving a grant shall be required to provide additional funds equaling 100% of the amount of the action grant. Not more than one

planning grant may be awarded to any one county or combination of counties.

- (2) Neighborhood revitalization organizations from metropolitan counties shall be subject to the following conditions. Prior to applying to the committee, the neighborhood revitalization organization must submit its application to a local economic development organization designated by the county commission of the county in which the organization is located. The local economic development organization shall review the application and determine whether the application should be funded on the basis of local needs and priorities. If the application is approved by the local economic development organization and endorsed by resolution by the county commission and the governing body of the city in which the blighted area is located, the application shall be forwarded to the committee for further consideration. Planning grants shall be for the development of urban economic development strategy plans. No planning grant shall exceed \$15,000 for any single urban economic development plan. Any neighborhood revitalization organization receiving a planning grant shall be required to provide additional funds equaling 25% of the amount of the planning grant. Action grants shall be for the implementation of urban economic development strategy plans. Total action grants shall not exceed \$25,000 for any single urban action grant application. Any neighborhood revitalization organization receiving a grant shall be required to provide additional funds equaling 100% of the amount of the action grant. Not more than one planning grant may be awarded to any one neighborhood revitalization organization.
- (3) No funds shall be granted under this act to applicants from metropolitan counties unless such funds are specifically appropriated for that purpose.
- (4) The secretary of commerce may authorize a recipient of a planning grant, who has unexpended funds from such planning grant, to apply such funds to the implementation of the recipient's approved strategic economic development plan. Any unexpended planning grant funds applied to the implementation of such strategic economic development plan shall require the appropriate 100% match. Application of the unexpended planning grant funds to the implementation of the strategic economic development plan may result in the reduction of any subsequent action grant awarded to the recipient.
- (c) The secretary of commerce may enter into an agreement with economic development service providers to provide reimbursement to such providers for expenses incurred in strategic planning activities which do not relate to the facilitation of a specific strategic plan. Such activities may include, but are not limited to, preapplication consulting and maintenance of economic development data bases. Such expenses shall be

paid on a per project basis and must be preapproved by the secretary.

- (d) Each city-county economic development organization or neighborhood revitalization organization which has received a planning grant beginning on and after July 1, 1990, shall assess the effectiveness of the strategic planning process under this program and the local preparedness in engaging in such process. Such assessment shall be submitted to the Kansas department of commerce within three months after completion of a strategic plan. The status report developed pursuant to subsection (f) shall include a summary of all strategic plan assessments received for a twelve-month period prior to the submittal of the report to the joint committee on economic development standing committee on commerce of the senate and the standing committee on commerce, labor and economic development of the house of representatives. However, the summary may not include assessments submitted within 30 days of the submittal of the department's report. Any such assessments shall be included in a subsequent annual report.
- city-county economic development organization neighborhood revitalization organization which has received an action grant beginning on and after July 1, 1990, shall assess the extent to which goals identified in its action plan application have been met. Such assessment shall rely on quantifiable criteria to the greatest possible degree. Such assessment shall be submitted to the Kansas department of commerce within three months after intended actions identified for implementation in the action grant application have been undertaken. The status report developed pursuant to subsection (f) shall include a summary of all action plan assessments received for a twelve-month period prior to the submittal of the report to the joint committee on economicdevelopment standing committee on commerce of the senate and the standing committee on commerce, labor and economic development of the house of representatives. However, the summary may not include assessments submitted within 30 days of the submittal of the department's report. Any such assessments shall be included in a subsequent annual report.
- (f) As a part of the annual report required pursuant to K.S.A. 74-5049, and amendments thereto, the Kansas department of commerce shall present a status report of activities including, but not limited to, specifics of community strengths and weaknesses and planning issues and strategies under the provisions of this act to the joint committee on economic development standing committee on commerce of the senate and the standing committee on commerce, labor and economic development of the house of representatives.

Sec. 22. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 74-50,123 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-50,123. (a) The secretary shall transmit annually to the

governor, the standing committee on commerce of the senate; and the standing committee on commerce, labor and economic development—and tourism of the house of representatives—and the joint committee on economic development, or any successor committee, a report, based upon information received from each qualified industrial manufacturer for which benefits have been issued during the preceding year, describing the following: (1) The manner in which the purpose, as described in this act, has been carried out:

- (2) an estimate of jobs created and jobs preserved by cash investments made in qualified industrial manufacturers; and
- (3) an estimate of the multiplier effect on the Kansas economy of the cash investments made pursuant to this act.
- (b) The secretary shall conduct an annual review of the activities undertaken pursuant to this act to ensure that benefits issued pursuant to this act are issued in compliance with the provisions of this act or rules and regulations adopted by the department with respect to this act.
- (c) Any violation of the reporting requirements set forth in the agreement shall be grounds for loss of designation as a qualified industrial manufacturer under this section.
- (d) If the secretary determines that a qualified industrial manufacturer is not in substantial compliance with the requirements of this act, the secretary, by written notice, shall inform the officers of the qualified industrial manufacturer that such qualified industrial manufacturer shall lose its designation as a qualified industrial manufacturer unless such qualified industrial manufacturer corrects the deficiencies and is once again in compliance with the requirements for designation.
- Sec. 23. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 74-50,151 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-50,151. (a) There is hereby created in the state treasury the Kansas economic opportunity initiatives fund. Subject to acts of the legislature applicable thereto, the moneys in the Kansas economic opportunity initiatives fund shall be used only for the purposes prescribed by this section.
- (b) All expenditures made pursuant to this act shall be made in accordance with appropriations acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the governor or the governor's designee. The governor may approve a warrant upon certification, by the secretary of commerce, that an economic emergency or unique opportunity exists which warrant funding for a strategic economic intervention by such state agency or agencies to address expenses involved in securing economic benefits or avoiding or remedying economic losses related to:
 - (1) A major expansion of an existing Kansas commercial enterprise;
 - (2) the potential location in Kansas of the operations of a major

employer;

- (3) the award of a significant federal or private sector grant which has a financial matching requirement;
- (4) the departure from Kansas or the substantial reduction of the operations of a major employer; and
- (5) the closure or the substantial reduction of a major federal or state institution or facility.
- (c) An intervention strategy may include financial assistance in the form of grants, loans or both. The department of commerce shall adopt written guidelines concerning the terms and conditions of any such loans. However, all repaid funds shall be credited to the Kansas economic opportunity initiatives fund. No intervention strategy approved pursuant to this act shall facilitate the moving of an existing Kansas firm to another location within the state unless such restriction is waived by the secretary of commerce. Every intervention strategy approved pursuant to this act shall identify the intended outcomes to be realized by the strategy for which funding is sought.
- (d) The department of commerce shall make findings concerning the costs and benefits, on both a local and statewide basis, of projects proposed pursuant to this act. Prior to allocation of any funds pursuant to this act, the governor shall review the cost-benefit findings performed on each project.
- (e) The director of the budget and the director of the legislative research department shall consult periodically and review the balance credited to and the estimated receipts to be credited to the state economic development initiatives fund during the fiscal year. During any period when the legislature is not in session, upon a finding by the director of the budget in consultation with the director of the legislative research department that the total of the unencumbered balance and estimated receipts to be credited to the state economic development initiatives fund during a fiscal year are insufficient to fund the budgeted expenditures and transfers from the state economic development initiatives fund for the fiscal year in accordance with the provisions of appropriation acts, the director of the budget shall make a certification of such finding to the governor. Upon approval by the governor, the director of accounts and reports shall transfer the amount of moneys from the Kansas economic opportunity initiatives fund to the state economic development initiatives fund that is required, in accordance with a certification by the director of the budget under this subsection, to fund the budgeted expenditures and transfers from the state economic development initiatives fund for the fiscal year in accordance with the provisions of appropriation acts, as specified by the director of the budget pursuant to such certification.
 - (f) On or before the 10th day of each month, the director of accounts

 and reports shall transfer from the state general fund to the state economic development initiatives fund interest earnings based on:

- (1) The average daily balance of moneys in the Kansas economic opportunity initiatives fund for the preceding month; and
- (2) the net earnings rate for the pooled money investment portfolio for the preceding month.
- (g) The secretary of commerce shall review annually the propriety of projects funded under this section and report the findings in writing to the governor, the new economy committee on commerce, labor and economic development of the house of representatives; and the senate commerce committee and the joint committee on economic development. The report to the new economy commerce, labor and economic development committee of the house of representatives; and the commerce committee of the senate and the joint committee on economic development under this subsection shall be made either: (1) By publishing such report on the internet and by notifying each member of the committees that the report is available and providing, as part of such notice, the uniform resource locator (URL) at which such report is available; or (2) by submitting copies of such report on CD-ROM or other electronically readable media to such committees.
- Sec. 24. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 74-50,216 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-50,216. The secretary shall transmit annually to the governor, the standing committees on taxation and assessment and commerce of the senate, the standing committees on taxation and *commerce*, *labor and* economic development—and tourism of the house of representatives—and the joint committee on economic development, or any successor committee, a report, based on information received from each qualified company receiving benefits under this act, describing the following:
 - (a) The names of the qualified companies;
 - (b) the types of qualified companies utilizing the act;
- (c) the location of such companies and the location of such companies' business operations in Kansas;
 - (d) the number of new employees hired;
 - (e) the wages paid for such new employees;
 - (f) the annual amount of benefits provided under this act;
- (g) the estimated net state fiscal impact, including the direct and indirect new state taxes derived from the new employees hired; and
- (h) an estimate of the multiplier effect on the Kansas economy of the benefits received under this act.
- Sec. 25. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 74-8004 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-8004. (a) In order to achieve its purpose as provided in this act, the secretary of commerce shall:
 - (1) Serve in an advisory capacity to the governor, the standing

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committee on commerce of the senate; and the standing committee on commerce, labor and economic development of the house of representatives and the joint committee on economic development.

- (2) Assume central responsibility to develop, with the guidance of both the private and public sectors, all facets of a comprehensive long term economic development strategy.
- (3) Coordinate the strategy development with all other state and local agencies and offices and state educational institutions which do research work, develop materials and programs, gather statistics, or which perform functions related to economic development; and such state and local agencies and offices and state educational institutions shall advise and cooperate with the secretary of commerce in the planning and accomplishment of the strategy.
- (4) Evaluate and analyze the state's economy to guide the direction of future public and private actions, and report and make recommendations to the governor, the standing committee on commerce of the senate; and the standing committee on commerce, labor and economic development of the house of representatives—and the joint committee on economic—development with respect to the state's economy. The report to the committee on commerce of the senate; and the committee on commerce, labor and economic development of the house of representatives—and the joint committee on economic development under this subsection shall be made by the secretary of commerce, either: (A) By publishing such report on the internet and by notifying each member of the committees that the report is available and providing, as part of such notice, the uniform resource locator (URL) at which such report is available; or (B) by submitting copies of such report on CD-ROM or other electronically readable media to such committees.
- (5) Oversee and evaluate the state's economic development activities on an ongoing basis through the establishment of goals, priorities *and* performance standards and the periodic program audit of those goals, priorities and performance standards.
- (6) Oversee the implementation of the state's economic development plan and monitor updates of that plan.
- (7) Provide appropriate oversight to ensure the successful implementation of Kansas Venture Capital, Inc.
- (8) Oversee the targeting of scarce state resources by size and sector of economic activity and by geographic location within the state in order to enhance the state's potential comparative economic advantages.
- (9) Review and evaluate the annual report of Kansas venture capital, inc. The secretary of commerce shall transmit recommendations concerning the Kansas venture capital, inc. activities to the governor and the legislature no later than September 1 of each year.

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(10) Evaluate and report on the effectiveness of the activities of the Kansas bioscience authority as provided in K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 74-99b09, and amendments thereto.

- (b) The secretary of commerce shall seek advice from the general public and from professional associations, academic groups and institutions and individuals with knowledge of and interest in areas of economic development and planning.
- (c) All interested state agencies shall cooperate with the secretary of commerce in providing information and other assistance as may be requested for the performance of its duties with respect to the state's economic development plan.
- Sec. 26. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 74-8135 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-8135. (a) The designation of a business as a qualified Kansas business shall be made by the secretary, and such designation must be renewed annually. A business shall be so designated if the secretary determines, based upon the application submitted by the business and any additional investigation the staff of the department shall make, that the following criteria have been or shall be satisfied:
 - (1) The business has a reasonable chance of success;
- (2) the business has the reasonable potential to create measurable employment within the state;
- (3) the business has an innovative and proprietary technology, product and service;
- (4) the existing owners of the business and other founders have made or are committed to make a substantial financial and time commitment to the business:
- (5) the securities to be issued and purchased are qualified securities; and
- (6) binding commitments have been made by the business to the department for adequate reporting of financial data, including a requirement for an annual report, or, if required by the secretary, an annual audit of the financial and operational records of the business, the right of access to the financial records of the business and the right of the department to record and publish normal and customary data and information related to the issuance of tax credits that are not otherwise determined to be trade or business secrets.
- (b) In addition to reports by the businesses to the department, the secretary will also provide an annual report, on or before February 1, to the governor, to the senate committee on commerce, and the house committee on commerce, labor and economic development and tourism and the joint committee on committee on economic development and any successor committees thereto, on the marketing and use of the angel investor tax credits. This report will include the following: The amount of tax credits used in the

previous fiscal year including what percentage was claimed by individuals and what percentage was claimed by investment firms; the types of businesses that benefited from the tax credits; and any aggregate job creation or capital investment in Kansas that resulted from the use of the tax credits for a period of five years beginning from the date on which the tax credits were awarded. In addition, the annual report will provide information regarding what businesses which derived benefit from the tax credits remained in Kansas and what businesses ceased business, what businesses were purchased and what businesses may have moved out-of-state and why.

Sec. 27. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 74-8136 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-8136. (a) Tax credits for qualified Kansas businesses are a limited resource of the state for which the secretary is designated as the administrator. The purpose of such tax credits is to facilitate the availability of equity investment in businesses in the early stages of commercial development and to assist in the creation and expansion of Kansas businesses which are job and wealth creating enterprises. To achieve this purpose and to optimize the use of the limited resources of the state, the secretary is authorized to issue tax credits to qualified investors in qualified Kansas businesses. Such tax credits shall be awarded to those qualified Kansas businesses which, as determined by the secretary, are most likely to provide the greatest economic benefit to the state. The secretary may issue whole or partial tax credits based on an assessment of the qualified businesses. The secretary may consider numerous factors in such assessment, including, but not limited to, the quality and experience of the management team, the size of the estimated market opportunity, the risk from current or future competition, the ability to defend intellectual property, the quality and utility of the business model and the quality and reasonableness of financial projections for the business.

- (b) Each qualified Kansas business for which tax credits have been issued pursuant to this act shall report to the department on an annual basis, the following: (1) The name, address and taxpayer identification number of each angel investor who has made cash investment in the qualified securities of a qualified Kansas business and has received tax credits for this investment during the preceding year and all other preceding years; (2) the amounts of these cash investments by each angel investor and a description of the qualified securities issued in consideration of such cash investments; (3) the name, address and taxpayer identification number of each investor to which tax credits issued pursuant to this act have been transferred by the original angel investor; and (4) any additional information as the secretary may require pursuant to this act.
- (c) The secretary shall transmit annually to the governor, the standing committee on commerce of the senate; *and* the standing committee on

commerce, labor and economic development of the house of representatives—and the joint committee on economic development a report, based upon information received from each qualified Kansas business for which tax credits have been issued during the preceding year, describing the following: (1) The manner in which the purpose, as described in this act, has been carried out; (2) the total cash investments made for the purchase of qualified securities of qualified Kansas businesses during the preceding year and cumulatively since the inception of this act; (3) an estimate of jobs created and jobs preserved by cash investments made in qualified securities of qualified Kansas businesses; and (4) an estimate of the multiplier effect on the Kansas economy of the cash investments made pursuant to this act.

- (d) The secretary shall provide the information specified in subsection (c) to the department of revenue on an annual basis. The secretary shall conduct an annual review of the activities undertaken pursuant to this act to ensure that tax credits issued pursuant to this act are issued in compliance with the provisions of this act or rules and regulations promulgated by the department with respect to this act.
- (e) Any violation of the reporting requirements set forth in this section shall be grounds for undesignation of a qualified Kansas business under this section.
- (f) If the secretary determines that a business is not in substantial compliance with the requirements of this act to maintain its designation, the secretary, by written notice, shall inform the officers of the qualified Kansas business and the business that such business will lose designation as a qualified Kansas business in 120 days from the date of mailing of the notice unless such business corrects the deficiencies and is once again in compliance with the requirements for designation.
- (g) At the end of the 120-day period, if the qualified Kansas business is still not in substantial compliance, the secretary shall send a notice of loss of designation to the business, the secretary of the department of revenue and to all known investors in the business. Loss of designation of a qualified Kansas business shall preclude the issuance of any additional tax credits with respect to this business and the secretary shall not approve the application of such business as a qualified Kansas business. Upon loss of the designation as a qualified Kansas business or if a business loses its designation as a qualified Kansas business under this act by moving its operations outside Kansas within 10 years after receiving financial assistance under this act, such business shall repay such financial assistance to the department, in an amount determined by the secretary. Each qualified Kansas business that loses such designation shall enter into a repayment agreement with the secretary specifying the terms of such repayment obligation.

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(h) Angel investors in a qualified Kansas business shall be entitled to keep all of the tax credits claimed under this act.

- The secretary shall adopt rules and regulations in accordance with the rules and regulations filing act necessary to implement the provisions of K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 74-8131 through 74-8136, and amendments thereto.
- Sec. 28. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 74-8204 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-8204. (a) Kansas venture capital, inc., shall prepare and publish an annual report of its activities for the information of the governor, the standing committee on commerce of the senate, the standing committee on new economy commerce, labor and economic development of the house of representatives and the joint committee on economicdevelopment, securities commissioner of Kansas, attorney general and the public which shall be made widely available and shall specifically account for:
- (1) The manner in which the purpose as described in this act has been carried out by Kansas venture capital, inc.;
- (2) the total investments made annually by Kansas venture capital, inc., in Kansas businesses:
- (3) an estimate of jobs created and jobs preserved by investments by Kansas venture capital, inc., in Kansas businesses;
- (4) an estimate of the multiplier effect on the Kansas economy of investments by Kansas venture capital, inc., in Kansas businesses; and
- (5) an analysis of the targeting of scarce resources by Kansas venture capital, inc., by size, sector and location to enterprises of particular need and opportunity.
- (b) The report to the standing committee on commerce of the senateand the standing committee on new economy commerce, labor and economic development of the house of representatives and the joint eommittee on economic development under this section shall be made by Kansas venture capital, inc., either: (1) By publishing such report on the internet and by notifying each member of the committees that the report is available and providing, as part of such notice, the uniform resource locator (URL) at which such report is available; or (2) by submitting copies of such report on CD-ROM or other electronically readable media.
- Sec. 29. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 74-8310 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-8310. (a) Pursuant to K.S.A. 74-5049, and amendments thereto, the secretary shall report the following:
 - (1) The number of Kansas venture capital companies;
 - (2) the total tax credit generated;
 - (3) the total investments made in Kansas venture capital companies;
- 41 (4) the total investments in Kansas businesses by Kansas venture 42 capital companies; 43
 - (5) an estimate of jobs created or preserved under the program; and

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(6) an estimate of the multiplier effect on the Kansas economy of the program.

- (b) Additionally, in the report the secretary shall evaluate the success of the program in collaboration with the standing committee on commerce of the senate, and the standing committee on commerce, labor and economic development of the house of representatives—and the joint-committee—on—economic—development, and may include specific recommendations for legislation.
- Sec. 30. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 74-8317 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-8317. The secretary shall transmit annually to the governor, the standing committee on commerce of the senate, *and* the standing committee on *commerce*, *labor and* economic development of the house of representatives and the joint committee on economic development:
 - (a) The annual statement of the fund; and
- (b) a report, based upon information received by the fund manager, which specifies the following:
- (1) The manner in which the purpose as described in this act has been carried out by the fund.
- (2) The total investments made annually by the fund in Kansas businesses.
- (3) An estimate of jobs created and jobs preserved by investments by the fund in Kansas businesses.
- (4) An estimate of the multiplier effect on the Kansas economy of investments by the fund in Kansas businesses.
- (5) An analysis of the targeting of scarce resources by the fund by size, sector and location to enterprises of particular need and opportunity.
- Sec. 31. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 74-8405 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-8405. (a) Pursuant to K.S.A. 74-5049, and amendments thereto, the secretary of commerce shall report the following:
 - (1) The number of local seed capital pools;
 - (2) the total tax credit generated;
 - (3) the total investments made in Kansas venture capital companies;
- 33 (4) the total investments in Kansas businesses by local seed capital pools;
 - (5) an estimate of jobs created or preserved under the program; and
 - (6) an estimate of the multiplier effect on the Kansas economy of the program.
 - (b) Additionally, in the report the secretary shall evaluate the success of the program in collaboration with the standing committee on commerce of the senate; and the standing committee on commerce, labor and economic development of the house of representatives—and the joint committee—on—economic—development, and may include specific recommendations for legislation.

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Sec. 32. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 74-99c07 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-99c07. (a) The Kansas center for entrepreneurship shall transmit annually to the governor, the secretary, the standing committee on commerce in the senate- and the standing committee on commerce, labor and economic development in the house of representatives-and the joint committee on economic development a report stating what tax credits have been issued during the preceding year and based on information provided by the regional or local community seed capital fund or economic development agency, describing the following: (1) The manner in which the purpose, as described in this act, has been carried out; (2) the total grants given to community seed capital funds or economic development agencies during the preceding year and cumulatively since the inception of this act; (3) the number of companies and jobs created or preserved by the grants given under this act and their location; and (4) an estimate of the multiplier effect on the Kansas economy of the grants made pursuant to this act.

- (b) The center shall be subject to an audit by the legislative division of post audit.
- Sec. 33. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 75-7423 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-7423. The department of health and environment in consultation with the joint committee on health policy oversight standing committee on public health and welfare of the senate and the standing committee on health and human services of the house of representatives shall consider as part of the health reform in Kansas various medicaid reform options including, but not limited to: The experience of other states, long-term care, waste, fraud and abuse, health opportunity accounts, tax credits, vouchers and premium assistance, and wellness as provided through the federal deficit reduction act of 2005, public law 109-171. Such medicaid reforms should result in improved health outcomes for medicaid recipients, long-term cost controls and encourage primary and preventive care which will result in cost savings for the state.
- Sec. 34. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 75-7427 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-7427. (a) As used in this section:
- (1) "Attorney general" means the attorney general, employees of the attorney general or authorized representatives of the attorney general.
- (2) "Benefit" means the receipt of money, goods, items, facilities, accommodations or anything of pecuniary value.
- (3) "Claim" means an electronic, electronic impulse, facsimile, magnetic, oral, telephonic or written communication that is utilized to identify any goods, service, item, facility or accommodation as reimbursable to the state medicaid program, or its fiscal agents, the state mediKan program or the state children's health insurance program or which states income or expense.

(4) "Client" means past or present beneficiaries or recipients of the state medicaid program, the state mediKan program or the state children's health insurance program.

- (5) "Contractor" means any contractor, supplier, vendor or other person who, through a contract or other arrangement, has received, is to receive or is receiving public funds or in-kind contributions from the contracting agency as part of the state medicaid program, the state mediKan program or the state children's health insurance program, and shall include any sub-contractor.
- (6) "Contractor files" means those records of contractors which relate to the state medicaid program, the state mediKan program or the state children's health insurance program.
- (7) "Fiscal agent" means any corporation, firm, individual, organization, partnership, professional association or other legal entity which, through a contractual relationship with the state of Kansas receives, processes and pays claims under the state medicaid program, the state mediKan program or the state children's health insurance program.
- (8) "Health care provider" means a health care provider as defined under K.S.A. 65-4921, and amendments thereto, who has applied to participate in, who currently participates in, or who has previously participated in the state medicaid program, the state mediKan program or the state children's health insurance program.
- (9) "Department" means the department of health and environment, or its successor agency.
- (10) "Managed care program" means a program which provides coordination, direction and provision of health services to an identified group of individuals by providers, agencies or organizations.
- (11) "Medicaid program" means the Kansas program of medical assistance for which federal or state moneys, or any combination thereof, are expended, or any successor federal or state, or both, health insurance program or waiver granted thereunder.
- (12) "Person" means any agency, association, corporation, firm, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, natural person, organization, partnership or other legal entity, the agents, employees, independent contractors, and subcontractors, thereof, and the legal successors thereto.
- (13) "Provider" means a person who has applied to participate in, who currently participates in, who has previously participated in, who attempts or has attempted to participate in the state medicaid program, the state mediKan program or the state children's health insurance program, by providing or claiming to have provided goods, services, items, facilities or accommodations.
 - (14) "Recipient" means an individual, either real or fictitious, in

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whose behalf any person claimed or received any payment or payments from the state medicaid program, or its fiscal agent, the state mediKan program or the state children's health insurance program, whether or not any such individual was eligible for benefits under the state medicaid program, the state mediKan program or the state children's health insurance program.

- (15) "Records" means all written documents and electronic or magnetic data, including, but not limited to, medical records, x-rays, professional, financial or business records relating to the treatment or care of any recipient; goods, services, items, facilities or accommodations provided to any such recipient; rates paid for such goods, services, items, facilities or accommodations; and goods, services, items, facilities or accommodations provided to nonmedicaid recipients to verify rates or amounts of goods, services, items, facilities or accommodations provided to medicaid recipients, as well as any records that the state medicaid program, or its fiscal agents, the state mediKan program or the state children's health insurance program require providers to maintain. "Records" shall not include any report or record in any format which is made pursuant to K.S.A. 65-4922, 65-4923 or 65-4924, and amendments thereto, and which is privileged pursuant to K.S.A. 65-4915 or 65-4925, and amendments thereto.
- (16) "State children's health insurance program" means the state children's health insurance program as provided in K.S.A. 38-2001 et seq., and amendments thereto.
- (b) (1) There is hereby established within the department of health and environment the office of inspector general. All budgeting, purchasing and related management functions of the office of inspector general shall be administered under the direction and supervision of the executive director of the department of health and environment. The purpose of the office of inspector general is to establish a full-time program of audit, investigation and performance review to provide increased accountability. integrity and oversight of the state medicaid program, the state mediKan program and the state children's health insurance program within the jurisdiction of the department of health and environment and to assist in improving agency and program operations and in deterring and identifying fraud, waste, abuse and illegal acts. The office of inspector general shall be independent and free from political influence and in performing the duties of the office under this section shall conduct investigations, audits, evaluations, inspections and other reviews in accordance with professional standards that relate to the fields of investigation and auditing in government.
- (2) (A) The inspector general shall be appointed by the department of health and environment with the advice and consent of the senate and

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subject to confirmation by the senate as provided in K.S.A. 75-4315b, and amendments thereto. Except as provided in K.S.A. 46-2601, and amendments thereto, no person appointed to the position of inspector general shall exercise any power, duty or function of the inspector general until confirmed by the senate. The inspector general shall be selected without regard to political affiliation and on the basis of integrity and capacity for effectively carrying out the duties of the office of inspector general. The inspector general shall possess demonstrated knowledge, skills, abilities and experience in conducting audits or investigations and shall be familiar with the programs subject to oversight by the office of inspector general.

- (B) No former or current executive or manager of any program or agency subject to oversight by the office of inspector general may be appointed inspector general within two years of that individual's period of service with such program or agency. The inspector general shall hold at time of appointment, or shall obtain within one year after appointment, certification as a certified inspector general from a national organization that provides training to inspectors general.
- (C) The term of the person first appointed to the position of inspector general shall expire on January 15, 2009. Thereafter, a person appointed to the position of inspector general shall serve for a term which shall expire on January 15 of each year in which the whole senate is sworn in for a new term.
- (D) The inspector general shall be in the classified service and shall receive such compensation as is determined by law, except that such compensation may be increased but not diminished during the term of office of the inspector general. The inspector general may be removed from office prior to the expiration of the inspector general's term of office in accordance with the Kansas civil service act. The inspector general shall exercise independent judgment in carrying out the duties of the office of inspector general under subsection (b). Appropriations for the office of inspector general shall be made to the department of health and environment by separate line item appropriations for the office of inspector general. The inspector general shall report to the secretary of health and environment.
- (E) The inspector general shall have general managerial control over the office of the inspector general and shall establish the organization structure of the office as the inspector general deems appropriate to carry out the responsibilities and functions of the office.
- (3) Within the limits of appropriations therefor, the inspector general may hire such employees in the unclassified service as are necessary to administer the office of the inspector general. Such employees shall serve at the pleasure of the inspector general. Subject to appropriations, the

inspector general may obtain the services of certified public accountants, qualified management consultants, professional auditors, or other professionals necessary to independently perform the functions of the office.

- (c) (1) In accordance with the provisions of this section, the duties of the office of inspector general shall be to oversee, audit, investigate and make performance reviews of the state medicaid program, the state mediKan program and the state children's health insurance program, which programs are within the jurisdiction of the department of health and environment.
- (2) In order to carry out the duties of the office, the inspector general shall conduct independent and ongoing evaluation of the department of health and environment and of such programs administered by the department of health and environment, which oversight includes, but is not limited to, the following:
- (A) Investigation of fraud, waste, abuse and illegal acts by the department of health and environment and its agents, employees, vendors, contractors, consumers, clients and health care providers or other providers.
- (B) Audits of the department of health and environment, its employees, contractors, vendors and health care providers related to ensuring that appropriate payments are made for services rendered and to the recovery of overpayments.
- (C) Investigations of fraud, waste, abuse or illegal acts committed by clients of the department of health and environment or by consumers of services administered by the department of health and environment.
- (D) Monitoring adherence to the terms of the contract between the department of health and environment and an organization with which the department has entered into a contract to make claims payments.
- (3) Upon finding credible evidence of fraud, waste, abuse or illegal acts, the inspector general shall report its findings to the department of health and environment and refer the findings to the attorney general.
- (d) The inspector general shall have access to all pertinent information, confidential or otherwise, and to all personnel and facilities of the department of health and environment, their employees, vendors, contractors and health care providers and any federal, state or local governmental agency that are necessary to perform the duties of the office as directly related to such programs administered by the department. Access to contractor or health care provider files shall be limited to those files necessary to verify the accuracy of the contractor's or health care provider's invoices or their compliance with the contract provisions or program requirements. No health care provider shall be compelled under the provisions of this section to provide individual medical records of

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patients who are not clients of the state medicaid program, the state mediKan program or the state children's health insurance program. State and local governmental agencies are authorized and directed to provide to the inspector general requested information, assistance or cooperation.

- (e) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the inspector general and all employees and former employees of the office of inspector general shall be subject to the same duty of confidentiality imposed by law on any such person or agency with regard to any such information, and shall be subject to any civil or criminal penalties imposed by law for violations of such duty of confidentiality. The duty of confidentiality imposed on the inspector general and all employees and former employees of the office of inspector general shall be subject to the provisions of subsection (f), and the inspector general may furnish all such information to the attorney general, Kansas bureau of investigation or office of the United States attorney in Kansas pursuant to subsection (f). Upon receipt thereof, the attorney general, Kansas bureau of investigation or office of the United States attorney in Kansas and all assistants and all other employees and former employees of such offices shall be subject to the same duty of confidentiality with the exceptions that any such information may be disclosed in criminal or other proceedings which may be instituted and prosecuted by the attorney general or the United States attorney in Kansas, and any such information furnished to the attorney general, the Kansas bureau of investigation or the United States attorney in Kansas under subsection (f) may be entered into evidence in any such proceedings.
- (f) All investigations conducted by the inspector general shall be conducted in a manner that ensures the preservation of evidence for use in criminal prosecutions or agency administrative actions. If the inspector general determines that a possible criminal act relating to fraud in the provision or administration of such programs administered by the department of health and environment has been committed, the inspector general shall immediately notify the office of the Kansas attorney general. If the inspector general determines that a possible criminal act has been committed within the jurisdiction of the office, the inspector general may request the special expertise of the Kansas bureau of investigation. The inspector general may present for prosecution the findings of any criminal investigation to the office of the attorney general or the office of the United States attorney in Kansas.
- (g) To carry out the duties as described in this section, the inspector general and the inspector general's designees shall have the power to compel by subpoena the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of books, electronic records and papers as directly related to such programs administered by the department of health and environment. Access to contractor files shall be limited to those files necessary to verify

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the accuracy of the contractor's invoices or its compliance with the contract provisions. No health care provider shall be compelled to provide individual medical records of patients who are not clients of the department.

- (h) The inspector general shall report all convictions, terminations and suspensions taken against vendors, contractors and health care providers to the department of health and environment and to any agency responsible for licensing or regulating those persons or entities. If the inspector general determines reasonable suspicion exists that an act relating to the violation of an agency licensure or regulatory standard has been committed by a vendor, contractor or health care provider who is licensed or regulated by an agency, the inspector general shall immediately notify such agency of the possible violation.
- (i) The inspector general shall make annual reports, findings and recommendations regarding the office's investigations into reports of fraud, waste, abuse and illegal acts relating to any such programs administered by the director of health care finance to the secretary of health and environment, the legislative post auditor, the committee on ways and means of the senate, the committee on appropriations of the house of representatives, the joint committee on health policy oversight and the governor. These reports shall include, but not be limited to, the following information:
 - (1) Aggregate provider billing and payment information;
- (2) the number of audits of such programs administered by the department of health and environment and the dollar savings, if any, resulting from those audits;
- (3) health care provider sanctions, in the aggregate, including terminations and suspensions; and
- (4) a detailed summary of the investigations undertaken in the previous fiscal year, which summaries shall comply with all laws and rules and regulations regarding maintaining confidentiality in such programs administered by the department of health and environment.
- (j) Based upon the inspector general's findings under subsection (c), the inspector general may make such recommendations to the department of health and environment or the legislature for changes in law, rules and regulations, policy or procedures as the inspector general deems appropriate to carry out the provisions of law or to improve the efficiency of such programs administered by the department of health and environment. The inspector general shall not be required to obtain permission or approval from any other official or department prior to making any such recommendation.
- (k) (1) The inspector general shall make provision to solicit and receive reports of fraud, waste, abuse and illegal acts in such programs

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administered by the department of health and environment from any 1 2 person or persons who shall possess such information. The inspector 3 general shall not disclose or make public the identity of any person or 4 persons who provide such reports pursuant to this subsection unless such 5 person or persons consent in writing to the disclosure of such person's 6 identity. Disclosure of the identity of any person who makes a report 7 pursuant to this subsection shall not be ordered as part of any 8 administrative or judicial proceeding. Any information received by the 9 inspector general from any person concerning fraud, waste, abuse or 10 illegal acts in such programs administered by the department of health and environment shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed or made 11 12 public, upon subpoena or otherwise, except such information may be 13 disclosed if: (A) Release of the information would not result in the 14 identification of the person who provided the information; (B) the person 15 or persons who provided the information to be disclosed consent in writing 16 prior to its disclosure; (C) the disclosure is necessary to protect the public 17 health; or (D) the information to be disclosed is required in an administrative proceeding or court proceeding and appropriate provision 18 19 has been made to allow disclosure of the information without disclosing to 20 the public the identity of the person or persons who reported such 21 information to the inspector general. 22

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- (A) Prohibit any agent, employee, contractor or subcontractor from reporting any information under subsection (k)(1); or
- (B) require any such agent, employee, contractor or subcontractor to give notice to the person prior to making any such report.
 - (3) Subsection (k)(2) shall not be construed as:
- (A) Prohibiting an employer from requiring that an employee inform the employer as to legislative or auditing agency requests for information or the substance of testimony made, or to be made, by the employee to legislators or the auditing agency, as the case may be, on behalf of the employer;
- (B) permitting an employee to leave the employee's assigned work areas during normal work hours without following applicable rules and regulations and policies pertaining to leaves, unless the employee is requested by a legislator or legislative committee to appear before a legislative committee or by an auditing agency to appear at a meeting with officials of the auditing agency;
- (C) authorizing an employee to represent the employee's personal opinions as the opinions of the employer; or
 - (D) prohibiting disciplinary action of an employee who discloses information which: (i) The employee knows to be false or which the employee discloses with reckless disregard for its truth or falsity; (ii) the

employee knows to be exempt from required disclosure under the open records act₅; or (iii) is confidential or privileged under statute or court rule.

- (4) Any agent, employee, contractor or subcontractor who alleges that disciplinary action has been taken against such agent, employee, contractor or subcontractor in violation of this section may bring an action for any damages caused by such violation in district court within 90 days after the occurrence of the alleged violation.
- (5) Any disciplinary action taken against an employee of a state agency or firm as such terms are defined under subsection (b) of K.S.A. 75-2973, and amendments thereto, for making a report under subsection (k)(1) shall be governed by the provisions of K.S.A. 75-2973, and amendments thereto.
- (l) The scope, timing and completion of any audit or investigation conducted by the inspector general shall be within the discretion of the inspector general. Any audit conducted by the inspector general's office shall adhere and comply with all provisions of generally accepted governmental auditing standards promulgated by the United States government accountability office.
- (m) Nothing in this section shall limit investigations by any state department or agency that may otherwise be required by law or that may be necessary in carrying out the duties and functions of such agency.
- (n) No contractor who has been convicted of fraud, waste, abuse or illegal acts or whose actions have caused the state of Kansas to pay fines to or reimburse the federal government more than \$1,000,000 in the medicaid program shall be eligible for any state medicaid contracts subsequent to such conviction unless the department of health and environment finds that the contractor is the sole source for such contracts, is the least expensive source for the contract, has reimbursed the state of Kansas for all losses caused by the contractor, or the removal of the contractor would create a substantial loss of access for medicaid beneficiaries, in which case the department after a specific finding to this effect may waive the prohibition of this subsection. Nothing in this section shall be construed to conflict with federal law, or to require or permit the use of federal funds where prohibited.
- (o) The department of health and environment, in accordance with K.S.A. 75-4319, and amendments thereto, may recess for a closed, executive meeting under the open meetings act, K.S.A. 75-4317 through 75-4320a, and amendments thereto, to discuss with the inspector general any information, records or other matters that are involved in any investigation or audit under this section. All information and records of the inspector general that are obtained or received under any investigation or audit under this section shall be confidential, except as required or authorized pursuant to this section.

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Sec. 35. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 75-7435 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-7435. (a) As used in this section, and amendments thereto, unless the context requires otherwise:

- (1) Words and phrases have the meanings respectively ascribed thereto by K.S.A. 39-923, and amendments thereto.
- (2) "Skilled nursing care facility" means a licensed nursing facility, nursing facility for mental health as defined in K.S.A. 39-923, and amendments thereto, or a hospital long-term care unit licensed by the department of health and environment, providing skilled nursing care, but shall not include the Kansas soldiers' home or the Kansas veterans' home.
- (3) "Licensed bed" means those beds within a skilled nursing care facility which the facility is licensed to operate.
- (4) "Agent" means the Kansas department—on aging for aging and disability services.
- (5) "Continuing care retirement facility" means a facility holding a certificate of registration issued by the commissioner of insurance pursuant to K.S.A. 40-2235, and amendments thereto.
- (b) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section and in subsection (f), there is hereby imposed and the secretary of health and environment shall assess an annual assessment per licensed bed, hereinafter called a quality care assessment, on each skilled nursing care facility. The assessment on all facilities in the aggregate shall be an amount fixed by rules and regulations of the secretary of health and environment, shall not exceed \$1,950 annually per licensed bed, shall be imposed as an amount per licensed bed and shall be imposed uniformly on all skilled nursing care facilities except that the assessment rate for skilled nursing care facilities that are part of a continuing care retirement facility, small skilled nursing care facilities and high medicaid volume skilled nursing care facilities shall not exceed ¹/₆ of the actual amount assessed all other skilled nursing care facilities. No rules and regulations of the secretary of health and environment shall grant any exception to or exemption from the quality care assessment. The assessment shall be paid quarterly, with one fourth of the annual amount due by the 30th day after the end of the month of each calendar quarter. The secretary of health and environment is authorized to establish delayed payment schedules for skilled nursing care facilities which are unable to make quarterly payments when due under this section due to financial difficulties, as determined by the secretary of health and environment. The assessment made for years subsequent to the third year from the date the provisions of this section are implemented shall not exceed 60% of the first assessment made under this section. As used in this subsection (b)(1), the terms "small skilled nursing care facilities" and "high medicaid volume skilled nursing care facilities" shall have the meanings ascribed thereto by the secretary of health and environment by

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 rules and regulations, except that the definition of small skilled nursing care facility shall not be lower than 40 beds.

- (2) Beds licensed after July 1 each year shall pay a prorated amount of the applicable annual assessment so that the assessment applies only for the days such new beds are licensed. The proration shall be calculated by multiplying the applicable assessment by the percentage of days the beds are licensed during the year. Any change which reduces the number of licensed beds in a facility shall not result in a refund being issued to the skilled nursing care facility.
- (3) If an entity conducts, operates or maintains more than one licensed skilled nursing care facility, the entity shall pay the nursing facility assessment for each facility separately. No skilled nursing care facility shall create a separate line-item charge for the purpose of passing through the quality care assessment to residents. No skilled nursing care facility shall be guaranteed, expressly or otherwise, that any additional moneys paid to the facility under this section will equal or exceed the amount of its quality care assessment.
- (4) The payment of the quality care assessment to the secretary of health and environment shall be an allowable cost for medicaid reimbursement purposes. A rate adjustment pursuant to paragraph (5) of subsection (d) shall be made effective on the date of imposition of the assessment, to reimburse the portion of this cost imposed on medicaid days.
- (5) The secretary of health and environment shall seek a waiver from the United States department of health and human services to allow the state to impose varying levels of assessments on skilled nursing care facilities based on specified criteria. It is the intent of the legislature that the waiver sought by the secretary of health and environment be structured to minimize the negative fiscal impact on certain classes of skilled nursing care facilities
- (c) Each skilled nursing care facility shall prepare and submit to the secretary of health and environment any additional information required and requested by the secretary of health and environment to implement or administer the provisions of this section. Each skilled nursing care facility shall prepare and submit quarterly to the secretary-of aging for aging and disability services the rate the facility charges to private pay residents, and the secretary shall cause this information to be posted on the web site of the department-on aging for aging and disability services.
- (d) (1) There is hereby created in the state treasury the quality care fund, which shall be administered by the secretary of health and environment. All moneys received for the assessments imposed pursuant to subsection (b), including any penalty assessments imposed thereon pursuant to subsection (e), shall be remitted to the state treasurer in

accordance with K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the quality care fund. All expenditures from the quality care fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the secretary of health and environment or the secretary's agent.

- (2) All moneys in the quality care fund shall be used to finance initiatives to maintain or improve the quantity and quality of skilled nursing care in skilled nursing care facilities in Kansas. No moneys credited to the quality care fund shall be transferred to or otherwise revert to the state general fund at any time. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the contrary, if any moneys credited to the quality care fund are transferred or otherwise revert to the state general fund, 30 days following the transfer or reversion the quality care assessment shall terminate and the secretary of health and environment shall discontinue the imposition, assessment and collection of the assessment. Upon termination of the assessment, all collected assessment revenues, including the moneys inappropriately transferred or reverting to the state general fund, less any amounts expended by the secretary of health and environment, shall be returned on a pro rata basis to skilled nursing care facilities that paid the assessment.
- (3) Any moneys received by the state of Kansas from the federal government as a result of federal financial participation in the state medicaid program that are derived from the quality care assessment shall be deposited in the quality care fund and used to finance actions to maintain or increase healthcare in skilled nursing care facilities.
- (4) Moneys in the fund shall be used exclusively for the following purposes:
- (A) To pay administrative expenses incurred by the secretary of health and environment or the agent in performing the activities authorized by this section, except that such expenses shall not exceed a total of 1% of the aggregate assessment funds collected pursuant to subsection (b) for the prior fiscal year;
- (B) to increase nursing facility payments to fund covered services to medicaid beneficiaries within medicare upper payment limits, as may be negotiated;
- (C) to reimburse the medicaid share of the quality care assessment as a pass-through medicaid allowable cost;
- (D) to restore the medicaid rate reductions implemented January 1, 2010;
- (E) to restore funding for fiscal year 2010, including rebasing and inflation to be applied to rates in fiscal year 2011;

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 (F) the remaining amount, if any, shall be expended first to increase the direct health care costs center limitation up to 150% of the case mix adjusted median, and then, if there are remaining amounts, for other quality care enhancement of skilled nursing care facilities as approved by the quality care improvement panel but shall not be used directly or indirectly to replace existing state expenditures for payments to skilled nursing care facilities for providing services pursuant to the state medicaid program.

- (5) Any moneys received by a skilled nursing care facility from the quality care fund shall not be expended by any skilled nursing care facility to provide for bonuses or profit-sharing for any officer, employee or parent corporation but may be used to pay to employees who are providing direct care to a resident of such facility.
- (6) Adjustment payments may be paid quarterly or within the daily medicaid rate to reimburse covered medicaid expenditures in the aggregate within the upper payment limits.
- (7) On or before the 10th day of each month, the director of accounts and reports shall transfer from the state general fund to the quality care fund interest earnings based on:
- (A) The average daily balance of moneys in the quality care fund for the preceding month; and
- (B) the net earnings rate of the pooled money investment portfolio for the preceding month.
- (e) If a skilled nursing care facility fails to pay the full amount of the quality care assessment imposed pursuant to subsection (b), when due and payable, including any extensions of time granted under that subsection, the secretary of health and environment shall assess a penalty in the amount of the lesser of \$500 per day or 2% of the quality care assessment owed for each day the assessment is delinquent. The secretary of health and environment is authorized to establish delayed payment schedules for skilled nursing care facilities that are unable to make installment payments when due under this section because of financial difficulties, as determined by the secretary of health and environment.
- (f) (1) The secretary of health and environment shall assess and collect quality care assessments imposed pursuant to subsection (b), including any penalty assessments imposed thereon pursuant to subsection (e), from skilled nursing care facilities on and after July 1, 2010, except that no assessments or penalties shall be assessed under subsections (a) through (h) until:
- (A) An amendment to the state plan for medicaid, which increases the rates of payments made to skilled nursing care facilities for providing services pursuant to the federal medicaid program and which is proposed for approval for purposes of subsections (a) through (h) is approved by the

federal government in which case the initial assessment is due no earlier than 60 days after state plan approval; and

- (B) the skilled nursing care facilities have been compensated retroactively within 60 days after state plan approval at the increased rate for services provided pursuant to the federal medicaid program for the period commencing on and after July 1, 2010.
- (2) The secretary of health and environment shall implement and administer the provisions of subsections (a) through (h) in a manner consistent with applicable federal medicaid laws and regulations. The secretary of health and environment shall seek any necessary approvals by the federal government that are required for the implementation of subsections (a) through (h).
- (3) The provisions of subsections (a) through (h) shall be null and void and shall have no force and effect if one of the following occur:
- (A) The medicaid plan amendment, which increases the rates of payments made to skilled nursing care facilities for providing services pursuant to the federal medicaid program and which is proposed for approval for purposes of subsections (a) through (h) is not approved by the federal centers for medicare and medicaid services;
- (B) the rates of payments made to skilled nursing care facilities for providing services pursuant to the federal medicaid program are reduced below the rates calculated on December 31, 2009, increased by revenues in the quality care fund and matched by federal financial participation and rebasing as provided for in K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 75-5958, and amendments thereto;
- (C) any funds are utilized to supplant funding for skilled nursing care facilities as required by subsection (g);
- (D) any funds are diverted from those purposes set forth in subsection (d)(4); or
- (E) upon the governor signing, or allowing to become law without signature, legislation which by proviso or otherwise directs any funds from those purposes set forth in subsection (d)(4) or which would propose to suspend the operation of this section.
- (g) On and after July 1, 2010, reimbursement rates for skilled nursing care facilities shall be restored to those in effect during December 2009. No funds generated by the assessments or federal funds generated therefrom shall be utilized for such restoration, but such funds may be used to restore the rate reduction in effect from January 1, 2010, to June 30, 2010.
- (h) Rates of reimbursement shall not be limited by private pay charges.
- (i) If the provisions of subsections (a) through (h) are repealed, expire or become null and void and have no further force and effect, all moneys

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in the quality care fund which were paid under the provisions of subsections (a) through (h) shall be returned to the skilled nursing care facilities which paid such moneys on the basis on which such payments were assessed and paid pursuant to subsections (a) through (h).

- (j) The department of health and environment may adopt rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this section.
- (k) For purposes of administering and selecting the reimbursements of moneys in the quality care assessment fund, the quality care improvement panel is hereby established. The panel shall consist of the following members: Two persons appointed by Kansas homes and services for the aging; two persons appointed by the Kansas health care association; one person appointed by Kansas advocates for better care; one person appointed by the Kansas hospital association; one person appointed by the governor who is a member of the Kansas adult care executives association; one person appointed by the governor who is a skilled nursing care facility resident or the family member of such a resident; one person appointed by the Kansas foundation for medical care; one person appointed by the governor from the department-on aging for aging and disability services; and one person appointed by the governor from the department of health and environment. The person appointed by the governor from the department-on-aging for aging and disability services and the person appointed by the governor from the department of health and environment shall be nonvoting members of the panel. The panel shall meet as soon as possible subsequent to the effective date of this act and shall elect a chairperson from among the members appointed by the trade organizations specified in this subsection. The members of the quality care improvement panel shall serve without compensation or expenses. The quality care improvement panel shall report annually on or before January 10 to-the joint committee on health policy oversight and the legislature concerning the activities of the panel during the preceding calendar year and any recommendations which the panel may have concerning the administration of and expenditures from the quality care assessment fund.
 - (l) The department of health and environment shall certify to the director of the budget of the department of administration the date upon which the provisions of this section are implemented. The provisions of this section shall expire four years subsequent to the implementation of this section.

Sec. 36. K.S.A. 12-2015, 19-4109, 38-2007, 46-912, 46-1604, 46-2201, 71-212 and 74-4907 and K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 39-7,160, 39-7,161, 39-7,162, 46-1801, 46-2801, 46-3001, 46-3501, 46-3701, 65-1,251, 72-5395, 74-4908, 74-4909, 74-4920, 74-4921, 74-4921c, 74-4937, 74-49,129, 74-49,132, 74-49,133, 74-5001a, 74-5002s, 74-5049, 74-5097, 74-50,123, 74-50,151, 74-50,216, 74-8004, 74-8135, 74-8136, 74-8204, 74-8310, 74-8105, 74-8105, 74-8106,

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- 2 hereby repealed.
- 3 Sec. 37. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
- 4 publication in the Kansas register.