

38-2102. Children's initiatives fund; purposes; requirements for funded programs; transfers from Kansas endowment for youth fund, adjustments for increased or reduced tobacco litigation settlement agreement proceeds. (a) There is hereby established in the state treasury the children's initiatives fund which shall be administered in accordance with this section and the provisions of appropriation acts.

(b) All moneys credited to the children's initiatives fund shall be used for the purposes of providing additional funding for programs, projects, improvements, services and other purposes directly or indirectly beneficial to the physical and mental health, welfare, safety and overall well-being of children in Kansas as provided by appropriation or other acts of the legislature. In allocating or appropriating moneys in the children's initiatives fund, the legislature shall emphasize programs and services that are data-driven and outcomes-based and may emphasize programs and services that are generally directed toward improving the lives of children and youth by combating community-identified risk factors associated with children and youth becoming involved in tobacco, alcohol, drugs or juvenile delinquency. Programs funded must have a clearly articulated objective to be achieved with any funds received. As a condition precedent to funding, every program must demonstrate that the program's design is supported by credible research, that the program as implemented will constitute best practices in the field, that data is available to benchmark the program's desired outcomes and that an evaluation and assessment component is part of the program design and that such evaluation is capable of determining program performance, needed program modifications to enhance performance, ways in which the program could be modified for transfer to other venues, and when performance no longer justifies funding. Community-based programs must demonstrate the availability of sufficient community leadership and the capacity to appropriately implement and administer the program that is funded. Programs which require community mobilization to successfully achieve program objectives must demonstrate a specific strategy to obtain the requisite levels of community mobilization. Moneys allocated or appropriated from the children's initiatives fund shall not be used to replace or substitute for moneys appropriated from the state general fund in the immediately preceding fiscal year.

(c) All expenditures from the children's initiatives fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved in the manner prescribed by law.

(d) (1) On July 1, 2000, or as soon thereafter as moneys are available, the director of accounts and reports shall transfer, in the following order of priority, (A) first, \$70,740,000 from the Kansas endowment for youth fund to the state general fund and (B) second, \$30,000,000 from the Kansas endowment for youth fund to the children's initiatives fund.

(2) On July 1, 2001, or as soon thereafter as moneys are available, the director of accounts and reports shall transfer \$40,000,000 from the Kansas endowment for youth fund to the children's initiatives fund and shall transfer \$10,000,000 from the Kansas endowment for youth fund to the state general fund.

(3) On July 1, 2002, or as soon thereafter as moneys are available, the director of accounts and reports shall transfer \$45,000,000 from the Kansas endowment for youth fund to the children's initiatives fund.

(4) On July 1 of each fiscal year thereafter, or as soon thereafter as moneys are available, the director of accounts and reports shall transfer from the Kansas endowment for youth fund to the children's initiatives fund the amount equal to 102.5% of the amount transferred from the Kansas endowment for youth fund to the children's initiatives fund pursuant to this section during the immediately preceding fiscal year.

(5) If the amounts to be received during any fiscal year under the tobacco litigation settlement agreements entered into by the attorney general on behalf of the state of Kansas, or pursuant to any judgment rendered, regarding the litigation against tobacco industry companies and related entities, are reduced or increased from the amount that was anticipated to be received for such fiscal year, as of the time the settlement agreements were entered into, then the legislature may adjust the amount otherwise provided by this subsection to be transferred from the Kansas endowment for youth fund to the children's initiatives fund for such fiscal year by including provisions in appropriation acts for such fiscal year that proportionally reduce or increase, as appropriate, the amount otherwise provided by this subsection to be transferred from the Kansas endowment for youth fund to the children's initiatives fund for such fiscal year. In addition, for purposes of circumstances related to the investment of moneys in the Kansas endowment for youth fund or other circumstances or matters deemed sufficient by the legislature, the legislature may adjust the amount otherwise provided by this subsection to be transferred from the Kansas endowment for youth fund to the children's initiatives fund for any fiscal year by including provisions in appropriation acts for such fiscal year that proportionally reduce or increase, as appropriate, the amount otherwise provided by this subsection to be transferred from the Kansas endowment for youth fund to the children's initiatives fund for such fiscal year.

(e) It is the intent of the legislature that, except as provided by this section, no amounts shall be transferred from the Kansas endowment for youth fund to the children's initiatives fund or to any other fund during any state fiscal year.

(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 Kansas endowment for youth fund interest earnings based on (1) the average daily balance of moneys in the children's initiatives fund for the preceding month and (2) the net earnings rate of the pooled money investment portfolio for the preceding month.

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