

75-4362. Drug screening program; establishment and implementation; duties of director of personnel; state government positions subject to program; effect of positive test result on employment; results confidential; rules and regulations; safety sensitive positions defined.

(a) The director of the division of personnel services of the department of administration shall have the authority to establish and implement a drug screening program for persons taking office as governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general or members of the Kansas senate or house of representatives and for applicants for safety sensitive positions in state government, but no applicant for a safety sensitive position shall be required to submit to a test as a part of this program unless the applicant is first given a conditional offer of employment.

(b) The director also shall have the authority to establish and implement a drug screening program based upon a reasonable suspicion of illegal drug use by any person currently holding one of the following positions or offices:

- (1) The office of governor, lieutenant governor or attorney general;
- (2) members of the Kansas senate or house of representatives;
- (3) any safety sensitive position;
- (4) any position in an institution of mental health, as defined in K.S.A. 76-12a01, and amendments thereto, that is not a safety sensitive position;
- (5) any position in the Kansas state school for the blind, as established under K.S.A. 76-1101 et seq., and amendments thereto;
- (6) any position in the Kansas state school for the deaf, as established under K.S.A. 76-1001 et seq., and amendments thereto; or
- (7) any employee of a state veteran's home operated by the director of the Kansas commission on veterans affairs office as described in K.S.A. 76-1901 et seq. and K.S.A. 76-1951 et seq., and amendments thereto.

(c) Any public announcement or advertisement soliciting applications for employment in a safety sensitive position in state government shall include a statement of the requirements of the drug screening program established under this section for applicants for and employees holding a safety sensitive position.

(d) Except for a person who has access to a secured biological laboratory in the office of laboratory services of the department of health and environment, no person shall be terminated solely due to positive results of a test administered as a part of a program authorized by this section if:

- (1) The employee has not previously had a valid positive test result; and
- (2) the employee undergoes a drug evaluation and successfully completes any education or treatment program recommended as a result of the evaluation. Nothing herein shall be construed as prohibiting demotions, suspensions or terminations pursuant to K.S.A. 75-2949e or 75-2949f, and amendments thereto.

(e) Except in hearings before the state civil service board regarding disciplinary action taken against the employee, the results of any test administered as a part of a program authorized by this section shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed publicly.

(f) The secretary of administration may adopt such rules and regulations as necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

(g) "Safety sensitive positions" means the following:

- (1) All state law enforcement officers who are authorized to carry firearms;
- (2) all state corrections officers;
- (3) all state parole officers;
- (4) heads of state agencies who are appointed by the governor and employees on the governor's staff;
- (5) all employees with access to secure facilities of a correctional institution, as defined in K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 21-5914, and amendments thereto;
- (6) all employees of a juvenile correctional facility, as defined in K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 38-2302, and amendments thereto;
- (7) all employees within an institution of mental health, as defined in K.S.A. 76-12a01, and amendments thereto, who provide clinical, therapeutic or habilitative services to the clients and patients of those institutions; and
- (8) all employees who have access to a secured biological laboratory in the office of laboratory services of the department of health and environment.

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