HOUSE BILL No. 2160

By Committee on Children and Seniors

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AN ACT concerning the individual development account program act; relating to certain expenditures by individuals who were likely to age out of foster care; amending K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 74-50,202, 74-50,204, 74-50,205 and 74-50,206 and repealing the existing sections.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 74-50,202 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-50,202. As used in this act:

- (a) "Account holder" means a legal resident who is the owner of an individual development account.
- (b) "Community-based organization" means any religious or charitable association or tribal entity that is approved by the department to implement the individual development account reserve fund.
 - (c) "Department" means the department of commerce.
- (d) "Federal poverty level" means the most recent poverty income guidelines published in the calendar year by the United States department of health and human services.
- (e) "Financial institution" means any bank, trust company, savings bank, credit union or savings and loan association or any other financial institution regulated by the state of Kansas, any agency of the United States or other state with an office in Kansas which is approved by the secretary to create and maintain the necessary financial instruments setting up individual development accounts for eligible families or individuals to implement this program.
- (f) "Individual development account" means a financial instrument established in K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 74-50,203, and amendments thereto.
- (g) "Individual development account reserve fund" means the fund created by an approved community-based organization for the purposes of funding the costs incurred in the administration of the program by the financial institutions and the community-based organizations and for providing matching funds for moneys in individual development accounts.
- (h) "Matching funds" mean the moneys designated for contribution from an individual development account reserve fund to an individual development account by a community-based organization at a one-to-one ratio up to a three-to-one ratio.
 - (i) "Postsecondary education expenses" mean tuition and fees

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required for enrollment or attendance, and fees, books, supplies and equipment required for courses of instruction at an educational institution.

- (j) "Program" means the Kansas individual development account program established in K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 74-50,201 through 74-50,208, and amendments thereto.
- (k) "Program contributor" means a person or entity who makes a contribution to an individual development account reserve fund.
- (l) "Qualified acquisition costs" mean the costs of acquiring, constructing or reconstructing a residence. The term includes any usual or reasonable settlement, financing or other closing costs.
- (m) "Qualified business" means any business that does not contravene any law or public policy, as determined by the secretary.
- (n) "Qualified business capitalization expenses" mean qualified expenditures for the capitalization of a qualified business pursuant to a qualified plan.
- (o) "Qualified expenditures" mean expenditures included in a qualified plan, including capital, plant, equipment, working capital and inventory expenses.
- (p) "Qualified first-time homebuyer" means a taxpayer, and, if married, the taxpayer's spouse, who has no present ownership interest in a principal residence during the three-year period ending on the date on which a binding contract to acquire, construct or reconstruct the principal residence to which this subsection applies is entered into.
 - (q) "Qualified plan" means a business plan which:
- (1) Is approved by a financial institution, or by a nonprofit loan fund having demonstrated fiduciary integrity;
- (2) includes a description of services or goods to be sold, a marketing plan and projected financial statements; and
- (3) may require the eligible individual to obtain the assistance of an experienced entrepreneurial advisor.
- (r) "Qualified principal residence" means a principal residence, the qualified acquisition costs of which do not exceed 100% of the average area purchase price applicable to such residence.
- (s) "Individuals who were likely to age out of foster care" means youth who: (1) Were in an out-of-home placement in the custody of the Kansas department for children and families, the department of corrections or a tribal government for any length of time on or after such child's 15th birthday; (2) have been released from such custody; and (3) are currently 18 years of age or older.
- (t) "Qualified vehicle expenses" means the costs associated with the purchase of a qualified vehicle, including purchase price, up to 12 months of automobile insurance premium costs, registration, tags and associated personal property tax. "Qualified vehicle" means an automobile or truck

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which has passed an inspection by a certified automotive mechanic.

- (u) "Start-up costs" means expenses a youth leaving foster care will incur to establish a residence, including rent and deposits, utility deposits, necessary household supplies and necessary furniture and appliances.
 - (v) "Secretary" means the secretary of commerce.
- Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 74-50,204 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-50,204. A family or individual whose household income is less than or equal to 200% of the federal poverty level at the time of application to an individual development account program may open an individual development account for the purpose of accumulating and withdrawing moneys for specified expenditures. The account holder may withdraw moneys from the account on the approval of the communitybased organization, without penalty, for any of the following expenditures:
- (a) Postsecondary educational costs for any family member paid from the account directly to an eligible educational institution as determined by the secretary;
- (b) job training costs for any family member 18 years of age or older, at an accredited or licensed training program;
- (c) qualified acquisition costs with respect to a qualified principal residence for a qualified first-time home buyer paid directly to the persons to whom the amounts are due;
 - (d) major repairs or improvements to a primary residence; or
- (e) qualified business capitalization expenses paid directly to a business capitalization account which is established in a federally insured financial institution which is restricted for such expenses; and
 - (f) for individuals who were likely to age out of foster care:
- (1) Qualified vehicle expenses, which shall be paid directly to the third party vendor; and
- (2) start-up costs. Rent and utility deposits shall be paid directly to the landlord, property management company or utility company providing the service.
- Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 74-50,205 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-50,205. (a) Financial institutions seeking to open and maintain individual development accounts approved by the secretary for account holders shall be permitted to establish individual development accounts pursuant to K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 74-50,201 through 74-50,208, and amendments thereto.
- (b) A financial institution establishing an individual development account shall.
 - (1) Keep the account in the name of the account holder;
- 41 (2) permit deposits to be made in the account by the following, subject to the indicated conditions: 42 43
 - (A) The account holder; or

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(B) a community-based organization on behalf of the account holder. Such a deposit may include moneys to match the account holder's deposits, up to a three-to-one match ratio;

- (3) require the account to earn at least the market rate of interest; and
- (4) permit the account holder to withdraw moneys upon approval of a community-based organization from the account for any of the purposes listed in-subsections (a) through (e) of K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 74-50,204, and amendments thereto.
- (c) The total of all deposits by the account holder into an individual development account in a calendar year shall not exceed 30% of an account holder's annual personal income not to exceed \$4,000, except when necessary to comply with the emergency withdrawal provisions contained in K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 74-50,206, and amendments thereto. The total balance in an individual development account at any time shall not exceed \$50,000.
- Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 74-50,206 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-50,206. (a) Except as otherwise provided, account holders who withdraw moneys from an individual development account not in accordance with subsections (a) through (e) of K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 74-50,204, and amendments thereto, shall forfeit all matching moneys in the account. Account holders who withdraw moneys from an individual development account not in accordance with subsections (a) through (e) of K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 74-50,204, and amendments thereto, due to an emergency related to the illness or death of a family member of the account holder, illness of the account holder or loss of employment of the account holder, shall remain an account holder and shall not forfeit all matching moneys in the account as provided by this section as long as the balance in the individual development account reaches the amount in such account prior to such withdrawal within 12 months of the date of such withdrawal or within the number of months the account holder has been depositing funds in the individual development account, whichever occurs later.
 - (b) All moneys forfeited by an account holder pursuant to subsection (a) shall be returned to the individual development account reserve fund of the contributing community-based organization.
 - (c) In the event of an account holder's death, the account may be transferred to the ownership of a contingent beneficiary. An account holder shall name contingent beneficiaries at the time the account is established and may change such beneficiaries at any time. If the named beneficiary is deceased or otherwise cannot accept the transfer, the moneys shall be transferred to the individual development account reserve fund of the contributing community-based organization.

43 Sec. 5. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 74-50,202, 74-50,204, 74-50,205 and 74-

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- 1 50,206 are hereby repealed.
- Sec. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
- 3 publication in the statute book.