HOUSE BILL No. 2340

By Committee on Appropriations

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AN ACT concerning state finances; relating to the joint estimate of revenue; transfers of actual tax receipt revenue in excess of such estimate to the budget stabilization fund; expenditures from the budget stabilization fund; amending K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 75-6706 and repealing the existing section.

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

New Section 1. Commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, the director of the budget, in consultation with the director of legislative research, shall certify, at the end of each fiscal year, the amount of actual tax receipt revenues to the state general fund that is in excess of, or is less than, the amount of estimated tax receipt revenues to the state general fund pursuant to the most recent joint estimate of revenue under K.S.A. 75-6701, and amendments thereto, for such fiscal year, and shall transmit such certification to the director of accounts and reports. Upon receipt of such certification, or as soon thereafter as moneys are available, the director of accounts and reports shall transfer such certified excess amount from the state general fund to the budget stabilization fund established by K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 75-6706, and amendments thereto. If the amount of actual tax receipt revenues to the state general fund is less than the amount of estimated tax receipt revenues to the state general fund, then no transfer to the budget stabilization fund shall be made.

- Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 75-6706 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-6706. (a) On July 1, 2017, the budget stabilization fund is hereby established in the state treasury.
- (b) On or before the 10th day of each month commencing July 1, 2017, the director of accounts and reports shall transfer from the state general fund to the budget stabilization fund interest earnings based on:
- (1) The average daily balance of moneys in the budget stabilization fund, for the preceding month; and
- (2) the net earnings rate of the pooled money investment portfolio for the preceding month.
- (c) On and after July 1, 2017, no moneys in the budget stabilization fund shall be expended pursuant to this subsection unless the expenditure either has been approved by an appropriation or other act of the legislature or has been approved by the state finance council acting on this matter

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which is hereby characterized as a matter of legislative delegation and subject to the guidelines prescribed in K.S.A. 75-3711(c), and amendments thereto. *All moneys credited to the budget stabilization fund shall be expended or transferred for only the following purposes:*

- (1) The payment, in full or in part, of the unfunded actuarial pension liability as directed by the Kansas public employees retirement system; and
- (2) the calling and redeeming of selected bonds for which debt service is paid by appropriations from the state general fund in accordance with their terms on or after their first optional redemption date and prior to maturity.
- (d) (1) During the 2016 interim between regular sessions of the legislature. The legislative budget committee shall study and review the policy concerning the balance of, transfers to and expenditures from the budget stabilization fund. The legislative budget committee study and review shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
- (A) Risk-based budget stabilization fund practices utilized in other states.
 - (B) The appropriate number of years to review the state general fund:
 - (i) Revenue variances from projections; and
 - (ii) expenditure variances from budgets.
- (C) The entity to certify the amount necessary in the budget stabilization fund to maintain the appropriate risk-based balance.
 - (D) Plan to fund the budget stabilization fund.
- (E) Process and circumstances to reach the appropriate risk-based balance, including the amount of risk that is acceptable.
- (F) Circumstances under which expenditures may be made from the fund.
- (2) The legislative budget committee may make recommendations and introduce legislation as it deems necessary to implement such recommendations.
- (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 52 and 53 of chapter 104 of the 2015 Session Laws of Kansas, section 18 of chapter 12 of the 2016 Session Laws of Kansas, this or any other appropriation act of the 2016 regular session of the legislature, the legislative budget committee may meet not more than 10 days to study and review such policies as determined by the chairperson of the committee.
- (e) 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, 2016, or the end of the most recent calendar year for which an actuarial

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- Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 75-6706 is hereby repealed.
 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its 3
- publication in the statute book. 4