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HOUSE BILL No. 2528

By Committee on Water and Environment

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AN ACT concerning water; relating to the state water plan fund and the
 economic development initiatives fund, fees and distribution of
 moneys; amending K.S.A. 82a-951 and K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 79-4804
 and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 2017 Supp.
 82a-953a.

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

8 Section 1. K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 79-4804 is hereby amended to read as 9 follows: 79-4804. (a) After the transfer of moneys pursuant to K.S.A. 2017 10 Supp. 79-4806, and amendments thereto, an amount equal to 85% of the 11 balance of all moneys credited to the state gaming revenues fund shall be 12 transferred and credited to the state economic development initiatives 13 fund. Expenditures from the state economic development initiatives fund 14 shall be made in accordance with appropriations acts for the financing of such programs supporting and enhancing the existing economic foundation 15 16 of the state and fostering growth through the expansion of current, and the establishment and attraction of new, commercial and industrial enterprises 17 18 as provided by this section and as may be authorized by law and not less 19 than $\frac{1}{2}$ of such money shall be distributed equally among the 20 congressional districts of the state. Except as provided by subsection (g), 21 all moneys credited to the state economic development initiatives fund 22 shall be credited within the fund, as provided by law, to an account or 23 accounts of the fund which are created by this section.

(b) There is hereby created the Kansas capital formation account in
the state economic development initiatives fund. All moneys credited to
the Kansas capital formation account shall be used to provide, encourage
and implement capital development and formation in Kansas.

28 (c) There is hereby created the Kansas economic development 29 research and development account in the state economic development 30 initiatives fund. All moneys credited to the Kansas economic development 31 research and development account shall be used to promote, encourage 32 and implement research and development programs and activities in 33 Kansas and technical assistance funded through state educational 34 institutions under the supervision and control of the state board of regents 35 or other Kansas colleges and universities.

36 (d) There is hereby created the Kansas economic development

1 endowment account in the state economic development initiatives fund. 2 All moneys credited to the Kansas economic development endowment 3 account shall be accumulated and invested as provided in this section to 4 provide an ongoing source of funds which shall be used for economic 5 development activities in Kansas, including, but not limited to, continuing 6 appropriations or demand transfers for programs and projects which shall 7 include, but are not limited to, specific community infrastructure projects 8 in Kansas that stimulate economic growth.

9 (e) Except as provided in subsection (f), the director of investments 10 may invest and reinvest moneys credited to the state economic development initiatives fund in accordance with investment policies 11 12 established by the pooled money investment board under K.S.A. 75-4232, 13 and amendments thereto, in the pooled money investment portfolio. All moneys received as interest earned by the investment of the moneys 14 15 credited to the state economic development initiatives fund shall be 16 deposited in the state treasury and credited to the Kansas economic 17 development endowment account of such fund.

18 (f) Moneys credited to the Kansas economic development 19 endowment account of the state economic development initiatives fund 20 may be invested in government guaranteed loans and debentures as 21 provided by law in addition to the investments authorized by subsection 22 (e) or in lieu of such investments. All moneys received as interest earned 23 by the investment under this subsection of the moneys credited to the 24 Kansas economic development endowment account shall be deposited in 25 the state treasury and credited to the Kansas economic development 26 endowment account of the state economic development initiatives fund.

27 (g) Except as provided further Prior to making any other distribution 28 from the fund as provided for in this section, in each fiscal year, the 29 director of accounts and reports shall-make transfers in equal amounts on 30 July 15 and January 15 which in the aggregate equal \$2,000,000 transfer 31 \$8,000,000 from the state economic development initiatives fund to the 32 state water plan fund created by K.S.A. 82a-951, and amendments thereto. 33 No moneys shall be transferred from the state economic development 34 initiatives fund to the state water plan fund on such dates during state-35 fiscal year 2018, state fiscal year 2019, and state fiscal year 2020. No other 36 moneys credited to the state economic development initiatives fund shall 37 be used for: (1) Water-related projects or programs, or related technical-38 assistance; or (2) any other projects or programs, or related technical-39 assistance, which meet one or more of the long-range goals, objectives and 40 eonsiderations set forth in the state water resource planning act.

41 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 82a-951 is hereby amended to read as follows: 82a-42 951. (a) On and after July 1, 1989, there is hereby created, in the state 43 treasury, the state water plan fund. All moneys in the state water plan fund

expended in accordance with appropriations acts for 1 shall be 2 implementation of the state water plan formulated pursuant to K.S.A. 82a-903 et seq., and amendments thereto. *Except as provided in subsection (b)*, 3 such moneys shall be used only for the establishment and implementation 4 of water-related projects or programs, and related technical assistance, and 5 6 shall not be used for: (1) Replacing full time equivalent positions of any 7 state agency; or (2) recreational projects which do not meet one or more of 8 the long-range goals, objectives and considerations set forth in the state 9 water resource planning act.

10 (b) Of the moneys in the fund that are transferred from the economic development initiatives fund pursuant to K.S.A. 79-4804, and amendments 11 12 thereto, a minimum of \$4,000,000 shall be allocated annually as follows:

(1) A total of 75% of the moneys transferred from such fund to state 13 water-related empirical research centers to be used to provide research 14 15 and demonstration project grants within the scope of their individual 16 missions, with 20% of each research center's appropriation to be used for inter-university and inter-agency collaborative projects, awarded in equal 17 amounts to the Kansas biological survey, the Kansas geological survey 18 19 and the water research institute at Kansas state university for the purposes 20 of:

21 (A) Identifying and treating quality issues that could impact 22 downstream water treatment operations;

23 *(B)* identifying changes in reservoir storage capacity and sediment 24 composition;

25 (C) evaluating the costs and benefits associated with different methods of removing sediment from drinking water supply lakes; 26

27 (D) identifying and evaluating the factors affecting sediment entering 28 streams during high and low flow events that could be positively impacted 29 *by inter-agency program coordination;*

30 *identifying methods of treatment of non-potable waters to potable* (E)31 status; 32

(F) development of low water consuming agricultural plants; and

33 (G) identifying innovative water conservation technologies for use in 34 the agricultural sector; and

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(2) the remaining 25% of such moneys to be distributed as follows:

36 (A) A total of 60% of such moneys shall be transferred to the Kansas 37 water office, with $\frac{1}{3}$ of such funds provided for on-site technical assistance to small water and wastewater systems in addition to the clean drinking 38 39 water fee funds provided for that purpose and the other $\frac{2}{3}$ of such funds requiring matching funds, and determined on a case-by-case basis by the 40 water office, to be used to support communities with water quality or 41 water availability problems to connect to other water systems; and 42

43 (B) the remaining 40% of such moneys provided to the Kansas water 1 authority to evaluate grant applications and award grants to state 2 agencies for projects that may result in less sediment flowing into drinking

3 water supply lakes, support municipal aquifer recharge programs or to

4 extend the productive life of the Ogallala aquifer.

5 (b) (c) On or before December 1 of each year, the Kansas water 6 authority shall submit to the governor and the legislature a report setting 7 out: (1) An account of all moneys expended from the state water plan fund 8 during such fiscal year; and (2) a five-year capital development plan for 9 state water plan projects.

10 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 82a-951 and K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 79-4804 and 82a-953a 11 are hereby repealed.

12 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its 13 publication in the statute book.