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## HOUSE BILL No. 2097

By Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development

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1 AN ACT concerning economic development; relating to the high 2 performance incentive fund; workforce training program participation 3 requirements; amending K.S.A. 74-50,133 and 79-32,160a and 4 repealing the existing sections. 5

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

7 Section 1. K.S.A. 74-50,133 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8 74-50,133. There is hereby created within the department of commerce the 9 "high performance incentive fund" to provide matching funds for business 10 assistance and consulting services to qualified firms under the provisions 11 of K.S.A. 74-50,131, and amendments thereto, or that are entitled to a 12 workforce training tax credit under the provisions of K.S.A. 74-50,132, 13 and amendments thereto, or have received written approval for and are-14 participating, at the time the funds are sought, in the Kansas industrialtraining, Kansas industrial retraining or state of Kansas investments in 15 16 lifelong learning program, subject to appropriation of funds and program criteria, as-hereinafter provided in this section. The department of 17 18 commerce may provide funds to qualified firms, on a matching basis, to 19 pay up to 50% of such firm's costs of acquiring consulting services 20 provided by the mid-America manufacturing technology center, or 21 approved private consultants to assist in improving the firm's management, 22 production processes or product or service quality. Qualified firms also 23 shall receive priority consideration for any other business assistance 24 programs administered by the department of commerce.

25 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 79-32,160a is hereby amended to read as follows: 79-26 32,160a. (a) For taxable years commencing after December 31, 1999, and 27 before January 1, 2012, any taxpayer who shall invest in a qualified 28 business facility, as defined in-subsection (b) of K.S.A. 79-32,154(b), and 29 amendments thereto, and effective for tax years commencing after 30 December 31, 2010, and before January 1, 2012, located in an area other 31 than a metropolitan county as defined in either K.S.A.- 74-50,114 or 74-32 50,211, and amendments thereto, and also meets the definition of a 33 business in subsection (b) of K.S.A. 74-50,114(b), and amendments 34 thereto, shall be allowed a credit for such investment, in an amount 35 determined under subsection (b) or (c), as the case requires, against the tax 36 imposed by the Kansas income tax act or where the qualified business

1 facility is the principal place from which the trade or business of the 2 taxpaver is directed or managed and the facility has facilitated the creation 3 of at least 20 new full-time positions, against the premium tax or privilege 4 fees imposed pursuant to K.S.A. 40-252, and amendments thereto, or as 5 measured by the net income of financial institutions imposed pursuant to 6 article 11 of chapter 79 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments 7 thereto, for the taxable year during which commencement of commercial 8 operations, as defined in subsection (f) of K.S.A. 79-32,154(f), and 9 amendments thereto, occurs at such qualified business facility. In the case 10 of a taxpayer who meets the definition of a manufacturing business in subsection (d) of K.S.A. 74-50,114(d), and amendments thereto, no credit 11 12 shall be allowed under this section unless the number of qualified business 13 facility employees, as determined under-subsection (d) of K.S.A. 79-14 32,154(d), and amendments thereto, engaged or maintained in employment 15 at the qualified business facility as a direct result of the investment by the 16 taxpayer for the taxable year for which the credit is claimed equals or 17 exceeds two. In the case of a taxpayer who meets the definition of a 18 nonmanufacturing business in subsection (f) of K.S.A. 74-50,114(f), and 19 amendments thereto, no credit shall be allowed under this section unless 20 the number of qualified business facility employees, as determined under 21 subsection (d) of K.S.A. 79-32,154(d), and amendments thereto, engaged 22 or maintained in employment at the qualified business facility as a direct 23 result of the investment by the taxpayer for the taxable year for which the 24 credit is claimed equals or exceeds five. Where an employee performs 25 services for the taxpaver outside the qualified business facility, the 26 employee shall be considered engaged or maintained in employment at the 27 qualified business facility if: (1) The employee's service performed outside 28 the qualified business facility is incidental to the employee's service inside the qualified business facility; or (2) the base of operations or, the place 29 30 from which the service is directed or controlled, is at the qualified business 31 facility.

32 (b) The credit allowed by subsection (a) for any taxpayer who invests 33 in a qualified business facility-which that is located in a designated 34 nonmetropolitan region established under K.S.A. 74-50,116, and 35 amendments thereto, on or after the effective date of this act, shall be a 36 portion of the income tax imposed by the Kansas income tax act on the 37 taxpayer's Kansas taxable income, the premium tax or privilege fees 38 imposed pursuant to K.S.A. 40-252, and amendments thereto, or the 39 privilege tax as measured by the net income of financial institutions imposed pursuant to article 11 of chapter 79 of the Kansas Statutes 40 41 Annotated, and amendments thereto, for the taxable year for which such 42 credit is allowed, but in the case where the qualified business facility 43 investment was made prior to January 1, 1996, not in excess of 50% of

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such tax. Such portion shall be an amount equal to the sum of the following:

3 (1) Two thousand five hundred dollars \$2,500 for each qualified 4 business facility employee determined under K.S.A. 79-32,154, and 5 amendments thereto; plus

6 (2) one thousand dollars\$1,000 for each \$100,000, or major fraction 7 thereof, which shall be deemed to be 51% or more, in qualified business 8 facility investment, as determined under K.S.A. 79-32,154, and 9 amendments thereto.

10 (c) The credit allowed by subsection (a) for any taxpayer who invests in a qualified business facility, which that is not located in a 11 12 nonmetropolitan region established under K.S.A. 74-50,116, and amendments thereto, and effective for tax years commencing after 13 December 31, 2010, and before January 1, 2012, located in an area other 14 than a metropolitan county as defined in either K.S.A. 74-50,114 or 74-15 16 50,211, and amendments thereto, and which that also meets the definition of business in-subsection (b) of K.S.A. 74-50,114(b), and amendments 17 18 thereto, on or after the effective date of this act, shall be a portion of the income tax imposed by the Kansas income tax act on the taxpaver's 19 Kansas taxable income, the premium tax or privilege fees imposed 20 21 pursuant to K.S.A. 40-252, and amendments thereto, or the privilege tax as 22 measured by the net income of financial institutions imposed pursuant to 23 article 11 of chapter 79 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments 24 thereto, for the taxable year for which such credit is allowed, but in the 25 case where the qualified business facility investment was made prior to January 1, 1996, not in excess of 50% of such tax. Such portion shall be an 26 27 amount equal to the sum of the following:

(1) One thousand five hundred dollars\$1,500 for each qualified
 business facility employee as determined under K.S.A. 79-32,154, and
 amendments thereto; and

(2) one thousand dollars\$1,000 for each \$100,000, or major fraction
thereof, which shall be deemed to be 51% or more, in qualified business
facility investment as determined under K.S.A. 79-32,154, and
amendments thereto.

35 (d) The credit allowed by subsection (a) for each qualified business 36 facility employee and for qualified business facility investment shall be a 37 one-time credit. If the amount of the credit allowed under subsection (a) 38 exceeds the tax imposed by the Kansas income tax act on the taxpayer's 39 Kansas taxable income, the premium tax and privilege fees imposed 40 pursuant to K.S.A. 40-252, and amendments thereto, or the privilege tax as 41 measured by the net income of financial institutions imposed pursuant to 42 article 11 of chapter 79 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments 43 thereto, for the taxable year, or in the case where the qualified business

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facility investment was made prior to January 1, 1996, 50% of such tax imposed upon the amount which exceeds such tax liability or such portion thereof may be carried over for credit in the same manner in the succeeding taxable years until the total amount of such credit is used. Except that, before the credit is allowed, a taxpayer, who meets the definition of a manufacturing business in subsection (d) of K.S.A. 74-50,114(d), and amendments thereto, shall recertify annually that the net

7 50,114(d), and amendments thereto, shall recertify annually that the net 8 increase of a minimum of two qualified business facility employees has 9 continued to be maintained and a taxpayer, who meets the definition of a 10 nonmanufacturing business in-subsection (f) of K.S.A. 74-50,114(f), and 11 amendments thereto, shall recertify annually that the net increase of a 12 minimum of five qualified business employees has continued to be 13 maintained.

14 (e) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section, and 15 except as otherwise provided in this subsection, any taxpayer qualified and 16 certified under the provisions of K.S.A. 74-50,131, and amendments 17 thereto; which, that prior to making a commitment to invest in a qualified 18 Kansas business, has filed a certificate of intent to invest in a qualified 19 business facility in a form satisfactory to the secretary of commerce; and 20 that has received written approval from the secretary of commerce for-21 participation and has participated, during the tax year for which the-22 exemption is claimed, in the Kansas industrial training, Kansas industrial 23 retraining or the state of Kansas investments in lifelong learning program 24 or is eligible for the tax credit established in K.S.A. 74-50.132, and 25 amendments thereto, shall be entitled to a credit in an amount equal to 26 10% of that portion of the qualified business facility investment-which 27 that exceeds \$50,000 in lieu of the credit provided in subsection (b)(2) or 28 (c)(2) without regard to the number of qualified business facility 29 employees engaged or maintained in employment at the qualified business 30 facility. For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2012, for a qualified 31 business facility investment in Douglas, Johnson, Sedgwick, Shawnee or 32 Wyandotte counties county, such credit shall be in an amount equal to 10% 33 of that portion of the qualified business facility investment-which that 34 exceeds \$1,000,000. Any taxpayer who has filed a certificate of intent to 35 invest in a qualified business facility pursuant to this subsection in 36 Douglas, Johnson, Sedgwick, Shawnee or Wyandotte county prior to 37 December 31, 2011, and commences investments in a qualified business 38 facility prior to December 31, 2013, may claim credits under K.S.A. 74-39 50,131, 74-50,132 and subsection (e) of 79-32,160a(e), and amendments 40 thereto, in an amount equal to 10% of that portion of the qualified business 41 facility investment which that exceeds \$50,000. Timing modifications may 42 be authorized at the discretion of the secretary of commerce and the 43 secretary of revenue during the transition period. The credit allowed by

this subsection shall be a one-time credit. If the amount thereof exceeds 1 2 the tax imposed by the Kansas income tax act on the taxpayer's Kansas 3 taxable income or the premium tax or privilege fees imposed pursuant to 4 K.S.A. 40-252, and amendments thereto, or the privilege tax as measured 5 by net income of financial institutions imposed pursuant to article 11 of 6 chapter 79 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, for 7 the taxable year, the amount thereof which that exceeds such tax liability 8 may be carried forward for credit in the succeeding taxable year or years 9 until the total amount of the tax credit is used, except that no such tax credit shall be carried forward for deduction after the 16<sup>th</sup> taxable year 10 11 succeeding the taxable year in which such credit initially was claimed, and 12 no carryforward shall be allowed for deduction in any succeeding taxable 13 year unless the taxpayer certifies under oath that the taxpayer continues to meet the requirements of K.S.A. 74-50,131, and amendments thereto, and 14 15 this act. In no event shall any credit allowed under this section that expired during any taxable year prior to the taxable year commencing January 1, 16 17 2011, be revived under the provisions of this act.

(f) For tax years commencing after December 31, 2005, any taxpayer
claiming credits pursuant to this section, as a condition for claiming and
qualifying for such credits, shall provide information pursuant to K.S.A.
79-32,243, and amendments thereto, as part of the tax return in which such
credits are claimed. Such credits shall not be denied solely on the basis of
the contents of the information provided by the taxpayer pursuant to
K.S.A. 79-32,243, and amendments thereto.

25 (g) This section and K.S.A. 79-32,160b, and amendments thereto, 26 shall be a part of and supplemental to the job expansion and investment 27 credit act of 1976, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 74-50,133 and 79-32,160a are hereby repealed.

29 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its 30 publication in the statute book.