

As Amended by House Committee

Session of 2021

HOUSE BILL No. 2101

By Committee on Appropriations

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1 AN ACT concerning the university engineering initiative act; relating to
2 goals; authorizing transfers from the expanded lottery act revenues fund
3 for certain fiscal years; **requiring certain reports to the legislature**
4 **from state educational institutions, the board of regents and the**
5 **secretary of commerce;** amending K.S.A. 74-8768 ~~and, 76-7,137 and~~
6 ~~76-7,139~~ and repealing the existing sections.
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8 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

9 Section 1. K.S.A. 74-8768 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-
10 8768. (a) There is hereby created the expanded lottery act revenues fund in
11 the state treasury. All expenditures and transfers from such fund shall be
12 made in accordance with appropriation acts. All moneys credited to such
13 fund shall be expended or transferred only for the purposes of reduction of
14 state debt, state infrastructure improvements, the university engineering
15 initiative act, reduction of local ad valorem tax in the same manner as
16 provided for allocation of amounts in the local ad valorem tax reduction
17 fund and reduction of the unfunded actuarial liability of the system
18 attributable to the state of Kansas and participating employers under
19 K.S.A. 74-4931, and amendments thereto, by the Kansas public employees
20 retirement system.

21 (b) ~~On July 1, 2012, July 1, 2013, July 1, 2014, July 1, 2015, July 1,~~
22 ~~2016, July 1, 2017, July 1, 2018, July 1, 2019, July 1, 2020, and July 1,~~
23 ~~2021, July 1, 2022, July 1, 2023, July 1, 2024, July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026,~~
24 ~~July 1, 2027, July 1, 2028, July 1, 2029, July 1, 2030, and July 1, 2031,~~ or
25 as soon thereafter such date as moneys are available, the first \$10,500,000
26 credited to the expanded lottery act revenues fund shall be transferred by
27 the director of accounts and reports from the expanded lottery act revenues
28 fund in one or more substantially equal amounts, to each of the following:
29 The Kan-grow engineering fund – KU, Kan-grow engineering fund – KSU
30 and Kan-grow engineering fund – WSU. Each such special revenue fund
31 shall receive \$3,500,000 annually in each of such years. Commencing in
32 fiscal year 2014, after such transfer has been made, 50% of the remaining
33 moneys credited to the fund shall be transferred on a quarterly basis by the
34 director of accounts and reports from the fund to the Kansas public
35 employees retirement system fund to be applied to reduce the unfunded
36 actuarial liability of the system attributable to the state of Kansas and

1 participating employers under K.S.A. 74-4931 et seq., and amendments
2 thereto, until the system as a whole attains an 80% funding ratio as
3 certified by the board of trustees of the Kansas public employees
4 retirement system.

5 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 76-7,137 is hereby amended to read as follows: 76-
6 7,137. (a) The legislature of the state of Kansas hereby finds and declares
7 that:

8 (1) Engineering intensive industries represent approximately one-
9 third of the statewide payroll and tax base;

10 (2) under the university engineering initiative act, the secretary of
11 commerce, in consultation with the board of regents, state educational
12 institutions and private industry, shall develop a plan to ensure engineering
13 industry partners find the new talent, designs and techniques needed to
14 fuel economic growth and business success in Kansas;

15 (3) the goal of the university engineering initiative act is to increase
16 the number of engineering graduates to 1,365 graduates per year in 2021,
17 and *continue to generate this same number of graduates to meet the*
18 *ongoing needs of the engineering workforce for as long as the university*
19 *engineering initiative act is financed with annual transfers from the*
20 *expanded lottery act revenues fund. All moneys appropriated pursuant to*
21 *this act shall be used to meet this goal; and*

22 (4) the needs of the citizens of the state of Kansas will be best served
23 if the secretary of commerce, the board of regents and the state educational
24 institutions under the control and supervision of the board of regents are
25 granted specific authority to assist in the expansion of the engineering
26 programs.

27 (b) The exercise of the powers authorized by this act are deemed an
28 essential governmental function in matters of public necessity for the
29 entire state to increase the number of engineering graduates.

30 **Sec. 3. K.S.A. 76-7,139 is hereby amended to read as follows: 76-**
31 **7,139. (a) The secretary, the board of regents and the state educational**
32 **institutions shall have all the powers necessary or convenient to carry**
33 **out the purposes and provisions of this act.**

34 (b) **When reviewing plans of each state educational institution**
35 **and making decisions regarding expenditures from the Kan-grow**
36 **engineering fund – KU, Kan-grow engineering fund – KSU and Kan-**
37 **grow engineering fund – WSU, the secretary, in consultation with the**
38 **board of regents, shall consider the different needs of each state**
39 **educational institution to expand such institution's program to**
40 **increase the number of engineering graduates.**

41 (c) **On or before the first day of the 2017 regular session, the**
42 **secretary shall conduct a review of each state educational institution's**
43 **plan to meet the goals established in the university engineering**

1 **initiative act. The report shall include an analysis of whether or not**
2 **the institutions are on course to meet the goals established in this act.**

3 *(d) On or before January 10, 2022, and annually thereafter, each*
4 *state educational institution, the board of regents and the secretary shall*
5 *report to the committee on appropriations of the house of representatives*
6 *and the committee on ways and means of the senate on how many*
7 *engineering graduates remain in the state over the previous three years.*
8 *Such report shall provide detail concerning all efforts to increase retention*
9 *of graduates and opportunities for graduates in the state and shall include*
10 *information regarding the number of engineering graduates from each*
11 *state educational institution that were initially enrolled as in-state or out-*
12 *of-state students.*

13 ~~Sec.-3.~~ **4.** K.S.A. 74-8768 ~~and~~, 76-7,137 **and 76-7,139** are hereby
14 repealed.

15 ~~Sec.-4.~~ **5.** This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
16 publication in the statute book.