

**SENATE BILL No. 478**

By Committee on Ways and Means

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1 AN ACT concerning the issuance of certain bonds; relating to the  
2 construction of a state veterans home in Leavenworth or Wyandotte  
3 county; providing for the powers, duties and functions of the Kansas  
4 development finance authority and the department of administration.  
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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

7 Section 1. (a) For the purpose of financing a capital improvement  
8 project relating to construction of a state veterans home facility located in  
9 Leavenworth or Wyandotte county, the Kansas development finance  
10 authority is hereby authorized to issue one or more series of revenue bonds  
11 pursuant to the Kansas development finance authority act, K.S.A. 74-8901  
12 et seq., and amendments thereto, in a total amount not to exceed  
13 \$17,500,000, plus all amounts required for costs of bond issuance, costs of  
14 insurance or credit enhancement, costs of interest on the bonds issued for  
15 such capital improvement project during the construction of such project  
16 and any required reserves for the payment of principal and interest on the  
17 bonds.

18 (b) The proceeds from the sale of any bonds, other than refunding  
19 bonds, issued pursuant to this section, after payment of any costs related to  
20 the issuance of such bonds, shall be paid by the Kansas development  
21 finance authority to the department of administration to be applied to the  
22 payment of costs of the capital improvement project authorized pursuant to  
23 this section as requested by the secretary of administration and by  
24 resolution of the Kansas development finance authority and shall  
25 constitute the state's required 35% match for the United States department  
26 of veterans affairs state veterans home construction grant program under  
27 38 U.S.C. §§ 8131 through 8138, as in effect on July 1, 2020.

28 (c) On and after July 1, 2020, the capital improvement project  
29 described in subsection (a) is hereby approved for the department of  
30 administration for the purposes of K.S.A. 74-8905(b), and amendments  
31 thereto, and the authorization of the issuance of bonds by the Kansas  
32 development finance authority shall be approved by the Kansas  
33 development finance authority in accordance with K.S.A. 74-8901 et seq.,  
34 and amendments thereto.

35 (d) The department of administration shall only make expenditures  
36 from the moneys received from the issuance of any bonds pursuant to this

1 section for those purposes set forth in subsection (a) for such capital  
2 improvement project.

3 (e) The debt service for any such bonds issued pursuant to this  
4 section shall be financed by appropriations from the state general fund or  
5 any appropriate special revenue fund or funds.

6 (f) The date of maturity on bonds issued pursuant to this section shall  
7 not be fixed for a period of time that exceeds 20 years from the date of  
8 issuance.

9 (g) The state hereby pledges and covenants with the holders of any  
10 bonds issued pursuant to the provisions of this section, that the state will  
11 not limit or alter the rights or powers vested in the Kansas development  
12 finance authority by this section, nor limit or alter the rights or powers of  
13 the authority, or the department of administration, in any matter that would  
14 jeopardize the interest of the holders, or any trustee of such holders, or  
15 inhibit or prevent performance or fulfillment by the Kansas development  
16 finance authority or the department of administration with respect to the  
17 terms of any agreement made with the holders of the bonds or agreements  
18 made pursuant to this section, except that the failure of the legislature to  
19 appropriate moneys for debt service on any bonds issued pursuant to this  
20 section shall not be deemed a violation of this pledge and covenant. The  
21 department of administration is hereby specifically authorized to include  
22 this pledge and covenant in any agreement with the Kansas development  
23 finance authority. The Kansas development finance authority is hereby  
24 specifically authorized to include this pledge and covenant in any bond  
25 resolution, trust indenture or agreement for the benefit of the holders of the  
26 bonds.

27 (h) Neither the state nor the department of administration shall have  
28 the power to pledge the full faith and credit or taxing power of the state for  
29 debt service on any bonds issued pursuant to this section, and any payment  
30 by the department of administration for such purpose shall be subject to  
31 and dependent on appropriations by the legislature. Any obligation of the  
32 state or the department of administration for payment of debt service on  
33 bonds issued pursuant to this section shall not be considered a debt or  
34 obligation of the state for the purpose of section 6 of article 11 of the  
35 constitution of the state of Kansas.

36 (i) Subject to the provisions of appropriation acts, the secretary of  
37 administration shall enter into pledge agreements with the Kansas  
38 development finance authority to pledge moneys for the payment of bonds  
39 issued pursuant to this section, which pledge shall be subject to the  
40 appropriation of moneys therefor.

41 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
42 publication in the statute book.