

Memo

To: Chairman Senator Rick Billinger

From: Chair Pat George

Date: March 21, 2023

Re: Proponent **SB 307**

Pat George, Chairman of the KS Fights Addiction Board, supports SB307, along with the amendment allowing board members to be reimbursed subsistence allowance, mileage, hotel and any other expenses incurred while traveling to and from board meetings.

Pat George, Chairman

Kansas Fight Addiction Board

Attachment: amendment for SB 307

SENATE BILL No. 307

By Committee on Ways and Means

Proposed amendment to SB 307
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
3/20/2023
Prepared by Office of Revisor of Statutes

authorizing Kansas fights addiction grant review board members to be paid subsistence allowances, mileage and other expenses;

1 AN ACT concerning the Kansas fights addiction act; ~~relating to~~
2 ~~definitions~~ adding for-profit private entities to the definition of
3 "qualified applicant"; amending K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 75-776 and
4 repealing the existing section.

sections

75-778 and

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

7 Section 1. K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 75-776 is hereby amended to read as
8 follows: 75-776. As used in K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 75-775 through 75-781,
9 and amendments thereto:

10 (a) "Act" means the Kansas fights addiction act.

11 (b) "Covered conduct" means any conduct covered by opioid
12 litigation that resulted in payment of moneys into the Kansas fights
13 addiction fund.

14 (c) "Defendant" means a defendant or putative defendant in any
15 opioid litigation.

16 (d) "Moneys that are received" includes damages, penalties, attorney
17 fees, costs, disbursements, refunds, rebates or any other monetary payment
18 made or paid by any defendant by reason of any judgment, consent decree
19 or settlement, after payment of any costs or fees allocated by court order.

20 (e) "Municipality" means the same as defined in K.S.A. 75-6102, and
21 amendments thereto.

22 (f) "Opioid litigation" means any civil lawsuit, demand or settlement,
23 including any settlement in lieu of litigation, alleging unlawful conduct in
24 the manufacturing, marketing, distribution, prescribing or other use of
25 opioid medications and asserting or resolving claims of the state or any
26 municipality.

27 (g) "Qualified applicant" means any state entity, municipality ~~or~~, not-
28 for-profit private entity *or for-profit private entity* that provides services
29 for the purpose of preventing, reducing, treating or otherwise abating or
30 remediating substance abuse or addiction and that has released its legal
31 claims arising from covered conduct against each defendant that is
32 required by opioid litigation to pay into the fund.

33 (h) "State" means the state of Kansas, including any agency or
34 official thereof.

35 (i) "Sunflower foundation" means the sunflower foundation: health
36 care for Kansas, established pursuant to the settlement agreement entered

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 75-778 is hereby amended to read as follows:
(See attachment)

1 into by the attorney general in the action filed by blue cross and blue
2 shield of Kansas, inc., in the district court of Shawnee county, Kansas,
3 case No. 97CV608.

4 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 75-776 is hereby repealed.

5 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
6 publication in the statute book.

and 75-778 are

Renumber sections accordingly

- 1 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 75-778 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-778. (a) There is hereby created under the jurisdiction of
2 the attorney general the Kansas fights addiction grant review board. At least one member of such board shall reside in each of the
3 state's congressional districts. Each member shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority. Such board shall be composed of 11
4 members who have expertise in the prevention, reduction, treatment or mitigation of the effects of substance abuse and addiction, as
5 follows:
- 6 (1) One member appointed by the attorney general to be designated as chairperson of the board;
 - 7 (2) one member appointed by the governor;
 - 8 (3) one member appointed by the president of the senate;
 - 9 (4) one member appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;
 - 10 (5) one member appointed by the minority leader of the senate;
 - 11 (6) one member appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives;
 - 12 (7) one member appointed by the league of Kansas municipalities;
 - 13 (8) one member appointed by the Kansas association of counties;
 - 14 (9) one member appointed by the Kansas county and district attorneys association;
 - 15 (10) one member appointed by the association of community mental health centers of Kansas; and
 - 16 (11) one member appointed by the behavioral sciences regulatory board.
- 17 (b) The board shall receive and consider applications for grants of money from the Kansas fights addiction fund. Not fewer than six
18 members of the board voting in the affirmative shall be necessary to approve each grant, and each member shall have one vote. The
19 board may adopt rules and procedures for its operation, conduct hearings, receive testimony and gather information to assist in its
20 powers, duties and functions under this act.
- 21 (c) In awarding grants, the board:
- 22 (1) Shall take care to support services throughout the state and shall ensure not less than 1/8 of the total amount of moneys granted
23 each calendar year shall be for services in each of the state's congressional districts;
 - 24 (2) shall take into account science and data-driven substance abuse prevention reduction, treatment or mitigation strategies;
 - 25 (3) shall consult with the Kansas prescription drug and opioid advisory committee, the department of health and environment, the
26 insurance department and other appropriate public and private entities to ensure coordination of drug abuse and addiction prevention
27 and mitigation efforts throughout the state;
 - 28 (4) shall approve grants only in compliance with the requirements of K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 75-777, and amendments thereto;
 - 29 (5) shall consider the sustainability of programming after grant funds are exhausted;
 - 30 (6) may establish conditions for the award of grants and require assurance and subsequent review to ensure such conditions are
31 satisfied;
 - 32 (7) may give preference to qualified applicants that are not otherwise seeking or receiving funds from opioid litigation; and

- 1 (8) may give preference to grants that expand availability of certified drug abuse treatment programs authorized by K.S.A. 2022
2 Supp. 21-6824, and amendments thereto.
- 3 (d) (1) The attorney general shall provide administrative support for the board and shall administer, monitor and assure compliance
4 with conditions on grants awarded.
- 5 (2) To carry out the duties and responsibilities under paragraph (1), the attorney general may enter into an agreement with the
6 sunflower foundation to provide such administration, monitoring and assurance of compliance. Such agreement may:
- 7 (A) Provide for the attorney general to periodically transfer moneys from the Kansas fights addiction fund to the sunflower
8 foundation. The sunflower administration shall administer any such moneys in a manner consistent with this act and with grants
9 approved by the board. If an agreement authorized by this subsection is in effect, the attorney general may transfer moneys from the
10 Kansas fights addiction fund to the sunflower foundation pursuant to such agreement;
- 11 (B) provide for a reasonable fee or other compensation for the sunflower foundation for services related to this act;
- 12 (C) make provision for the use of any earnings on moneys transferred to the sunflower foundation pursuant to this act and invested
13 by the sunflower foundation; and
- 14 (D) contain other provisions as may be reasonably necessary and appropriate to carry out the provisions of this act.
- 15 (3) The attorney general may take any action necessary to ensure the greatest possible recovery from opioid litigation and to seek
16 funds for the Kansas fights addiction fund and the municipalities fight addiction fund.
- 17 (e) Members of the board shall not receive compensation ~~or~~ but shall be paid subsistence allowances, mileage and other expenses as
18 provided in K.S.A. 75-3223, and amendments thereto, for serving on the board. Each member shall file a statement of substantial
19 interest as provided in K.S.A. 46-248 through 46-252, and amendments thereto. No member shall participate in the consideration of
20 any grant application for which such member has a conflict of interest.