

75-37,124. Topeka state hospital cemetery memorial; establishment; gifts; fund. (a) There shall be placed on the grounds of the former Topeka state hospital a memorial for the persons who are buried on such grounds. The state shall retain title to that portion of the grounds of the former Topeka state hospital where such persons are buried and such portion of the grounds shall be known as the Topeka state hospital cemetery. The memorial shall include appropriate fencing which shall be placed around the area where such persons are buried and a suitable plaque to identify the nature of the memorial. The plaque shall be inscribed with the names of the persons who are buried in the Topeka state hospital cemetery and shall include such other appropriate information as may be determined by the secretary of administration. The Topeka state hospital cemetery memorial may include such additional memorial features and components as are appropriate, for which funds are available and which are approved by the secretary of administration for the memorial.

(b) The memorial shall be constructed in accordance with design and architectural drawings approved by the director of architectural services. The secretary of administration shall maintain the memorial and the grounds of the Topeka state hospital cemetery. The secretary may contract with private individuals or entities for the maintenance of such memorial and grounds.

(c) The secretary of administration shall appoint an advisory committee of persons who are interested in establishing and maintaining a memorial for persons buried in the Topeka state hospital cemetery to advise the secretary of administration. The members of the advisory committee shall receive no compensation or expense allowances for their service as members of the advisory committee.

(d) The secretary of administration is hereby authorized to accept on behalf of the state any grants, gifts, contributions, bequests or donations of money for the purposes of the memorial for persons who are buried in the Topeka state hospital cemetery. Prior to accepting any such grant, gift, contribution, bequest or donation, the secretary may consult with the advisory committee appointed by the secretary for the Topeka state hospital cemetery. All moneys donated for the memorial for persons buried in the Topeka state hospital cemetery and received and accepted by the secretary of administration shall be paid to the department of administration and shall be deposited to the credit of the Topeka state hospital cemetery memorial gift fund which is hereby established in the state treasury. All expenditures from the Topeka state hospital cemetery memorial gift fund shall be in accordance with vouchers approved by the secretary of administration or the secretary's designee.

(e) On or before the 10th day of each month, the director of accounts and reports shall transfer from the state general fund to the Topeka state hospital cemetery memorial gift fund interest earnings based on:

(1) The average daily balance of moneys in the Topeka state hospital cemetery memorial gift fund for the preceding month; and

(2) the net earnings rate for the pooled money investment portfolio for the preceding month.

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