HOUSE BILL No. 2024

By Representative Myers (By Request)

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AN ACT concerning the disposition of tobacco litigation settlement proceeds; creating the disabled persons fund; providing for certain transfers from the Kansas endowment for youth fund; amending K.S.A. 38-2101 and repealing the existing section.

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

New Section 1. (a) There is hereby established in the state treasury the disabled persons fund which shall be administered as provided by law.

- (b) On and after the effective date of this act, on each date that moneys are transferred from the Kansas endowment for youth fund to the children's initiatives fund, an amount shall be transferred from the Kansas endowment for youth fund to the disabled persons fund in accordance with this section. The amounts to be transferred to the disabled persons fund pursuant to this section shall be specified by appropriation act and, in the aggregate for the fiscal year, shall be equal to at least 10% of the aggregate of all amounts transferred from the Kansas endowment for youth fund to the children's initiatives fund for such fiscal year.
- (c) All moneys credited to the disabled persons fund shall be used for additional funding for health care programs, assistance and services for disabled persons. Moneys allocated or appropriated from the disabled persons fund shall not be used to replace or substitute for moneys appropriated from the state general fund in the immediately preceding fiscal year. All expenditures from the disabled persons fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved as provided by law.
- (d) On or before the 10th day of each month, the director of accounts and reports shall transfer from the state general fund to the disabled persons fund interest earnings based on (1) the average daily balance of moneys in the disabled persons fund and (2) the net earnings rate of the pooled money investment portfolio for the preceding month.
- (e) As used in this section, "disabled person" means a Kansan who is suffering from a tobacco related illness.

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- Sec. 2. K.S.A. 38-2101 is hereby amended to read as follows: 38-2101. (a) There is hereby established in the state treasury the Kansas endowment for youth fund which shall constitute a trust fund and shall be invested, managed and administered in accordance with the provisions of this act by the board of trustees of the Kansas public employees retirement system established by K.S.A. 74-4905 and amendments thereto.
- (b) All of the moneys received by the state pursuant to the tobacco litigation settlement agreements entered into by the attorney general on behalf of the state of Kansas, or pursuant to any judgment rendered, regarding the litigation against tobacco industry companies and related entities, shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the Kansas endowment for youth fund. All such moneys credited to the Kansas endowment for youth fund shall constitute an endowment which shall remain credited to the Kansas endowment for youth fund except (1) as provided in this section or in K.S.A. 38-2102 and amendments thereto for transfers to the children's initiatives fund and (2) as provided in section 1 and amendments thereto for transfers to the disabled persons fund. Expenditures may be made from the Kansas endowment for youth fund for the payment of the operating expenses of the Kansas children's cabinet and the board of trustees, including the expenses of investing and managing the moneys, which are attributable to the Kansas endowment for youth fund. All moneys credited to the Kansas endowment for youth fund shall be invested to provide an ongoing source of investment earnings available for periodic transfer to the children's initiatives fund in accordance with this act. All expenditures from the Kansas endowment for youth fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the chairperson of the board of trustees of the Kansas public employees retirement system or by the chairperson's designee.
- (c) On the effective date of this act, the director of accounts and reports shall transfer all moneys credited to the children's health care programs fund to the Kansas endowment for youth fund and the children's health care programs fund is hereby abolished. On and after July 1, 1999, whenever the children's health care programs fund, or words of like effect, is referred to or designated by statute, contract or other document, such reference or designation shall be deemed to apply to the Kansas endowment for youth fund.
 - Sec. 3. K.S.A. 38-2101 is hereby repealed.
- Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.