

## HOUSE BILL No. 2965

By Committee on Kansas Futures

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AN ACT concerning affordable housing; establishing within the department of corrections a pilot project to build homes for low income and elderly citizens.

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

Section 1. There is hereby created in the Kansas department of corrections the Kansas affordable housing program. The secretary of corrections shall negotiate, develop and administer a pilot project for affordable housing for the low income and elderly citizens of our state. The pilot project shall last three years, unless the legislature extends the term of the program. The secretary shall work with the Kansas department of commerce and housing—division of housing in the development and administration of this program.

Sec. 2. The Kansas affordable housing program shall train and use inmates under the jurisdiction of the Kansas department of corrections to build these houses. The affordable houses will be built at a designated correctional facility and then transported to qualified purchasers in Kansas communities. In order to start this project, the secretary shall seek appropriations for any start up funds.

Sec. 3. (a) There is hereby established in the state treasury the Kansas affordable housing operating fund.

(b) The secretary of corrections shall remit all moneys collected from the sale of affordable homes and any other moneys received by or on behalf of the Kansas affordable housing program to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the Kansas affordable housing operating fund. Moneys credited to the fund shall be expended or transferred only as provided by this act. Expenditures from such fund shall be made in accordance with appropriations acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports pursuant to vouchers approved by the secretary or by a person designated by the secretary.

(c) Moneys in the Kansas affordable housing operating fund shall be used for:

(1) The payment of expenses of the affordable housing program

1 which shall include all costs incurred in the operation and administration  
2 of the Kansas affordable housing program; all costs resulting from con-  
3 tracts entered into for the purchase or lease of goods and services needed  
4 for operation of the affordable housing program, including but not limited  
5 to supplies, materials, advertising, all expenses for construction costs,  
6 training, transportation and all other services provided in order to con-  
7 tinue the project.

8 Sec. 4. The secretary shall adopt rules and regulations governing the  
9 establishment and operation of the Kansas affordable housing operating  
10 program.

11 Sec. 5. The secretary of corrections on the first Tuesday in January  
12 of each year of the pilot project shall prepare and publish an annual report  
13 of its activities for the information of the governor, the standing commit-  
14 tee on Kansas futures of the house of representatives, any member of the  
15 Kansas legislature which requests a copy and the public which shall be  
16 available at different locations across the state.

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

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