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SENATE BILL No. 49

By Senator Bunten

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AN ACT establishing a state employee fiscal bonus program; authorizing certain bonus payments for officers and employees of certain state agencies; prescribing guidelines and powers, duties and functions for the state finance council.

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

Section 1. (a) There is hereby established a state employee fiscal bonus program for the purpose of encouraging frugality in managing state government operations. Except as otherwise provided in this section, each state agency which has the agency's operating expenditures financed from a single special revenue fund in the state treasury, which derives substantially all revenues from regulatory fees received by the state agency and which has expenditures and encumbrances of moneys in such fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, or any fiscal year thereafter that are less than the amount authorized for expenditure for such fiscal year by appropriation act, including any supplemental authorization for such fiscal year by appropriation act, may make bonus amount payments to eligible officers and employees of such state agency in accordance with this section. Bonus amount payments shall not be payable under this section for any fiscal year during which there is an increase in any fee fixed, charged and collected by the state agency.

(b) The bonus amount for any fiscal year for which bonus payments are payable under this section shall be equal to not more than 10% of the amount of savings by the state agency for the fiscal year. The amount of savings by the state agency shall be the amount by which the total amount authorized for expenditure from such fund for the fiscal year by appropriation act, including any supplemental appropriation act, exceeds the total amount of actual expenditures and encumbrances of moneys in such fund for the fiscal year and shall be based on the management and operation of the activities of the state agency by the officers and employees, including the careful management of the funds and other assets of the state agency and excluding any savings occasioned by chance or circumstances outside the control of the state agency. The bonus amount shall be divided among all eligible officers and employees of the state agency

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in accordance with this section and shall be subject to approval by the state finance council acting on this matter which is hereby characterized as a matter of legislative delegation and subject to the guidelines prescribed in this section and in subsection (c) of K.S.A. 75-3711c and amendments thereto.

- (c) Each person who was an officer and employee who was employed by the state agency for the entire fiscal year for which a bonus amount has been approved under this section, shall be eligible to receive a payment from the bonus amount for such fiscal year. The bonus amount payment for such person shall be paid from the special revenue fund of the state agency and shall be equal to the lesser of (1) the amount equal to that portion of the bonus amount that bears the same relationship to the total bonus amount as the annual rate of compensation of such person in effect on June 30 of such fiscal year, exclusive of all other compensation, bears to the total of all of the annual rates of compensation of all eligible officers and employees in effect on such date, exclusive of all other compensation, or (2) the amount equal to 10% of the annual salary of such person at the rate in effect on June 30 of such fiscal year.
- (d) All bonus amount payments to persons pursuant to this section shall be compensation, within the meaning of K.S.A. 74-4901 *et seq.*, and amendments thereto, for all purposes under the Kansas public employees retirement system and shall be subject to applicable deductions for employee contributions notwithstanding the fact that the payments are made no more often than annually. Bonus amount payments shall be in addition to any other compensation payable by law, or increase therein, to which an officer or employee may be entitled or for which such officer or employee may become eligible.
- Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.