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SENATE BILL No. 336

By Committee on Public Health and Welfare

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10 AN ACT concerning establishment of a tobacco use prevention and con-11 trol program.

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

Section 1. (a) To improve the health, quality of life and economic well-being of all Kansas citizens, *and within the limits of appropriations therefor*, a comprehensive statewide tobacco use prevention and control program is established in the department of health and environment under the supervision of the secretary of health and environment.

- (b) The secretary shall support tobacco use prevention and control activities including, but not limited to:
- (1) Community programs to prevent and reduce tobacco use through local involvement and partnerships;
 - (2) school-based programs to prevent and reduce tobacco use;
 - (3) tobacco cessation programs for youth and adults;
- (4) special projects to reduce the disparities in smoking prevalence among various populations;
 - (5) restriction of youth access to tobacco products;
 - (6) surveillance of smoking rates; and
- (7) any other activities determined by the secretary to be necessary to implement the provisions of this section.
- (c) Programs shall be selected by the secretary through an application process that takes into account whether a program utilizes methods recognized as effective in reducing smoking and tobacco use. Eligible applicants include, but are not limited to, a health care provider, a school, a college or university, a local public health department, a public health organization, a health care provider organization, association or society or a professional education organization.
- (d) The secretary shall evaluate the effectiveness of the efforts by state and local governments to reduce the use of tobacco products among minors and adults. The principal measurements of effectiveness shall include negative attitudes toward tobacco use and reduction of tobacco use among the general population and among target populations prone to tobacco use.

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- (e) To the extent practicable, the secretary shall ensure that the most current research findings regarding mechanisms to reduce and change attitudes toward tobacco are used in tobacco education programs administered by the department of health and environment.
- (f) To diminish tobacco use among minors and adults, to the extent practicable, the secretary shall ensure that the following is achieved:
- (1) The secretary shall conduct an independent evaluation of the statewide tobacco use prevention and control program to accomplish the maximum prevention and reduction of use among adults and minors possible through the most efficient allocation of state tobacco education and cessation resources.
- (2) The secretary's evaluation shall be provided to the governor, the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives on or before July 1, 2005, and annually on or before that date thereafter.
- (3) The comprehensive evaluation design shall be guided by the following:
- (A) Sound evaluation principles, including elements of controlled experimental methods, to the extent feasible;
- (B) an evaluation of the comparative effectiveness of individual program designs, which shall be used in funding decisions and program modifications; and
- (C) an evaluation of other programs identified by state agencies, local lead agencies and federal agencies.
- (g) The secretary shall submit to the governor and the legislature an interim tobacco control report and annual tobacco control reports that shall describe the extent of the use of tobacco products by minors in the state and document the progress state and local governments have made in reducing tobacco use among minors.
- (1) The secretary shall submit the interim tobacco control report on or before July 1, 2005. To the extent practicable, the interim report shall include the following information on a county by county basis:
- (A) The number of licensed and registered tobacco retailers and vendors;
- (B) the names and addresses of retailers and vendors who have paid fines or have been otherwise penalized due to enforcement actions;
- (C) the number of complaints filed against licensed and registered tobacco retailers;
- 38 (D) the number of fires caused or believed to be caused by tobacco 39 products and deaths and injuries resulting therefrom;
 - (E) the number and type of compliance checks conducted; and
 - (F) other information the secretary deems appropriate.
 - (2) The secretary shall submit to the governor and the legislature an annual tobacco control report that shall describe the extent of tobacco

product use by minors in the state and document the progress state and local governments have made in reducing tobacco use among minors. The annual report shall be submitted to the governor and the legislature on or before January 9, 2006. To the extent practicable, the annual report shall include the following information on a county by county basis:

- (A) The number of licensed and registered tobacco retailers and vendors;
- (B) the names and addresses of retailers and vendors who have paid fines or have been otherwise penalized due to enforcement actions;
- (C) the number of complaints filed against licensed and registered tobacco retailers;
- 12 (D) the number of fires caused or believed to be caused by tobacco 13 products and deaths and injuries resulting therefrom;
 - (E) the number and type of compliance checks conducted;
 - (F) a survey of attitudes and behaviors regarding tobacco use among minors. The initial survey shall be deemed to constitute the baseline survey;
 - (G) the number of tobacco users and estimated trends in tobacco use among minors;
 - (H) annual tobacco sales;
 - (I) tax revenue collected from sale of tobacco products;
 - (J) the number of licensed tobacco retail outlets;
 - (K) the number of cigarette vending machines; and
 - (L) the names of entities that have paid fines due to enforcement actions.
 - (3) To the extent practicable, the annual tobacco report shall include the following information:
 - (A) Tobacco control efforts sponsored by state government agencies, including money spent to educate minors on the hazards of tobacco use;
 - (B) recommendations for improving tobacco control efforts in the state; and
 - (C) other information the secretary deems appropriate.
 - Sec. 2. There is hereby created in the state treasury the tobacco use prevention and control program fund, which shall be administered by the secretary of health and environment. All expenditures from the tobacco use prevention and control program fund shall be for the tobacco use prevention and control program. All expenditures from the tobacco use prevention and control program 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 secretary of health and environment or the secretary's designee.
- Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.