HOUSE BILL No. 2139

By Representatives Otto and George

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AN ACT concerning income taxation; relating to credits; taxpayer contributions to educational institutions in certain circumstances.

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

Section 1. (a) For taxable years commencing after December 31, 2006, any taxpayer who contributes to an educational institution located in Kansas in which such contribution is designated to be used by such educational institution to further a course of study designed to educate or train students to become licensed medical or health care professionals shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by the Kansas income tax act. Contributions eligible for the credit provided in this section shall include, but not be limited to, contributions to the educational institution for scholarship programs, teaching awards and professorship chairs, and construction of new buildings or repair or expansion of existing buildings including personal property and equipment related thereto that allows the educational institution to further a course of study as provided in this act. The amount of the credit allowed by this section shall not exceed 70% of the total amount contributed during the taxable year by the taxpayer. If the amount of the credit allowed by this section exceeds the taxpayer's income tax liability imposed under the Kansas income tax act, such excess amount shall be refunded to the taxpayer. In no event shall the total amount of credits allowed under this section exceed \$10,000,000 for any one fiscal year, and of that amount, except as otherwise provided, no more than \$2,500,000 of credits shall be allowed for taxpayers located in any one congressional district per fiscal year. The secretary of revenue shall establish by adoption of rules and regulations a procedure for reallocation of unused tax credits by one congressional district to another congressional district which has or will use all of its allocated tax credits in that fiscal year and has additional tax credit allowance requests pending.

(b) Any taxpayer not subject to Kansas income tax, hereinafter designated the assignor, may sell, assign, convey or otherwise transfer tax credits allowed and earned pursuant to this section, for an amount not less than 50% of the value of any such credit. Such credits shall be deemed to be allowed and earned by any such taxpayer which is only disqualified therefrom by reason of not being subject to such Kansas taxes. The tax-

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28 29 payer acquiring earned credits, hereinafter designated the assignee, may use the amount of the acquired credits to offset up to 100% of its income tax liability for the taxable year in which such acquisition was made. Only the full credit amount for any one contribution may be transferred and such credit may be transferred one time. Unused credit amounts claimed by the assignee may be carried forward for up to five years, except that all such amounts shall be claimed within 10 years following the tax year in which the contribution was made. The assignor shall enter into a written agreement with the assignee establishing the terms and conditions of the agreement and shall perfect such transfer by notifying the secretary of revenue in writing within 30 calendar days following the effective date of the transfer and shall provide any information as may be required by the secretary to administer and carry out the provisions of this section. The amount received by the assignor of such tax credit shall be taxable as income of the assignor, and the excess of the value of such credit over the amount paid by the assignee for such credit shall be taxable as income of the assignee.

- (c) As used in this section:
- (1) "Educational institution" means a state educational institution, an area vocational school, an area vocational-technical school, a community college, the municipal university, a technical college and a private educational institution of postsecondary education, which is located in the state of Kansas; and
- (2) "licensed medical or health care professionals" means persons licensed under the Kansas healing arts act to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery or physician assistants, dentists, optometrists, nurses including licensed professional nurses and licensed practical nurses, podiatrists, pharmacists and emergency medical technicians licensed pursuant to the laws of the state of Kansas.
- 30 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.