HOUSE BILL No. 2361

By Committee on Appropriations

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AN ACT concerning state finance; establishing a process to evaluate and implement federal funding available for state agencies under the federal American economic recovery and reinvestment act of 2009.

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

Section 1. (a) Within 10 days after the effective date of this act, each state agency anticipating receipt of federal funds under the federal American economic recovery and reinvestment act of 2009, hereinafter referred to in this section as the "federal act," shall report the following information to the director of the budget and the director of legislative research:

- (1) The amount of federal funding the state agency anticipates receiving under the federal act;
- (2) the date or dates when the state agency anticipates receipt of moneys under the federal act;
- (3) whether the anticipated federal funding is allocated through an existing or new federal program;
- (4) current levels of state funding for the state agency that is appropriated, requested or credited to and available in any fund or account appropriated for the state agency that would be impacted positively or negatively by the receipt of moneys under the federal act;
- (5) whether additional appropriation authority would be necessary to expend moneys received under the federal act;
- (6) whether any additional state employees are necessary to oversee or administer the moneys received under the federal act and, if so, how many full-time equivalent positions would be required;
- (7) any requirements under the federal act associated with spending any moneys received under the federal act, including, but not limited to, state matching or cost sharing requirements, percentage limitations and any time requirements regarding expenditure of such moneys;
- (8) the time or other conditions under which all or part of the funding ends under the federal act; and
- (9) a plan detailing how the moneys received under the federal act will be expended and how the state agency will address the absence of such funding after it ends.

- (b) Each state agency shall review and evaluate whether the state agency is eligible for and would request funding under any provision of the federal act. If any state agency determines it is eligible and desires to receive funding under any provision of the federal act, such state agency shall notify the director of the budget and the director of legislative research, within 10 days after the effective date of this act, of such determination and shall provide the following information in conjunction with such notification:
- (1) The amount of moneys the state agency desires to receive under the federal act;
- (2) each of the titles and sections of the federal act under which the desired moneys are provided;
- (3) the requirements and deadline for applying for the desired funding under the federal act;
- (4) the requirements associated with the desired funding, including, but not limited to, spending limitations, state matching or cost sharing requirements, percentage limitations and any time requirements regarding expenditure of such funding;
 - (5) when the funding provided under the federal act would end;
- (6) whether additional appropriation authority would be necessary to expend moneys received under the federal act;
- (7) whether any additional state employees are necessary to oversee or administer the moneys received under the federal act and, if so, how many full-time equivalent positions would be required;
- (8) the number of potential jobs created by the use of any moneys received under the federal act, including all rationales and supporting data justifying the state agency's estimate of the number of jobs to be created; and
- (9) a plan detailing how the funds received under the federal act will be expended and how the state agency will address the absence of funding after the funding provided under the federal act ends.
- (c) On and after the effective date of this act, neither the governor nor any other state agency shall apply for any funding under the federal act without prior 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 by subsection (c) of K.S.A. 75-3711c, and amendments thereto, except that such approval also may be given while the legislature is in session.
- (d) Each state agency that applies for and receives or is approved to receive moneys under the federal act shall notify the director of the budget and the director of legislative research immediately of such receipt or approval and shall include such related information with such notification as may be requested by the director of the budget. Each such state

agency expending moneys received under the federal act shall make such expenditures in accordance with the provisions of appropriation acts in compliance with the provisions of applicable state statutes.

- (e) Any individual employed by a state agency in connection with or as a result of funding received under the federal act shall be a temporary employee and such employment shall not continue beyond the expenditure of the moneys received under the federal act.
- (f) No expenditures shall be made by any state agency of any moneys received under the federal act and no state agency shall enter into any contract or other obligation to expend any amount in excess of the actual amount of moneys received by or allocated to the state agency under the federal act.
- (g) The American recovery and reinvestment act advisory group that was established by the governor, hereinafter referred to in this section as the advisory group, shall review all state agency information submitted to the director of the budget under this section and shall submit a written report of its findings and non-binding recommendations to the governor, president of the senate, speaker of the house of representatives, vice-president of the senate, speaker pro tem of the house of representatives, majority leader of the senate, majority leader of the house of representatives, minority leader of the senate, minority leader of the house of representatives, chairperson of the committee on ways and means of the senate, chairperson of the committee on appropriations of the house of representatives, director of the budget, and director of legislative research within 30 days after the effective date of the federal act. The findings and recommendations of the advisory group shall include:
- (1) Which funds under the federal act the governor should request or approve state agency requests for, with priority given to funds that are allocated under the federal act for one-time projects or reducing the need for expenditures from the state general fund dollars in the fiscal years ending June 30, 2009, June 30, 2010, or June 30, 2011, without the need for future, ongoing state expenditures;
- (2) potential impacts or savings to the state general fund which may result from the receipt of the recommended funds under the federal act;
- (3) positive and negative impacts to state agency budgets for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2009, June 30, 2010, June 30, 2011, and June 30, 2012, if the recommended funding is requested and received under the federal act;
- (4) whether state agencies have adequate appropriation authority for expenditure of the funds recommended to be requested and received under the federal act; and
- (5) any other recommendations or information as the governor may request.

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- (h) Records containing information submitted by state agencies to the director of the budget and the recommendations and findings of the advisory group are public records and subject to the provisions of the open records act.
- (i) Nothing in this section shall prohibit local governments, local educational agencies as defined in the federal act, or any eligible entity as determined under the federal act from seeking federal funding under the federal act.
- 9 (j) As used in this section, "state agency" means any state department, 10 office, board, commission, division or subunit thereof within the executive 11 branch of state government.
- Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Kansas register.