

SENATE BILL No. 59

By Committee on Judiciary

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1 AN ACT concerning the attorney general; relating to payment of reward
2 for persons providing certain information.

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

5 Section 1. (a) The attorney general is hereby authorized to pay a
6 reward not to exceed \$5,000 to any person who first furnishes information
7 to the attorney general concerning a violation by any person of the
8 medicaid fraud control act, the false claims act, or any other provision of
9 law that protects the integrity of the public treasury.

10 (b) No employee of a governmental entity shall be eligible for a
11 reward under this section, unless the information furnished to the attorney
12 general does not relate in any manner to such employee's responsibilities
13 as an employee of a governmental entity, as determined solely by the
14 attorney general. As used in this section, "employee" and "governmental
15 entity" mean the same as in K.S.A. 75-6102, and amendments thereto.

16 (c) Any reward pursuant to this section shall be paid only upon
17 certification by the attorney general that information provided by such
18 informant: (1) Was not previously known to the attorney general; and (2)
19 materially contributed to an investigation conducted by the attorney
20 general. No such reward shall be paid except after entry of judgment in
21 favor of the state, or conviction for violation of the law, in the matter upon
22 which the informant provided information.

23 (d) Any reward payment authorized by this section shall be made on
24 the order of the attorney general from the medicaid fraud prosecution
25 revolving fund established by K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 21-5933, and
26 amendments thereto. The attorney general shall have sole discretion in
27 determining whether a reward shall be paid, the amount of any such
28 payment not to exceed \$5,000 and whether an informant is eligible to
29 receive such reward.

30 (e) The attorney general shall inform the public of rewards authorized
31 by this section for the purpose of encouraging persons to furnish
32 information described in subsection (a) to the attorney general.

33 (f) The attorney general may promulgate rules and regulations
34 necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

35 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
36 publication in the statute book.