

**75-4374. Same; in-state moving expense reimbursement if employed by or transferred to another state agency; limitations; purchase of adaptive equipment for laid off or transferred employees who are blind.** (a) The head of any state agency, as defined by K.S.A. 75-3701, and amendments thereto, who hires any state officer or employee who is laid off or transferred in lieu of layoff between state agencies, may agree to reimburse such officer or employee's in-state moving expenses in an aggregate amount of not more than \$2,000, as verified by receipts. No such moving expenses shall be paid when such transfer results in the new official duty station being less than 25 miles from the old station.

(b) Moving expenses may include, but not be limited to, the cost of packing and transporting household goods and personal effects, subsistence expenses while en route from the old residence to the new residence, subsistence expenses while occupying temporary quarters in the new location and the expenses of a premove trip to look for a new residence.

(c) Any state agency, as defined by K.S.A. 75-3701, and amendments thereto, which hires any state officer or employee, who is a blind person employed at Kansas industries for the blind at facilities on the Topeka state hospital property and who is laid off or transferred between state agencies, in lieu of being laid off, shall purchase or otherwise provide all adaptive equipment and other accommodations required by such state officer or employer [employee] for such state officer or employee's position at such state agency.

(d) As used in this section, "state officer or employee" means a state officer or employee who (1) (A) is employed by an institution that is closed or abolished or otherwise ceases operations or that is scheduled for such closure, abolition or cessation of operations, and (B) is laid off from employment with such institution for the reason of such closure, abolition or cessation of operations, and (C) remains in such employment with such institution until the date the officer or employee is laid off; or (2) (A) is in the classified service under the Kansas civil service act and is laid off from employment at the Topeka correctional facility due to the transfer of the reception and diagnostic unit from the Topeka correctional facility to the El Dorado correctional facility, and (B) remains in such employment until the date the officer or employee is laid off.

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