

76-783. Bond financing for projects; issuance of bonds by Kansas development finance authority; limitations, conditions, terms, guidelines and procedures; debt service payments, transfers from state general fund; powers of state board of regents cumulative. (a)

(1) The Kansas development finance authority is hereby authorized to issue from time to time bonds on behalf of the board of regents in such principal amounts as the Kansas development finance authority and the board of regents determine to be necessary to provide sufficient funds to finance scientific research and development facilities, including, but not limited to, the payment of interest on such bonds, the establishment of reserves to secure such bonds, costs of issuance, refunding any outstanding bonds, and all other expenditures of the board of regents incident to and necessary or convenient to carry out the powers and functions authorized by this act. The Kansas development finance authority shall not issue any bond or bonds on behalf of the corporation formed by the board of regents under this act. The Kansas development finance authority shall not issue bonds under this act for more than \$120,000,000, in the aggregate, plus all amounts required for costs of any bond issuance, costs of interest on any bond issued or obtained for such scientific research and development facilities and any required reserves for payment of principal and interest on any such bond.

(2) Except as may otherwise be expressly provided by the board of regents, every obligation of the board of regents with respect to such bonds shall be an obligation of the board of regents payable out of any revenues or moneys of the board of regents derived from annual appropriations of the legislature. Subject only to any agreements with holders of particular bonds pledging any particular revenues, the board of regents shall use moneys derived from scientific research and development facilities to provide funds sufficient to pay principal and interest on any bonds issued pursuant to this act commencing after the date a project is completed and has been accepted by the board of regents. Subject to the provisions of appropriation acts, payment of principal and interest on the bonds shall be made by the state board of regents from annual appropriations by the legislature from such revenues as are furnished by the board of regents, or from any other available funds, in amounts sufficient to pay principal and interest on the bonds until the bonds are finally paid.

(3) Upon acceptance by the board of regents of each project initiated and completed under this act and upon a determination by the board of regents that the period for repayment of debt for such project is to commence, the board of regents shall certify to the director of accounts and reports that principal and interest payments for such project are to commence and the dates and amounts of all principal and interest payments for such project. Pursuant to each such certification and commencing on or after July 1, 2004, the director of accounts and reports shall transfer, from the state general fund to the debt service fund or funds at a state educational institution as specified in the certification for such project, the amount certified on or before the respective payment date therefor. Transfers shall be made under this section pursuant to any such certification on or after July 1, 2004. All such transfers during the fiscal years ending June 30, 2016, June 30, 2017, and June 30, 2018, shall be considered to be revenue transfers from the state general fund. The aggregate of all such transfers from the state general fund during any fiscal year shall not exceed \$10,000,000 and the aggregate of all such transfers from the state general fund under this section shall not exceed \$50,000,000. The Kansas development finance authority and the board of regents shall enter into contracts with respect to the scientific research and development facilities financed under this act prescribing the obligation of the board of regents and the state educational institutions to provide for repayment of amounts of bond debt service in addition to those amounts provided for by transfers under this section from the state general fund.

(b)(1) The bonds shall be authorized by a resolution adopted by the board of directors of the Kansas development finance authority.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in this act, bonds issued by the Kansas development finance authority under authority of this act shall be subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 74-8901 et seq., and amendments thereto.

(c) Any resolution authorizing the board of regents to incur any obligation with respect to bonds issued by the Kansas development finance authority may contain such provisions as deemed appropriate by the board of regents for the purpose of carrying out the purposes of this act and securing such bonds, which shall be a part of the contract with the holders thereof, including, but not limited to, provisions:

(1) Pledging all or any part of the revenues of the board of regents derived from scientific research and development facilities to secure the payment of the bonds or of any issue thereof, subject to such agreements with bondholders as may then exist;

(2) the setting aside of reserves or sinking funds and the regulation and disposition thereof;

(3) limitations on the issuance of additional bonds or other obligations, the terms upon which additional bonds or obligations may be issued and secured, and the refunding of outstanding or other bonds;

(4) defining the acts or omissions to act which shall constitute a default in the obligations and duties of the board of regents to the Kansas development finance authority, the applicable bond trustee or the holders of the bonds, except that such rights and remedies shall not be inconsistent with the general laws of this state and the other provisions of this act; and

(5) any other matters, of like or different character, which in any way affect the security or protection of the holders of the notes or bonds.

(d) Any of the provisions relating to any bonds described in this section may be set forth in a trust indenture, loan agreement, lease agreement or other financing document authorized by a resolution of the board of regents or the board of directors of the Kansas development finance authority.

(e) The bonds of each issue may, in the discretion of the board of directors of the Kansas development finance authority, be made redeemable before maturity at such prices and under such terms and conditions as may be determined by the board of directors of the Kansas development finance authority. Bonds issued on behalf of the board of regents shall mature at such time, not exceeding 30 years from their date of issue, as may be determined by the board of regents and the board of directors of the Kansas development finance authority. The bonds may be issued as serial bonds payable in annual installments or as term bonds or as a combination thereof. The bonds shall bear interest at such rate either fixed or variable, be in such denominations, be in such form, either coupon or registered, carry such registration privileges, be executed in such manner, be payable in such medium of payment and at such place, and be subject to such terms of redemption as provided in the resolution of trust indenture. The bonds may be sold by the Kansas development finance authority, at public or private sale, at such price as the board of directors of the Kansas development finance authority shall determine.

(f) In case any officer of the Kansas development finance authority whose signature or a facsimile of whose signature appears on any bonds or coupons attached thereto ceases to be such officer before the delivery thereof, such signature or such facsimile shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes the same as if such officer had remained in office until such delivery.

(g) Any bonds issued by the Kansas development finance authority pursuant to this section, and the income therefrom (including any profit from the sale thereof) shall at all times be free from taxation by the state or any agency, political subdivision or instrumentality of the state, including income and property taxes.

(h) Any holder of bonds issued under the provisions of this act, or any coupons appertaining thereto and the trustee under any trust agreement or resolution authorizing the issuance of such bonds, except the rights under this act may be restricted by such trust agreement or resolution, may, either at law or in equity by suit, action, mandamus or other proceeding, protect and enforce any and all rights under the laws of the state or granted under this act or under such agreement or resolution, or under any other contract executed by the board of regents pursuant to this act, and may enforce and compel the performance of all duties required by this act or by such trust agreement or resolution to be performed by the board of regents or by an officer thereof.

(i) The bonds shall be special, limited obligations of the Kansas development finance authority and the state shall not be liable for bonds issued by the Kansas development finance authority on behalf of the board of regents, and such bonds shall not constitute a debt of the state.

(j) Neither the board of regents, the board of the Kansas development finance authority nor any authorized employee of the board of regents or the Kansas development finance authority shall be personally liable for such bonds by reason of the issuance thereof.

(k) Nothing in this act shall be construed as a restriction or limitation upon any other powers which the board of regents might otherwise have under any other law of this state, and this act is cumulative to any such powers. This act does and shall be construed to provide a complete, additional and alternative method for the doing of the things authorized thereby and shall be regarded as supplemental and additional to powers conferred by other laws. The issuance of bonds under the provisions of this act need not comply with the requirements of any other state law applicable to the issuance of bonds. No proceedings, notice or approval shall be required for the issuance of any bonds or any instrument as security therefor, except as is provided in this act.

(l) Any of the provisions relating to bonds described in this section may be included in any contracts between the board of regents and the Kansas development finance authority relating to obligations of the Kansas development finance authority issued on behalf of the board of regents.

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