

2021 Kansas Statutes

44-712. Employment security fund; loans from pooled money investment board, when. (a) Establishment and control. There is hereby established as a special fund in the state treasury, separate and apart from all public moneys or funds of this state, an employment security fund, which shall be administered by the secretary as provided in this act. This fund shall consist of: (1) All contributions collected under this act; (2) interest earned upon any moneys in the fund; (3) all moneys credited to this state's account in the federal unemployment trust fund, pursuant to section 903 of the social security act, 42 U.S.C.A. § 1103, as amended; (4) any property or securities acquired through the use of moneys belonging to the fund, and all other moneys received for the fund from any other source; (5) all earnings of such property or securities. All moneys in this fund shall be mingled and undivided.

(b) Accounts and deposits. The state treasurer shall be ex officio custodian of the fund. Payments from the fund, and for the purposes of this act deposits with the secretary of the treasury of the United States shall not be deemed to be payments from the fund, shall be made by any commercially-accepted means approved by the secretary. There shall be maintained within the fund three separate accounts: (1) A clearing account; (2) an unemployment trust fund account, and (3) a benefit account. All money payable to the fund upon receipt thereof by the secretary, shall be remitted to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the clearing account of the fund. Refunds payable pursuant to K.S.A. 44-717, and amendments thereto, may be paid from the clearing account of the fund by any commercially-accepted means approved by the secretary. After clearance thereof, all other moneys in the clearing account of the fund shall be immediately deposited with the secretary of the treasury of the United States of America to the credit of the account of this state in the federal unemployment trust fund established and maintained pursuant to section 904 of the social security act, 42 U.S.C.A. § 1104, as amended, any provisions of law in this state relating to the deposit, administration, release, or disbursement of moneys in the possession or custody of this state to the contrary notwithstanding. The benefit account of the fund shall consist of all moneys requisitioned from this state's account in the federal unemployment trust fund. Except as herein otherwise provided, moneys in the clearing and benefit accounts of the fund may be deposited by the state treasurer in any bank or public depository as is now provided by law for the deposit of general funds of the state, but no public deposit insurance charge or premium shall be paid out of the fund. Moneys in the clearing and benefit accounts of the fund shall not be commingled with other state funds and shall be maintained in separate bank accounts.

(c) Withdrawals. Moneys shall be requisitioned from this state's account in the federal unemployment trust fund solely for the payment of benefits and in accordance with the provisions of this act and the rules and regulations adopted by the secretary, except that moneys credited to this state's account pursuant to section 903 of the social security act, 42 U.S.C.A. § 1103, as amended, shall be used exclusively as provided in subsection (d) of this section. The secretary shall from time to time requisition from the federal unemployment trust fund such amounts, not exceeding the amounts standing to its account therein, as deemed necessary for the payment of benefits for a reasonable future period. Upon receipt thereof the state treasurer shall deposit such moneys in the benefit account of the fund and payments of benefits shall be charged solely against such benefit account of the fund. Expenditures of such moneys in the benefit account and refunds from the clearing account

of the fund shall not be subject to any provisions of law requiring specific appropriations. Any balance of moneys requisitioned from the federal unemployment trust fund which remains unclaimed or unpaid in the benefit account of the fund after the expiration of the period for which such sums were requisitioned shall either be deducted from estimates for, and may be utilized for the payment of benefits during succeeding periods, or, in the discretion of the secretary shall be directed to be redeposited with the secretary of the treasury of the United States of America, to the credit of this state's account in the federal unemployment trust fund, as provided in subsection (b) of this section. All balances accrued from unpaid or canceled warrants issued pursuant to this section, notwithstanding the provisions of K.S.A. 10-812, and amendments thereto, shall remain in the benefit account of the fund, and be disbursed in accordance with the provisions of this act relating to such account.

(d) Administrative use. (1) Money credited to the account of this state in the federal unemployment trust fund by the secretary of the treasury of the United States of America, pursuant to section 903 of the social security act, 42 U.S.C.A. § 1103, as amended, may be requisitioned and used for the payment of expenses incurred in the administration of this act pursuant to a specific appropriation by the legislature, if expenses are incurred and the money is requisitioned after the enactment of an appropriation law which: (A) Specifies the purposes for which such money is appropriated and the amounts appropriated therefor, (B) limits the period within which such money may be obligated to a period ending not more than two years after the date of the enactment of the appropriation law, and (C) limits the amount which may be obligated during a twelve-month period beginning on July 1 and ending on the next June 30 to an amount which does not exceed the amount by which (i) the aggregate of the amounts credited to the account of this state pursuant to section 903 of the social security act, 42 U.S.C.A. § 1103, as amended, (ii) the aggregate of the amounts obligated pursuant to this subsection and amounts paid out for benefits and charged against the amounts credited to the account of this state. For the purposes of this subsection, amounts obligated during any such twelve-month period shall be charged against equivalent amounts which were first credited and which are not already so charged.

(2) Money credited to the account of this state pursuant to section 903 of the social security act, 42 U.S.C.A. § 1103, as amended, may not be withdrawn or obligated except for the payment of benefits and for the payment of expenses for the administration of this act and of public employment offices pursuant to this subsection (d).

(3) Money appropriated as provided by this subsection (d) for the payment of expenses of administration shall be requisitioned as needed for the payment of obligations incurred under such appropriation and, upon requisition shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the employment security administration fund from which such payments shall be made. Money so deposited and credited shall, until expended, remain a part of the federal unemployment trust fund, and, if it will not be expended, shall be returned promptly to the account of this state in the federal unemployment trust fund.

(4) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), money credited with respect to federal fiscal years 1999, 2000 and 2001, shall be used solely for the administration of the UC program, and such money shall not otherwise be subject to the requirements of paragraph (1) when appropriated by the legislature.

(e) Management of funds upon discontinuance of federal unemployment trust fund. The provisions of subsections (a), (b), (c) and (d) of this section, to the extent that they relate to the federal unemployment trust fund, shall be operative only so long as such unemployment trust fund continues to exist and so long as the secretary of the treasury of the United States of America continues to maintain for this state a separate book account of all funds deposited therein by this state for benefit purposes, together with this state's

proportionate share of the earnings of such unemployment trust fund, from which no other state is permitted to make withdrawals. If and when such unemployment trust fund ceases to exist, or such separate book account is no longer maintained, all moneys, properties or securities therein, belonging to the employment security fund of this state, shall be transferred to the state treasurer, to be administered by the secretary as a trust fund for the purpose of paying benefits under this act, and the director of investments upon the direction of the secretary shall have authority to hold, invest, transfer, sell, deposit, and release such moneys, and any properties, securities, or earnings acquired as an incident to such administration.

(f) Loans from the pooled money investment board, when authorized. (1) Pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4209(d), and amendments thereto, the pooled money investment board is hereby authorized and directed to make loans as requested by the secretary of labor to fund debt obligations to the federal government as may have been, or continue to be, incurred by the employment security fund.

(A) The line of credit so extended shall be at an interest rate not to exceed 2%; and

(B) shall remain in effect for a period of three years from the date of the first loan requested. The pooled money investment board may reauthorize this line of credit following the initial three year period if deemed mutually beneficial by the board and the secretary of labor.

(2) The secretary of labor is hereby authorized to request and receive loans from the pooled money investment fund for the purposes described herein.

(3) The outstanding balances of such loans in the aggregate shall not exceed the limit imposed by K.S.A. 75-4209(d), and amendments thereto.

(4) Any such loan shall not be deemed to be an indebtedness or debt of the state of Kansas within the meaning of section 6 of article 11 of the constitution of the state of Kansas.

(5) The pooled money investment board, secretary of labor, and state treasurer shall coordinate as needed to make the appropriate transfers and payment of moneys anticipated hereunder.

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