

2021 Kansas Statutes

75-5745. Federal coronavirus relief fund appropriations for fiscal years 2021 and 2022; transfers to the employment security fund and legislature employment security fund; amounts; procedure; determination of improper payments; report by unemployment compensation modernization and improvement council; review and certification by secretary; transfers of additional amounts; review by legislative budget committee; authorization by legislative coordinating council; legislature employment security fund created; improper payments defined. Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 1 of the 2020 Special Session Laws of Kansas, any other statute, any appropriation act or any other provision of this act: (a) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2021, and June 30, 2022, on or before July 15, 2021, the director of the budget shall determine the amount of moneys received by the state that are identified as moneys from the federal government for aid to the state of Kansas for coronavirus relief as appropriated in the following acts that are eligible to be used for employment security, may be expended at the discretion of the state, in compliance with the office of management and budget's uniform administrative requirements, cost principles and audit requirements for federal awards, and are unencumbered: (1) The federal CARES act, public law 116-136, the federal coronavirus preparedness and response supplemental appropriation act, 2020, public law 116-123, the federal families first coronavirus response act, public law 116-127, and the federal paycheck protection program and health care enhancement act, public law 116-139; (2) the federal consolidated appropriations act, 2021, public law 116-260; (3) the American rescue plan act of 2021, public law 117-2; and (4) any other federal law that appropriates moneys to the state for aid for coronavirus relief. If the state receives any such moneys from the federal government for aid to the state of Kansas for coronavirus relief after July 15, 2021, the director of the budget shall also identify such moneys for the purposes of fulfilling the transfers required by this section.

(b) Of such identified moneys, the director of the budget shall determine in the aggregate an amount equal to \$250,000,000 available in special revenue funds. If such identified moneys in the aggregate are less than \$250,000,000, the director of the budget shall determine the maximum amount available. The director of the budget shall certify the amount so determined from each fund to the director of accounts and reports and, at the same time as such certification is transmitted to the director of accounts and reports, shall transmit a copy of such certification to the director of legislative research. Upon receipt of each such certification, or as soon thereafter as moneys are available, the director of accounts and reports shall immediately transfer an aggregate amount equal to such certification and in the aggregate, an amount equal to \$250,000,000 if available from such funds to the employment security fund (296-00-7056-7200) of the department of labor for the purpose of funding the employment security fund.

(c) Of such identified moneys, the director of the budget shall further determine in the aggregate an additional amount equal to \$250,000,000 available in special revenue funds. If such identified moneys in the aggregate are less than \$250,000,000, the director of the budget shall determine the maximum additional amount available. The director of the budget shall certify the amount so determined from each fund to the director of accounts and reports and, at the same time as such certification is transmitted to the director of accounts and reports, shall transmit a copy of such certification to the director of legislative research. Upon receipt of each such certification, or as soon thereafter as moneys are available, the director of accounts and reports shall immediately transfer an aggregate amount equal to such certification and in the aggregate, an amount equal to \$250,000,000 if available from such funds to the legislature employment security fund of the legislative

coordinating council.

(d) Upon a determination of the dollar amount of improper payments by the audit of the department of labor in accordance with K.S.A. 44-771(g), and amendments thereto, the unemployment compensation modernization and improvement council shall report such dollar amount immediately in writing to the division of the budget. Upon receipt of such report, the director of the budget shall certify the dollar amount identified by the audit and transmit a copy of such report and certification to members of the legislative coordinating council and the director of legislative research.

(e) If the amount of improper payments determined by such audit or the amount of any improper payments made during April 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022, as determined by the secretary following the review of the information as provided in K.S.A. 44-710b(e), and amendments thereto, or both such amounts added together, exceed the amounts transferred pursuant to subsections (b) and (c), the secretary shall certify such amount to the director of the budget. The director of the budget shall certify the amount of additional moneys identified under subsection (a) determined to be available from each fund to the director of accounts and reports and, at the same time as such certification is transmitted to the director of accounts and reports, shall transmit a copy of such certification to members of the legislative coordinating council and the director of legislative research. Upon receipt of each such certification, or as soon thereafter as moneys are available, the director of accounts and reports shall immediately transfer an aggregate amount equal to such certification if available from such funds to the legislature employment security fund of the legislative coordinating council.

(f) Upon receipt of any reports or certifications, the legislative coordinating council shall notify the legislative budget committee and forward a copy of such information to the committee. The legislative budget committee shall meet and review such information and shall report such committee's recommendation to the legislative coordinating council. After receiving recommendations from the legislative budget committee, the legislative coordinating council may authorize the transfer moneys in an amount not to exceed the amounts certified of improper payments from the legislature employment security fund to the employment security fund of the department of labor. Such transfers may be approved by the members of the legislative coordinating council, as provided in K.S.A. 46-1202, and amendments thereto, acting on this matter, which is hereby characterized as a matter of legislative delegation, except that such transfers may also be approved while the legislature is in session.

(g) There is hereby established in the state treasury the legislature employment security fund which shall be administered by the legislative coordinating council. All expenditures from the legislature employment security fund shall be for the purposes of funding the employment security fund for improper payments. All expenditures from the legislature employment security fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the chairperson of the legislative coordinating council or the designee of the chairperson.

(h) As used in this act, "improper payment amounts" or "improper payments" means any payment that should not have been made or that was made in an incorrect amount under statutory, contractual, administrative or other legally applicable requirements and includes any payment to an ineligible recipient.

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