

HOUSE BILL No. 2999

By Committee on Taxation

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9 AN ACT concerning workforce development; relating to training older
10 Kansans; implementing a competitive grant program; amending K.S.A.
11 2005 Supp. 75-5908 and repealing the existing section.
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13 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

14 New Section 1. (a) In accordance with appropriation acts, the sec-
15 retary of aging shall provide grants to eligible entities for the purpose of
16 implementing and administering training programs focused on develop-
17 ing an older Kansas workforce. Such programs shall provide unique and
18 innovative training opportunities for older workers.

19 (b) The secretary shall provide technical assistance to grantees, evalu-
20 ate programs for effectiveness and coordinate funding to ensure that
21 state funds are not directed toward program duplication. The secretary
22 may enter into agreements to carry out the provisions of this subsection.

23 (c) The secretary may not make a grant to an eligible entity, unless
24 the entity agrees that such entity will use at least 90% of all amounts
25 received for any fiscal year from such grant to establish and carry out a
26 program to implement and administer training programs focused on de-
27 veloping an older Kansas workforce, located within the eligible jurisdic-
28 tion that the eligible entity serves. Not more than 10% of amounts re-
29 ceived from a grant for any fiscal year may be used for the cost of
30 administration and the acquisition of supplies, tools and other equipment.

31 (d) Grants shall be awarded for a term of 3 years and are renewable.

32 (e) An individual shall be eligible to participate in a training program
33 only if the individual is age 55 or older. No individual shall be excluded
34 from participation in, denied the benefits of, subjected to discrimination
35 under, or denied employment in the administration of or in connection
36 with any program described in subsection (a) because of race, color, re-
37 ligious, sex, national origin, age, disability or political affiliation or belief.

38 (f) The secretary shall annually submit a report to the house economic
39 development committee, the house commerce and labor committee and
40 the senate commerce committee detailing the manner in which funds
41 have been spent pursuant to subsection (a). Such report shall include the
42 nature of the training programs, the percentage of funds expended for
43 administrative expenses, the number of individuals served and an evalu-

1 ation of the program as a whole, including a recommendation regarding
2 continuation of the program.

3 (g) The secretary may adopt rules and regulations, as defined in
4 K.S.A. 77-415, and amendments thereto, to effectuate the purpose of this
5 section.

6 (h) For purposes of this section, “eligible entity” means a small busi-
7 ness, a unit of local government, a nonprofit organization or a faith-based
8 organization which agrees to perform the following:

9 (1) Submit a plan to provide learning opportunities described in sub-
10 section (a);

11 (2) abide by such guidelines as may be required by the secretary; and

12 (3) agree to pay at least 20% of the cost of the program; however, in
13 kind contributions, in an amount not to exceed 50%, may count towards
14 such payment. Grants may be awarded for up to 80% of the cost of the
15 program.

16 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2005 Supp. 75-5908 is hereby amended to read as
17 follows: 75-5908. In addition to powers and duties otherwise provided by
18 law, the secretary shall have the following powers and duties:

19 (a) To evaluate all programs, services and facilities for the aged within
20 the state and determine the extent to which present public or private
21 programs, services and facilities meet the needs of the aged.

22 (b) To evaluate and coordinate all programs, services and facilities for
23 the aging presently furnished by state and federal agencies, and make
24 appropriate recommendations regarding such services, programs and fa-
25 cilities to the governor and the legislature.

26 (c) To function as the sole state agency to develop a comprehensive
27 plan to meet the needs of the state’s senior citizens.

28 (d) To receive and disburse federal funds made available directly to
29 the department, including those funds made available under the federal
30 older Americans act of 1965, 42 U.S.C. 3001 et seq., and any amendments
31 thereto, for providing services for senior citizens or for purposes related
32 thereto and to develop and administer any state plan for the aging re-
33 quired by federal law.

34 (e) To solicit, accept, hold and administer in behalf of the state any
35 grants, devises or bequests of money, securities or property to the state
36 of Kansas for services to senior citizens or purposes related thereto.

37 (f) To provide consultation and assistance to communities and groups
38 developing local and area services for senior citizens.

39 (g) To promote community education regarding the problems of sen-
40 ior citizens through institutes, publications, radio, television and the press.

41 (h) To cooperate with agencies of the federal government in studies
42 and conferences designed to examine the needs of senior citizens and to
43 prepare programs and facilities to meet those needs.

- 1 (i) To establish and maintain information and referral sources
2 throughout the state in conjunction with other agencies.
- 3 (j) To provide such staff support as may reasonably be required by
4 the council.
- 5 (k) To establish state policies for the administration of the depart-
6 ment; for the disbursement of federal older Americans act funds within
7 the state; and for state administration of federal older Americans act pro-
8 grams consistent with relevant federal law, rules and regulations, policies
9 and procedures.
- 10 (l) To keep informed of the latest developments of research, studies
11 and programs being conducted nationally and internationally on problems
12 and needs of aging.
- 13 (m) To adopt such rules and regulations as may be necessary to ad-
14 minister the provisions of article 59 of chapter 75 of the Kansas Statutes
15 Annotated and acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto.
- 16 (n) To lend surplus state property under the authority of the depart-
17 ment on aging to area agencies on aging or to the state long-term care
18 ombudsman to help them perform duties required under state and fed-
19 eral programs administered by the department on aging.
- 20 (o) To enter into any contract or agreement which the secretary finds
21 necessary to perform the powers, duties and functions of the secretary or
22 the department.
- 23 (p) *To develop and administer an older Kansan training grant pro-*
24 *gram as provided in section 1, and amendments thereto.*
- 25 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2005 Supp. 75-5908 is hereby repealed.
- 26 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
27 publication in the statute book.