

SENATE BILL No. 382

By Committee on Ways and Means

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10 AN ACT concerning workforce development; implementing the devel-
11 oping responsible youth act.

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13 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

14 Section 1. Sections 1 through 7, and amendments thereto, shall be
15 known and may be cited as the developing responsible youth act.

16 Sec. 2. (a) In accordance with appropriation acts, the secretary of
17 commerce shall provide grants to eligible administrative entities, as de-
18 scribed in section 3, and amendments thereto, for the purpose of estab-
19 lishing and carrying out after-school programs that provide the following
20 components:

21 ~~(a)~~ (1) Pre-vocational employment skills and options;

22 ~~(b)~~ (2) lifetime physical fitness activities;

23 ~~(c)~~ (3) academic tutoring and academic enhancement; **and**

24 ~~(d)~~ values education, and

25 ~~(e)~~ (4) mentoring.

26 (b) ***The secretary shall provide technical assistance to grantees,***
27 ***evaluate programs for effectiveness and act as a data repository to***
28 ***coordinate funding and ensure that state funds are not directed to-***
29 ***ward program duplication. The secretary may enter into agree-***
30 ***ments to carry out the provisions of this subsection.***

31 Sec. 3. For purposes of this act, ~~“eligible entity”~~:

32 (a) ***“After-school program” means a program which requires***
33 ***meeting for a minimum duration of: (1) Two hours per day during***
34 ***each day school is in session; or (2) six hours per day each weekday***
35 ***for at least five consecutive weeks outside of the school year.***

36 (b) ***“Eligible entity” means a unit of local government, a nonprofit***
37 ***organization or a faith-based organization which partners with public and***
38 ***private organizations and businesses and which agrees to perform the***
39 ***following:***

40 ~~(a)~~ (1) Submit a plan to provide learning opportunities described in
41 section 2, and amendments thereto, for qualified youth;

42 ~~(b)~~ (2) abide by such guidelines as may be required by the secretary;

43 and

1 ~~(e)~~ **(3)** agree to pay at least 20% of the cost of the program; however,
 2 in-kind contributions, in an amount not to exceed 50%, may count to-
 3 wards such payment. Grants may be awarded for up to 80% of the cost
 4 of the program.

5 Sec. 4. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), the secretary may
 6 not make a grant under section 2, and amendments thereto, to an eligible
 7 entity, unless the entity agrees that such entity will use all amounts re-
 8 ceived from such grant to establish and carry out a program to provide
 9 after-school programs to eligible individuals described in subsections (a)
 10 and (b) of section 5, and amendments thereto, for the purpose of provid-
 11 ing after-school programs described in section 2, and amendments
 12 thereto, located within the eligible jurisdiction that the entity serves.

13 (b) Not more than 10% of amounts received from a grant under sec-
 14 tion 2, and amendments thereto, for any fiscal year may be used for the
 15 cost of administration and the acquisition of supplies, tools and other
 16 equipment.

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

18 Sec. 5. (a) An individual shall be eligible to participate in a program
 19 described in subsection (a) of section 4, and amendments thereto, only if
 20 the individual is attending school and: **(1) The individual** is enrolled in
 21 grades 6, 7, 8 or 9; **or**

22 **(2) the individual is enrolled in grade 5, if such grade level is**
 23 **part of a middle school or junior high school.**

24 (b) The secretary may charge a fee to participants to recoup the par-
 25 tial or total cost of participation in the program; however, no individual
 26 shall be denied access to the program because of inability to pay such
 27 fee.

28 (c) No individual shall be excluded from participation in, denied the
 29 benefits of, subjected to discrimination under, or denied employment in
 30 the administration of or in connection with any program described in
 31 subsection (a) of section 4, and amendments thereto, because of race,
 32 color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability or political affiliation or
 33 belief.

34 Sec. 6. The secretary shall annually submit a report to the house
 35 economic development committee, the house commerce and labor com-
 36 mittee and the senate commerce committee detailing the manner in
 37 which funds were spent pursuant to section 1, et seq., and amendments
 38 thereto. Such report shall include ~~the nature of the work performed by~~
 39 ~~participating youths, the percentage of funds expended for administrative~~
 40 ~~expenses, findings on the educational, criminal and occupational dispo-~~
 41 ~~sition of participating youths and~~ **an evaluation of pre-vocational skills**
 42 **and options offered and acquired, physical fitness improvement, ac-**
 43 **ademic improvement and mentoring participation, as well as** an eval-

1 uation of the program as a whole including a recommendation concerning
2 continuation of the program. The report to the house economic devel-
3 opment committee, the house commerce and labor committee and the
4 senate commerce committee under this section shall be made by the
5 secretary either (a) by publishing such report on the internet and by
6 notifying each member of the committee that the report is available and
7 providing, as part of such notice, the uniform resource locator (URL) at
8 which such report is available, or (b) by submitting copies of such report
9 on CD-ROM or other electronically readable media to such committees.

10 Sec. 7. The secretary of commerce may adopt rules and regulations,
11 as defined in K.S.A. 77-415, and amendments thereto, to effectuate the
12 purpose of this act.

13 Sec. 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
14 publication in the statute book.