

SENATE BILL No. 204

By Joint Committee on Fiduciary Financial Institutions Oversight

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AN ACT concerning financial institutions; relating to the technology-enabled fiduciary financial institutions act; replacing the definition of "charitable beneficiaries" with "qualified charities" therein; amending K.S.A. 9-2301 and repealing the existing section.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 9-2301 is hereby amended to read as follows: 9-2301. (a) The provisions of K.S.A. 9-2301 through 9-2327, and amendments thereto, shall be known and may be cited as the technology-enabled fiduciary financial institutions act. The technology-enabled fiduciary financial institutions act shall be a part of and supplemental to chapter 9 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto.

(b) For purposes of the technology-enabled fiduciary financial institutions act:

(1) "Act" means the technology-enabled fiduciary financial institutions act;

(2) "alternative asset" means professionally managed investment assets that are not publicly traded, including, but not limited to, private equity, venture capital, leveraged buyouts, special situations, structured credit, private debt, private real estate funds and natural resources, including any economic or beneficial interest therein;

(3) "alternative asset custody account" means an account created by the owner of an alternative asset that designates a fiduciary financial institution as custodian or agent and into which the owner transfers, electronically or otherwise, content, materials, data, information, documents, reports and contracts in any form, including, without limitation, evidence of ownership, subscription agreements, private placement memoranda, limited partnership agreements, operating agreements, financial statements, annual and quarterly reports, capital account statements, tax statements, correspondence from the general partner, manager or investment advisor of the alternative asset, an investment contract as defined in K.S.A. 17-12a102(28)(E), and amendments thereto, and any digital asset as defined in K.S.A. 58-4802, and amendments thereto, whether such information is in hard copy form or a representation of such information that is stored in a computer readable format;

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expanding the definition of "qualified charities" for purposes of the income tax credit for certain qualified charitable distributions of fiduciary financial institutions;

and K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 79-32,283

sections

1 (4) "charitable beneficiaries" means one or more charities,
2 contributions to which are allowable as a deduction pursuant to section
3 170 of the federal internal revenue code that are designated as
4 beneficiaries of a fidfin trust;

5 (5) "custodial services" means the safekeeping and management of an
6 alternative asset custody account, including the execution of customer
7 instructions, serving as agent, fund administrative services and overall
8 decision-making and management of the account by a fiduciary financial
9 institution and "custodial services" shall be deemed to involve the exercise
10 of fiduciary and trust powers;

11 (6) "economic growth zone" means an incorporated community
12 with a population of not more than 5,000 people located within one of the
13 following counties: Allen, Anderson, Barber, Bourbon, Brown, Chase,
14 Chautauqua, Cherokee, Cheyenne, Clark, Clay, Cloud, Coffey, Comanche,
15 Decatur, Doniphan, Edwards, Elk, Ellsworth, Gove, Graham, Grant, Gray,
16 Greeley, Greenwood, Hamilton, Harper, Harvey, Haskell, Hodgeman,
17 Jackson, Jewell, Kearny, Kingman, Kiowa, Labette, Lane, Lincoln, Linn,
18 Logan, Marion, Marshall, Meade, Mitchell, Montgomery, Morris, Morton,
19 Nemaha, Neosho, Ness, Norton, Osborne, Ottawa, Pawnee, Phillips, Pratt,
20 Rawlins, Republic, Rice, Rooks, Rush, Russell, Scott, Sheridan, Sherman,
21 Smith, Stafford, Stanton, Stevens, Sumner, Trego, Thomas, Wabaunsee,
22 Wallace, Washington, Wichita, Wilson or Woodson;

23 (7) "excluded fiduciary" means a fiduciary financial institution in
24 its capacity as trustee of a fidfin trust, provided that a fiduciary financial
25 institution shall only be deemed an "excluded fiduciary" to the extent the
26 fiduciary financial institution is excluded from exercising certain powers
27 under the instrument that may be exercised by the trust advisor or other
28 persons designated in the instrument;

29 (8) "fidfin," "fidfin services" or "fidfin transactions" means the
30 financing of a fidfin trust or the acquisition of alternative assets on behalf
31 of and through a fidfin trust, or both, as provided in K.S.A. 9-2311, and
32 amendments thereto, including loans, extensions of credit and direct
33 investments;

34 (9) "fidfin trust" means a trust created to facilitate the delivery of
35 fidfin services by a fiduciary financial institution;

36 (10) "fiduciary" means a trustee, a trust advisor or a custodian of
37 an alternative asset custody account appointed under an instrument that is
38 acting in a fiduciary capacity for any person, trust or estate;

39 (11) "instrument" means any document creating a fidfin trust or
40 alternative asset custody account;

41 (12) "out-of-state bank" means a national or state bank, savings
42 and loan association or savings bank not incorporated under the laws of
43 Kansas;

1 (13) "out-of-state financial institution" means an out-of-state
2 bank or an out-of-state trust company;

3 (14) "out-of-state trust company" means a national or state trust
4 company not incorporated under the laws of Kansas;

5 (14) "qualified charities" means the same as defined in K.S.A. 79-
6 32,283, and amendments thereto;

7 (15) (A) "qualified investment" means the purchase or development,
8 in the aggregate, of at least 10,000 square feet of commercial, industrial,
9 multiuse or multifamily real estate in the economic growth zone where the
10 fiduciary financial institution maintains its principal office pursuant to
11 K.S.A. 9-2309, and amendments thereto, provided that such community
12 has committed to develop the necessary infrastructure to support a
13 "qualified investment." A "qualified investment":

14 (i) May include, as part of satisfying the square footage requirements,
15 the suitable office space of such fiduciary financial institution, as provided
16 in K.S.A. 9-2309, and amendments thereto, if owned by the fiduciary
17 financial institution;

18 (ii) shall be exempt from the provisions and limitations of K.S.A. 9-
19 1102, and amendments thereto;

20 (iii) may be retained by a fiduciary financial institution for as long as
21 the fiduciary financial institution operates in this state; and

22 (iv) may be sold, transferred or otherwise disposed of, including a
23 sale or transfer to an affiliate of the fiduciary financial institution, if the
24 fiduciary financial institution continues to maintain its principal office in
25 an economic growth zone pursuant to K.S.A. 9-2309, and amendments
thereto;

26 (B) notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, if a fiduciary financial
27 institution leases any portion of a qualified investment made by another
28 fiduciary financial institution as the lessee fiduciary financial institution's
29 suitable office space:

30 (i) The lessee fiduciary financial institution shall make, or cause to be
31 made, a qualified investment in an economic growth zone other than the
32 economic growth zone where such fiduciary financial institution maintains
33 its principal office;

34 (ii) the leased square footage shall count toward the square footage
35 requirement applicable to a qualified investment under this section, if such
36 lease has an initial term of not less than five years; and

37 (iii) the square footage requirement otherwise applicable to a
38 qualified investment of the lessee fiduciary financial institution shall be
39 reduced from 10,000 square feet to 5,000 square feet;

40 (16) "technology-enabled fiduciary financial institution" or "fiduciary
41 financial institution" means any limited liability company, limited
42 partnership or corporation that:

1 (A) Is organized to perform any one or more of the activities and
2 services authorized by this act;
3 (B) has been authorized to conduct business as a fiduciary financial
4 institution under this chapter pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 9-2302,
5 and amendments thereto;
6 (C) has made, committed to make or caused to be made a qualified
7 investment; and

8 (D) has committed, in or as a part of the application provided in
9 K.S.A. 9-2302, and amendments thereto, to conduct any fidfin transactions
10 in accordance with K.S.A. 9-2311, and amendments thereto, including the
11 distributions required therein;

12 (17) "trust" means a trust created pursuant to the Kansas uniform trust
13 code, K.S.A. 58a-101 et seq., and amendments thereto, or created pursuant
14 to the Kansas business trust act of 1961, K.S.A. 17-2707 et seq., and
15 amendments thereto;

16 (18) "trust advisor" means a fiduciary granted authority by an
17 instrument to exercise, consent, direct, including the power to direct as
18 provided in K.S.A. 58a-808, and amendments thereto, or approve all or
19 any portion of the powers and discretion conferred upon the trustee of a
20 fidfin trust, including the power to invest the assets of a fidfin trust or
21 make or cause distributions to be made from such fidfin trust; and
22 (19) the definitions of K.S.A. 9-701, and amendments thereto, apply
23 to fiduciary financial institutions except as otherwise provided in this act.

24 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 9-2301 is hereby repealed.

25 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
26 publication in the statute book.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 79-32,283 is hereby amended to
read as follows: 79-32,283. (See attachment 1)

**Renumber remaining
sections accordingly**

and K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 79-32,283 are

79-32,283. (a) For taxable years commencing after December 31, 2020, there shall be allowed as a credit against the tax liability of a fiduciary financial institution imposed pursuant to the Kansas income tax act or the privilege tax imposed upon a fiduciary financial institution pursuant to article 11 of chapter 79 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, in an amount equal to the qualified charitable distributions made in connection with the fiduciary financial institution's fidfin activities during such taxable year if the fiduciary financial institution maintained such fiduciary financial institution's principal office in an economic growth zone during such taxable year in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. ~~2022 Supp.~~ 9-2309, and amendments thereto.

- (b) For purposes of this section:
 - (1) "Economic growth zone" and "fidfin" means the same as defined in K.S.A. ~~2022 Supp.~~ 9-2301, and amendments thereto;
 - (2) "qualified charitable distributions" means distributions of cash, beneficial interests or other assets to one or more qualified charities having an aggregate value equal to at least 2.5% of the fiduciary financial institution's transactions originated during the taxable year. Such transactions shall exclude any renewals, extensions of credit or accruals associated with transactions made in a prior taxable year;
 - (3) "qualified charities" means one or more charities,~~or~~, that are either:
 - (A) Charities, contributions to which~~contribute~~ are allowable as a deduction pursuant to section 170 of the federal internal revenue code~~or~~ or
 - (B) one or more Kansas nonprofit corporations, regardless of their federal income tax treatment, provided such charities have:
 - (A)(i) Been organized pursuant to a charter promulgated by the department of commerce for the purposes of making distributions for the benefit of economic growth zones;
 - (B)(ii) committed in writing to utilize the entire amount of the qualified charitable distributions, excluding reasonable administrative expenses, exclusively for the benefit of charitable causes located in one or more economic growth zones or postsecondary educational institutions as defined in K.S.A. 74-3201b, and amendments thereto; and
 - (C)(iii) agreed to provide an annual report to the department of commerce detailing qualified distributions received during such year, distributions made pursuant to ~~subparagraph (B) clause (ii)~~ and the remaining balance of qualified distributions as of the end of the reporting year.

The requirements of ~~subparagraph (A)~~ clause (i) shall not apply to a charity,~~or entities to which are allowable as a deduction pursuant to~~ ~~section 170 of the federal internal revenue code~~, that has committed in writing to utilize the entire amount of the qualified charitable distributions, excluding reasonable administrative expenses, exclusively for the benefit of the economic growth zone identified in K.S.A. ~~2022 Supp.~~ 9-2325(a)(2), and amendments thereto.

- (c) No credit shall be allowed under this section if the fiduciary financial institution's tax return on which the credit is claimed is not timely filed, including any extension.
- (d) A distribution or remittance to the department of commerce pursuant to K.S.A. ~~2022 Supp.~~ 9-2311, and amendments thereto, shall be deemed a qualified charitable distribution for purposes of this section.
 - (e) A fiduciary financial institution shall not be required to ensure that qualified charitable distributions are made solely for the benefit of the economic growth zones where such fiduciary financial institution has:
 - (1) Established such fiduciary financial institution's principal office pursuant to K.S.A. ~~2022 Supp.~~ 9-2309, and amendments thereto; or
 - (2) made qualified investments as defined in K.S.A. ~~2022 Supp.~~ 9-2301, and amendments thereto. Qualified charitable distributions may be made for the benefit of any one or more economic growth zones.
 - (f) If a fiduciary financial institution is a pass-through entity for Kansas tax purposes and the credit allowed by this section for a taxable year is greater than the fiduciary financial institution's tax liability against which the tax credit may be applied, a member of the entity or any other party who is required to report such income on a Kansas income tax return is entitled to a tax credit equal to the tax credit determined for the fiduciary financial institution for the taxable year in excess of the fiduciary financial institution's tax liability under the Kansas income tax act or privilege tax under article 11 of chapter 79 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, for the taxable year multiplied by the percentage of the fiduciary financial institution's distributive income to which the member is entitled. Tax credits allowed and earned under this section shall not be sold, assigned, conveyed or otherwise transferred.
 - (g) If the amount of a tax credit allowed a member or other party under this section exceeds the taxpayer's income tax liability for the taxable year in which the tax credit is allowed, the amount thereof that exceeds such tax liability may be carried over for deduction from the taxpayer's income or privilege tax liability in the next succeeding taxable year or years until the total amount of the tax credit has been deducted from tax liability, except that no such tax credit shall be carried over for deduction after the 5th taxable year succeeding the taxable year in which the tax credit is first allowed.
 - (h) In any taxable year, a fiduciary financial institution shall pay the greater of the qualified charitable distributions made during such taxable year or the tax liability of a fiduciary financial institution imposed pursuant to the Kansas income tax act or the privilege tax imposed upon a fiduciary financial institution pursuant to article 11 of chapter 79 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto.
- (i) This section shall be a part of and supplemental to the Kansas income tax act.