Summary of Changes

- Eliminates the authority for the state and municipality to use eminent domain to build a STAR Bond district.
 - o Pg. 1 (stricken language); pgs. 20-21
- All documents used to consider STAR Bond approval must be available on the Kansas Department of Commerce website within 30 days of the governing municipality's approval.
 - o Pg. 7
- Municipalities must notify residents of a STAR Bond approval, the amount of increment revenue collected, and "Sales Tax Revenue Forgone," presented in terms of dollars and estimated municipality sales tax reduction.
 - o Pg. 7 (bottom of page)
- The Kansas Department of Commerce shall display the amount of sales tax forgone to the municipality from a pending and approved STAR Bond project on its website. It shall be termed "Sales Tax Revenue Forgone" and presented in dollars and estimated municipality sales tax reduction.
 - o Pg. 8, paragraph (4)(E)
- All entities within a STAR Bond must report to the Secretary of Commerce visitor's zip codes quarterly. The Secretary must then publish quarterly visitor data within 30 days of the start of the subsequent quarter.
 - o Pgs. 2 and 9
- Disallows any state SGF or federal revenues to be used to pay off a STAR Bond.
 - o Pg 10 (stricken language); pg. 15 (top of page), subparagraph (A)
- STAR Bond increment revenue cannot be used for any additional STAR Bond.
 - o Pg. 15 (top of page), subparagraph (B); pg. 20 (top of page)

By Committee on Commerce

AN ACT concerning the STAR bonds financing act; relating to STAR bond project district requirements; requiring all businesses located in a STAR bond project district to provide visitor data to the secretary on a quarterly basis instead of an annual basis; requiring the secretary of commerce to make certain information concerning STAR bond projects publicly available on the department's website; prohibiting state general fund moneys or federal revenue from being pledged for the repayment of any special obligation bond issued by a city or county to finance a STAR bond project; prohibiting tax increment revenue generated from within the district from being pledged towards any subsequent STAR bond project plan; extending the expiration date of the STAR bonds financing act to July 1, 2030; amending K.S.A. 12-17,160, 12-17,166, 12-17,172 and 12-17,179 and K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 12-17,169 and repealing the existing sections.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 12-17,160 is hereby amended to read as follows: 12-17,160. It is hereby declared to be the purpose of this act to promote, stimulate and develop the general and economic welfare of the state of Kansas and its communities and to assist in the development and redevelopment of eligible areas within and without a city thereby promoting the general welfare of the citizens of this state, by authorizing cities and counties to acquire certain property and to issue sales tax and revenue (STAR) bonds for the financing of STAR bond projects as defined in K.S.A. 12-17,162, and amendments thereto. It is further found and declared that the powers conferred by this act are for a public purpose and public use for which public money may be expended and the power of eminent domain may be exercised. The necessity in the public interest for the provisions of this act is hereby declared as a matter of legislative determination.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 12-17,166 is hereby amended to read as follows: 12-17,166. (a) One or more projects may be undertaken by a city or county within an established STAR bond project district upon submission of the project plan to the secretary of commerce and approval by the secretary as provided by K.S.A. 12-17,164, and amendments thereto. Any city or county

proposing to undertake a STAR bond project shall prepare a STAR bond project plan in consultation with the planning commission of the city, and in consultation with the planning commission of the county, if any, if such project is located wholly outside the boundaries of the city. Any such project plan may be implemented in separate development stages.

- (b) Any city or county proposing to undertake a STAR bond project within a STAR bond project district established pursuant to K.S.A. 12-17,165, and amendments thereto, shall prepare a feasibility study to be conducted by one or more consultants selected and approved by the secretary, and the costs shall be paid by the developer or the city or county. The secretary shall have control and oversight authority over the scope, conduct and methodology of the study. The secretary may establish a list of preapproved consultants and approved study parameters and methods. The feasibility study shall contain the following:
- (1) Whether a STAR bond project's revenue and tax increment revenue and other available revenues under K.S.A. 12-17,169, and amendments thereto, are expected to exceed or be sufficient to pay for the project costs;
- (2) the effect, if any, a STAR bond project will have on any outstanding special obligation bonds payable from the revenues described in K.S.A. 12-17,169, and amendments thereto;
- (3) a statement of how the jobs and taxes obtained from the STAR bond project will contribute significantly to the economic development of the state and region;
- (4) visitation expectations and a plan describing how the number of visitors to the STAR bond project district will be tracked and reported to the secretary on an annual a quarterly basis. Such plan shall include, but not be limited to, obtaining and reporting visitor residence zip code data to the secretary. All businesses located in the STAR bond district shall provide visitor

residence data requested by the secretary. Any such data shall be provided in an aggregatemanner without personally identifiable information;

- (5) the unique quality of the project;
- (6) economic impact study, including the anticipated effect of the project on the regional and statewide economies;
 - (7) market study;
 - (8) market impact study;
 - (9) integration and collaboration with other resources or businesses;
- (10) the quality of service and experience provided, as measured against national consumer standards for the specific target market;
 - (11) project accountability, measured according to best industry practices;
- (12) the expected return on state and local investment that the project is anticipated to produce;
 - (13) a net return on investment analysis;
- (14) a statement concerning whether a portion of the local sales and use taxes are pledged to other uses and are unavailable as revenue for the STAR bond project. If a portion of local sales and use taxes is so committed, the applicant shall describe the following:
- (A) The percentage of city and county sales and use taxes collected that are so committed; and
- (B) the date or dates on which the city and county sales and use taxes pledged to other uses can be pledged for repayment of bonds;
 - (15) an anticipated principal and interest payment schedule on the bond issue;
 - (16) a summary of community involvement, participation and support for the STAR

bond project; and

(17) a full disclosure and description of all state, federal and local tax incentives that apply or, pursuant to the project plan, are anticipated to apply within the STAR bond district or that apply to any business located in or, pursuant to the project plan, that will locate in the district.

The failure to include all information enumerated in this subsection in the feasibility study for a STAR bond project shall not affect the validity of bonds issued pursuant to this act.

- (c) If the city or county determines the project is feasible, the project plan shall include:
- (1) A summary of the feasibility study done as defined in subsection (b);
- (2) a reference to the district plan established under K.S.A. 12-17,165, and amendments thereto, that identifies the project area that is set forth in the project plan that is being considered;
 - (3) a description and map of the project area to be redeveloped;
- (4) the relocation assistance plan as described in K.S.A. 12-17,172, and amendments thereto;
- (5) a detailed description of the buildings and facilities proposed to be constructed or improved in such area;
- (6) the names of the owners, partners, officers or principals of any developer of the project and of any associated business partner of any developer of the project that is involved in the STAR bond project; and
- (7) any other information the governing body of the city or county deems necessary to advise the public of the intent of the project plan.
- (d) A copy of the STAR bond project plan prepared by a city shall be delivered to the board of county commissioners of the county and the board of education of any school district

levying taxes on property within the STAR bond project area. A copy of the STAR bond project plan prepared by a county shall be delivered to the board of education of any school district levying taxes on property within the STAR bond project area.

- (e) Upon a finding by the planning commission that the STAR bond project plan is consistent with the intent of the comprehensive plan for the development of the city, and a finding by the planning commission of the county, if any, with respect to a STAR bond project located wholly outside the boundaries of the city, that the STAR bond project plan is consistent with the intent of the comprehensive plan for the development of the county, the governing body of the city or county shall adopt a resolution stating that the city or county is considering the adoption of the STAR bond project plan. Such resolution shall:
- (1) Give notice that a public hearing will be held to consider the adoption of the STAR bond project plan and fix the date, hour and place of such public hearing. In addition to any other notice, such notice shall be conspicuously provided at a prominent location on the first page of the website of the county or city, if the county or city has a website;
- (2) describe the boundaries of the STAR bond project district within which the STAR bond project will be located and the date of establishment of such district;
- (3) describe the boundaries of the area proposed to be included within the STAR bond project area; and
- (4) state that the STAR bond project plan, including a summary of the feasibility study, market study, relocation assistance plan and financial guarantees of the prospective developer and a description and map of the area to be redeveloped or developed are available for inspection during regular office hours in the office of the city clerk or county clerk, respectively.
 - (f) (1) The date fixed for the public hearing to consider the adoption of the STAR bond

project plan shall be not less than 30 nor more than 70 days following the date of the adoption of the resolution fixing the date of the hearing.

- (2) A copy of the city or county resolution providing for the public hearing shall be by certified mail, return receipt requested, sent by the city to the board of county commissioners of the county and by the city or county to the board of education of any school district levying taxes on property within the proposed STAR bond project area. Copies also shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested to each owner and occupant of land within the proposed STAR bond project area not more than 10 days following the date of the adoption of the resolution. The resolution shall be published once in the official city or county newspaper not less than one week nor more than two weeks preceding the date fixed for the public hearing. A sketch clearly delineating the area in sufficient detail to advise the reader of the particular land proposed to be included within the STAR bond project area shall be published with the resolution.
- (3) At the public hearing, a representative of the city or county shall present the city's or county's proposed STAR bond project plan. The presentation shall include a discussion of the feasibility study, including a description of all state, federal and local tax incentives that apply within the STAR bond district or are anticipated to apply within the district pursuant to the project plan or to any business located in the district or that will locate in the district pursuant to the project plan. Following the presentation of the STAR bond project area, all interested persons shall be given an opportunity to be heard. The governing body for good cause shown may recess such hearing to a time and date certain, which shall be fixed in the presence of persons in attendance at the hearing.
- (g) The public hearing records and feasibility study shall be subject to the open records act, K.S.A. 45-215, and amendments thereto, and, if the city or county has a website, shall be

placed conspicuously on such website at the same location or linked to the same location on the first page of the website as the notice for the hearing.

- (h) Upon conclusion of the public hearing, the governing body may adopt the STAR bond project plan by ordinance or resolution passed upon a two-thirds vote of the members.
- (i) After Within 30 days of the the adoption or modification by the city or county governing body of a STAR bond project plan;
- (1) The clerk of the city or county shall transmit a copy of the description of the land within the STAR bond project district, a copy of the ordinance or resolution adopting the plan and a map or plat indicating the boundaries of the district to the clerk, appraiser and treasurer of the county in which the district is located and to the governing bodies of the county and school district which levy taxes upon any property in the district. Such documents shall be transmitted following the adoption or modification of the plan or a revision of the plan on or before January 1 of the year in which the increment is first allocated to the taxing subdivision.
 - (i) If the STAR bond project plan is approved,
- (2) the feasibility study shall be supplemented to include a copy of the minutes of the governing body meetings of any city or county whose bonding authority will be utilized in the STAR bond project, evidencing that a STAR bond project plan has been created, discussed and adopted by the city or county in a regularly scheduled open public meeting:
 - (3) the city or county shall notify the residents thereof:
 - (A) That the STAR bond project plan has been adopted;
- (B) on a continuing basis, the amount of tax increment revenue received under K.S.A. 12-17,169, and amendments thereto; and
 - (C) the amount of city and county sales tax revenue forgone due to an approved STAR

bond project. Such forgone tax revenue shall be referred to as "Sales Tax Revenue Forgone" and presented in terms of dollars; and

- (4) the secretary shall make the following information publicly available on the department of commerce's website:
 - (A) The feasibility study;
 - (B) the STAR bond project plan;
 - (C) the financial guarantees of the prospective developer;
- (D) any subsequent modified versions of the information required by subparagraphs (A) through (C);
- (E) on a continuing basis, the amount of city and county sales tax revenue forgone due to an approved STAR bond project. Such forgone tax revenue shall be referred to as "Sales Tax Revenue Forgone" and presented in terms of dollars; and
 - (F) on a continuing basis, visitor data pursuant to subsection (n).
- (k)(j) Any substantial changes as defined in K.S.A. 12-17,162, and amendments thereto, to the STAR bond project plan as adopted shall be subject to a public hearing following publication of notice thereof at least twice in the official city or county newspaper.
- (h)(k) Any STAR bond project shall be completed within 20 years from the date of the approval of the STAR bond project plan. The maximum maturity on bonds issued to finance projects pursuant to this act shall not exceed 20 years.
- (m)(1) Kansas resident employees shall be given priority consideration for employment in construction projects located in a STAR bond project area.
- (n)(m) Any developer of a STAR bond project shall commence work on the project within two years from the date of adoption of the STAR bond project plan. Should the developer

fail to commence work on the STAR bond project within the two-year period, funding for such project shall cease and the developer of such project or complex shall have one year to resubmit the project to the secretary and to appeal to the secretary for reapproval of such project and the funding for it. Should the project be reapproved, the two-year period for commencement shall apply.

- (n) (1) On and after July 1, 2026, all entities located in a STAR bond district that use a point-of-sale system, including, but not limited to, any nonprofit entity, shall collect visitor data entered at the point of sale and transfer such data to the secretary on a quarterly basis. Any such data shall:
- (A) Be collected in an aggregate manner without personally identifiable information; and
 - (B) include, but not be limited to, visitor residence zip code data, even for cash sales.
- (2) The secretary shall make such visitor data publicly available on the department's website within 30 days of being received by the secretary. Such publicly available data shall include a calculation by the secretary of the number of in-state and out-of-state visitors to the STAR bond project each quarter.
- (3) As used in this subsection, "point-of-sale system" means any combination of a cash register, ledger or other device, or system, such as a scanner, capable of recovering stored information related to visitor data and the price or computing the price of any individual item that is sold or offered for sale at retail.
- Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 12-17,169 is hereby amended to read as follows: 12-17,169.

 (a) (1) Any city or county shall have the power to issue special obligation bonds in one or more series to finance the undertaking of any STAR bond project in accordance with the provisions of

this act. Rural redevelopment projects, as defined in K.S.A. 12-17,162, and amendments thereto, may also be financed without the issuance of special obligation bonds up to an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 for each project. Such special obligation bonds or rural redevelopment project costs shall be made payable, both as to principal and interest:

- (A) From revenues of the city or county derived from or held in connection with the undertaking and carrying out of any STAR bond project or projects under this act including historic theater sales tax increments;
- (B) from any private sources, contributions or other financial assistance from the state or federal government;
- (C) from a pledge of 100% of the tax increment revenue received by the city from any local sales and use taxes, including the city's share of any county sales tax, which are collected from taxpayers doing business within that portion of the city's STAR bond project district established pursuant to K.S.A. 12-17,165, and amendments thereto, occupied by a STAR bond project, except for amounts committed to other uses by election of voters or pledged to bond repayment prior to the approval of the STAR bond project;
- (D) at the option of the county in a city STAR bond project district, from a pledge of all of the tax increment revenues received by the county from any local sales and use taxes which are collected from taxpayers doing business within that portion of the city's STAR bond project district established pursuant to K.S.A. 12-17,165, and amendments thereto, except for amounts committed to other uses by election of voters or pledged to bond repayment prior to the approval of a STAR bond project;
- (E) in a county STAR bond project district, from a pledge of 100% of the tax increment revenue received by the county from any county sales and use tax, but excluding any portions of

such taxes that are allocated to the cities in such county pursuant to K.S.A. 12-192, and amendments thereto, which are collected from taxpayers doing business within that portion of the county's STAR bond project district established pursuant to K.S.A. 12-17,165, and amendments thereto, occupied by a STAR bond project;

- (F) from a pledge of all or a portion of the tax increment revenue received from any state sales taxes which are collected from taxpayers doing business within that portion of the city's or county's STAR bond project district occupied by a STAR bond project, except that for any STAR bond project district established and approved by the secretary on or after January 1, 2017, such tax increment shall not include any sales tax revenue from retail automobile dealers, and except that for any STAR bond project district established after July 1, 2021, with existing sales tax revenue at the time the district was established, such pledge shall not exceed 90% of the new tax increment revenue that is in excess of the base existing sales tax revenue received from any state sales taxes;
- (G) at the option of the city or county and with approval of the secretary, from all or a portion of the transient guest tax of such city or county;
- (H) at the option of the city or county and with approval of the secretary: (i) From a pledge of all or a portion of increased revenue received by the city or county from franchise fees collected from utilities and other businesses using public right-of-way within the STAR bond project district; or (ii) from a pledge of all or a portion of the revenue received by a city or county from local sales taxes or local transient guest and local use taxes; or
 - (I) by any combination of these methods.

The city or county may pledge such revenue to the repayment of such special obligation bonds prior to, simultaneously with, or subsequent to the issuance of such special obligation bonds.

- (2) (A) Special obligation bonds issued by a city or county to finance a STAR bond project as defined in K.S.A. 12-17,162(aa)(2), and amendments thereto, that has been approved by the secretary in accordance with K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 12-17,181, and amendments thereto, shall be made payable, both as to principal and interest, from a pledge of:
- (i) Any method or combination of the methods described in paragraph (1), except that tax increment revenue from sales taxes shall include sales tax revenue from all retail sales of any business located within the district and up to 100% of the new state sales tax increment revenue that is in excess of the base sales tax revenue, as set in the secretary's discretion, received from any state sales taxes. The city or county shall have discretion to set the base sales tax revenue for local sales and use taxes as approved by the secretary;
- (ii) tax increment revenue from up to 100% of the taxes imposed on the sale of alcoholic liquor, as defined in K.S.A. 79-41a01, and amendments thereto, collected from sales within the district pursuant to K.S.A. 79-4101 and 79-41a02, and amendments thereto; and
- (iii) if approved by the secretary, moneys from the attracting professional sports to Kansas fund of the department of commerce.
- (B) As authorized by the secretary, the Kansas development finance authority shall have the power to issue special obligation bonds in one or more series to finance the undertaking of a STAR bond project as defined in K.S.A. 12-17,162(aa)(2), and amendments thereto, that has been established by a city or county and approved by the secretary of commerce pursuant to K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 12-17,181, and amendments thereto, or undertaken independently by the secretary pursuant to K.S.A. 12-17,164, and amendments thereto, with or without the participation of the city or county. Such special obligation bonds shall not be general obligations

of the state. Any such bonds and interest thereon shall be an obligation only of the Kansas development finance authority and shall not constitute a debt of the state of Kansas within the meaning of section 6 or 7 of article 11 of the constitution of the state of Kansas and shall not pledge the full faith and credit or the taxing power of the state of Kansas. Such special obligation bonds shall be made payable, both as to principal and interest, solely from:

- (i) Tax increment revenue as determined in the secretary's discretion, from up to 100% of state sales taxes, including state sales tax revenue from all retail sales of any business located within the district;
- (ii) tax increment revenue from up to 100% of the taxes imposed on the sale of alcoholic liquor as defined in K.S.A. 79-41a01, and amendments thereto, from sales within the district pursuant to K.S.A. 79-4101 and 79-41a02, and amendments thereto;
- (iii) if approved by the city or county, revenue from any of the other methods or combination of methods as provided in subparagraph (A)(i); and
- (iv) if approved by the secretary, moneys from the attracting professional sports to Kansas fund of the department of commerce.
- (C) For purposes of this paragraph, "district" means the STAR bond project district as defined in K.S.A. 12-17,162(cc)(2), and amendments thereto. Revenues may be collected pursuant to this paragraph from noncontiguous parcels of real estate and areas not being developed by a STAR bond project as defined in subsection (aa)(2) within such STAR bond project district.
- (D) Any revenues that have been pledged to pay one or more STAR bonds previously issued pursuant to this act shall be used first to satisfy any remaining obligations of such bonds.
 - (3) Bonds issued under subsection (a)(1) or (a)(2)(A) shall not be general obligations of

the city or the county, nor in any event shall they give rise to a charge against its general credit or taxing powers, or be payable out of any funds or properties other than any of those set forth in subsection (a)(1) or (a)(2)(A) and such bonds shall so state on their face.

(4) Bonds issued under the provisions of subsection (a)(1) or (a)(2)(A) shall be special obligations of the city or county and are declared to be negotiable instruments. Such bonds shall be executed by the mayor and clerk of the city or the chairperson of the board of county commissioners and the county clerk and sealed with the corporate seal of the city or county. All details pertaining to the issuance of such special obligation bonds and terms and conditions thereof shall be determined by ordinance of the city or by resolution of the county.

All special obligation bonds issued pursuant to this act and all income or interest therefrom shall be exempt from all state taxes. Such special obligation bonds shall contain none of the recitals set forth in K.S.A. 10-112, and amendments thereto. Such special obligation bonds shall, however, contain the following recitals: (i) The authority under which such special obligation bonds are issued; (ii) such bonds are in conformity with the provisions, restrictions and limitations thereof; and (iii) that such special obligation bonds and the interest thereon are to be paid from the money and revenue received as provided in subsection (a)(1) and (a)(2).

(5) Any city or county issuing special obligation bonds under the provisions of this act may refund all or part of such issue pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 10-116a, and amendments thereto. If and as approved by the secretary of commerce, the Kansas development finance authority may refund all or part of any issue of special obligation bonds issued for a project as defined in K.S.A. 12-17,162(aa)(2), and amendments thereto, by the Kansas development finance authority under the provisions of this act pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 74-8912, and amendments thereto, and this act.

- (6) Under no circumstance shall:
- (A) State general fund moneys or federal revenues be pledged for the repayment of any special obligation bond issued by a city or county to finance a STAR bond project pursuant to subsection (a)(1) or (a)(2); or
- (B) any tax increment revenue generated from within the district be pledged towards any subsequent STAR bond project plan.
- (b) (1) Subject to the provisions of subsection (b)(2), any city shall have the power to issue full faith and credit tax increment bonds to finance the undertaking, establishment or redevelopment of any major motorsports complex, as defined in K.S.A. 12-17,162, and amendments thereto. Such full faith and credit tax increment bonds shall be made payable, both as to principal and interest: (A) From the revenue sources identified in subsection (a)(1) or by any combination of these sources; and (B) subject to the provisions of subsection (b)(2), from a pledge of the city's full faith and credit to use its ad valorem taxing authority for repayment thereof in the event all other authorized sources of revenue are not sufficient.
- (2) Except as provided in subsection (b)(3), before the governing body of any city proposes to issue full faith and credit tax increment bonds as authorized by this subsection, the feasibility study required by K.S.A. 12-17,166(b), and amendments thereto, shall demonstrate that the benefits derived from the project will exceed the cost and that the income therefrom will be sufficient to pay the costs of the project. No full faith and credit tax increment bonds shall be issued unless the governing body states in the resolution required by K.S.A. 12-17,166(e), and amendments thereto, that it may issue such bonds to finance the proposed STAR bond project. The governing body may issue the bonds unless within 60 days following the conclusion of the public hearing on the proposed STAR bond project plan a protest petition signed by 3% of the

qualified voters of the city is filed with the city clerk in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 25-3601 et seq., and amendments thereto. If a sufficient petition is filed, no full faith and credit tax increment bonds shall be issued until the issuance of the bonds is approved by a majority of the voters voting at an election thereon. Such election shall be called and held in the manner provided by the general bond law. The failure of the voters to approve the issuance of full faith and credit tax increment bonds shall not prevent the city from issuing special obligation bonds in accordance with this section. No such election shall be held in the event the board of county commissioners or the board of education determines, as provided in K.S.A. 12-17,165, and amendments thereto, that the proposed STAR bond project district will have an adverse effect on the county or school district.

- (3) As an alternative to subsection (b)(2), any city which adopts a STAR bond project plan for a major motorsports complex, but does not state its intent to issue full faith and credit tax increment bonds in the resolution required by K.S.A. 12-17,166(e), and amendments thereto, and has not acquired property in the STAR bond project area may issue full faith and credit tax increment bonds if the governing body of the city adopts a resolution stating its intent to issue the bonds and the issuance of the bonds is approved by a majority of the voters voting at an election thereon. Such election shall be called and held in the manner provided by the general bond law. The failure of the voters to approve the issuance of full faith and credit tax increment bonds shall not prevent the city from issuing special obligation bonds pursuant to subsection (a) (1). Any project plan adopted by a city prior to the effective date of this act in accordance with K.S.A. 12-1772, and amendments thereto, shall not be invalidated by any requirements of this act.
 - (4) During the progress of any major motorsports complex project in which the project

costs will be financed, in whole or in part, with the proceeds of full faith and credit tax increment bonds, the city may issue temporary notes in the manner provided in K.S.A. 10-123, and amendments thereto, to pay the project costs for the major motorsports complex project. Such temporary notes shall not be issued and the city shall not acquire property in the STAR bond project area until the requirements of subsection (b)(2) or (b)(3), whichever is applicable, have been met.

- (5) Full faith and credit tax increment bonds issued under this subsection shall be general obligations of the city and are declared to be negotiable instruments. Such bonds shall be issued in accordance with the general bond law. All such bonds and all income or interest therefrom shall be exempt from all state taxes. The amount of the full faith and credit tax increment bonds issued and outstanding which exceeds 3% of the assessed valuation of the city shall be within the bonded debt limit applicable to such city.
- (6) Any city issuing full faith and credit tax increment bonds under the provisions of this subsection may refund all or part of such issue pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 10-116a, and amendments thereto.
- (c) (1) For each project established by a city or county financed with special obligation bonds payable from the revenues described in subsection (a)(1) and (a)(2), the city or county shall prepare and submit to the secretary by October 1 of each year, a report describing the status of any projects within such STAR bond project area, any expenditures of the proceeds of special obligation bonds that have occurred since the last annual report and any expenditures of the proceeds of such bonds expected to occur in the future, including the amount of sales tax revenue, how such revenue has been spent, the projected amount of such revenue, the anticipated use of such revenue and the names of the owners, partners, officers or principals of any

developer and of any associated business partners of any developer that are involved in the STAR bond project. The department of commerce shall compile this information and submit a report annually to the governor and the legislature by February 1 of each year.

- (2) (A) In addition to the report referenced in paragraph (1), the department of commerce, in cooperation with the department of revenue, shall submit a report to the senate commerce committee and the house commerce, labor and economic development committee by January 31 of each session. The report shall include the following information for the last three calendar years and the most current year-to-date information available with respect to each STAR bond district:
- (i) The gross annual sales, gross annual sales projected pursuant to the STAR bond project plan and feasibility study, gross annual sales required to meet bond debt service requirements and other expenses, amount of sales tax collected and the amount of any "base" sales taxes being allocated to the district;
 - (ii) the total amount of bond payments and other expenses incurred;
- (iii) the total amount of bonds issued and the balance of the bonds, by district and by project in the district;
- (iv) the remaining cash balance in the project to pay future debt service and other expenses;
- (v) any new income producing properties being brought into a district and the base revenue going to the state general fund and incremental sales tax increases going to the district with respect to such properties;
- (vi) the amount of bonds issued to repay private investors in the project with calculations showing the private and state share of indebtedness;

- (vii) the percentage of local effort sales tax actually committed to the district compared to the state's share of sales tax percentage committed to the district;
- (viii) the number of out-of-state visitors to a project and description of the data gathered pursuant to the visitor tracking plan, including, but not limited to, residence zip code data, a discussion of the visitor attraction properties of projects in the districts, and a comparison of the number of out-of-state visitors with the number of in-state visitors; and
- (ix) if any information or data is not available, an explanation as to why it is not available.
- (B) Either the senate commerce committee or the house committee on commerce, labor and economic development may amend the information required in the report with additional requests and clarification on a going forward basis.
- (3) Cities, counties and developers shall provide all information requested by the secretary for the secretary's database as provided by K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 74-50,227, and amendments thereto. If the city or county has a website, a conspicuous link directly to the information pertaining to the city or county's STAR bond project on the secretary's database shall be placed on the city's or county's website. A separate link shall be provided for each STAR bond project of the city or county.
- (d) The reports pursuant to subsection (c)(1) and (2) shall include a description of all state, federal and local tax incentives that apply within the STAR bond district or to any business located in the district.
- (e) (1) A city or county may use the proceeds of special obligation bonds or any uncommitted funds derived from sources set forth in this section to pay the bond project costs as defined in K.S.A. 12-17,162, and amendments thereto, to implement the STAR bond project

plan. However, under no circumstance shall any proceeds or uncommitted funds derived from any tax increment revenue received by a city or county under this section be used to pay the bond project costs to implement any subsequent STAR bond project plan.

- (2) As authorized by the secretary, the Kansas development finance authority may issue and use the proceeds of special obligation bonds to pay the bond project costs as defined in K.S.A. 12-17,162, and amendments thereto, to implement a STAR bond project plan for a project as defined in K.S.A. 12-17,162(aa)(2), and amendments thereto.
- (f) With respect to a STAR bond project district established prior to January 1, 2003, for which, prior to January 1, 2003, the secretary made a finding as provided in subsection (a) that a STAR bond project would create a major tourism area for the state, such special obligation bonds shall be payable both as to principal and interest, from a pledge of all of the revenue from any transient guest, state and local sales and use taxes collected from taxpayers as provided in subsection (a) whether or not revenues from such taxes are received by the city.
- Sec. 4. K.S.A. 12-17,172 is hereby amended to read as follows: 12-17,172. (a) Any eity or county which has adopted a STAR bond project plan in accordance with the provisions of this act may purchase or otherwise acquire real property in connection with such project plan. Upon a ²/₃ vote of the members of the governing body thereof, a city or county may acquire by condemnation any interest in real property, including a fee simple title thereto, which it deems necessary for or in connection with any project plan of an area located within the project district; however, eminent domain may be used only as authorized by K.S.A. 26-501b, and amendments thereto.

Any such city or county may exercise the power of eminent domain in the manner-provided by K.S.A. 26-501 et seq., and amendments thereto. In addition to any compensation or

damages allowed under the eminent domain procedure act, such city or county shall also provide for the payment of relocation assistance as provided in K.S.A. 12-17,173, and amendments-thereto No city or county shall exercise eminent domain power to acquire real property for a STAR bond project.

- (b) Any real property otherwise acquired by a city or county under the provisions of K.S.A. 26-501 et seq., and amendments thereto, may be sold, transferred or leased to a developer, in accordance with the STAR bond project plan and under such other conditions as may be agreed upon. Any real property acquired pursuant to this section that is sold, transferred or leased to a project developer for a specific project shall be sold, transferred or leased to such developer on the condition that such property shall be used only for that specific approved project. If the developer does not utilize the entire tract of the real property acquired pursuant to this section that is sold, transferred or leased in accordance with the STAR bond project plan, that portion of property not used shall not be sold, transferred or leased by the developer to another developer party, but shall be deeded back to the city or county. If the developer paid the city or county for the land, a percentage of the original purchase price paid to the city or county which that represents the percentage of the entire tract being deeded back to the city or county.
- (c) Any transfer by the project developer of real property acquired pursuant to this section shall be valid only if approved by a ²/₃ majority vote of the members of the governing body of this the city or county where such real property is located.
- Sec. 5. K.S.A. 12-17,179 is hereby amended to read as follows: 12-17,179. (a) A city that created a redevelopment district in an eligible area that was approved for STAR bonds prior to the effective date of this act for the city of Manhattan Discovery Center on December 28,

2006, and the Schlitterbahn project in Wyandotte county on December 23, 2005, may by ordinance elect to have the provisions of this act applicable to such redevelopment district.

- (b) Subject to the provisions of section 61(h) of chapter 5 of the 2020 Session Laws of Kansas, The provisions of this act K.S.A. 12-17,160 et seq., and amendments thereto, regarding STAR bond projects shall expire on and after July 1, 2026 2030.
- Sec. 6. K.S.A. 12-17,160, 12-17,166, 12-17,172 and 12-17,179 and K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 12-17,169 are hereby repealed.
- Sec. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.