

**HOUSE BILL No. 2793**

By Committee on Appropriations

Requested by Representative Tarwater

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1 AN ACT enacting the Kansas sports facilities authority act to establish a  
2 sports authority to provide for the construction, financing and  
3 management of certain sports facilities and sports facility infrastructure  
4 and create venues for professional sports and other events.  
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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

7 Section 1. (a) Sections 1 through 8, and amendment thereto, shall be  
8 known and may be cited as the Kansas sports facilities authority act.

9 (b) The purpose of the act is to provide for the construction,  
10 financing, management and long-term use of sports facilities and sports  
11 facility infrastructure as venues for professional sports and a broad range  
12 of other civic, community, athletic, educational, cultural and commercial  
13 activities. The legislature finds that the expenditure of public money for  
14 this purpose is necessary, serves a public purpose and promotes the general  
15 welfare, and that property acquired by the Kansas sports facilities authority  
16 for the construction of sports facilities and sports facilities infrastructure is  
17 acquired for a public use and serves a public purpose. The legislature  
18 further finds that any provision in a lease or use agreement with a  
19 professional sports team that requires such team to play substantially all of  
20 its home games in a publicly funded sports facility for the duration of the  
21 lease or use agreement serves a unique public purpose for which  
22 enforcement is essential through the remedies of specific performance and  
23 injunctive relief.

24 Sec. 2. As used in this act:

25 (a) "Act" means the Kansas sports facilities authority act.

26 (b) "Authority" means the Kansas sports facilities authority  
27 established under section 3, and amendments thereto.

28 (c) "Professional sports" means the national football league.

29 (d) "Professional sports team" means an organization that is a  
30 franchised member of the national football league engaged in the business  
31 of professional American football.

32 (e) "Sports facility" means, as designed, constructed, financed or  
33 managed pursuant to this act, a stadium, arena, field or other similar  
34 structure, including a practice facility for a professional sports team or a  
35 professional sports team headquarters building, and any enclosed or open-

1 air entertainment or event venue, including, but not limited to, a  
2 recreational venue such as a ballpark, that is physically connected to or  
3 integrated with such facility and intended to support, complement or  
4 enhance the use, operation or fan experience of the sports facility.

5 (f) "Sports facility infrastructure" means plazas, walkways,  
6 landscaping, lighting, fencing, security infrastructure, parking facilities  
7 and structures, roadway and access improvements, including, but not  
8 limited to, streets, sidewalks, rights-of-way, intersections, medians, ramps,  
9 connectors, skyways and tunnels and other improvements intended to  
10 support pedestrian or vehicular circulation, utilities, including, but not  
11 limited to, water, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, electrical, gas,  
12 telecommunications, fiber and related distribution systems and other such  
13 property, facilities and improvements, owned by the authority or  
14 determined by the authority to facilitate the use and development of a  
15 sports facility pursuant to this act.

16 Sec. 3. (a) (1) The Kansas sports facilities authority is established  
17 as a body corporate and politic and a political subdivision of the state. The  
18 authority is not an agency or instrumentality of any city or county. Any  
19 obligation, liability or debt of the authority shall constitute an obligation,  
20 liability or debt only of the authority and shall not constitute a liability or  
21 obligation of the state of Kansas or a debt of the state of Kansas within the  
22 meaning of section 6 or 7 of article 11 of the constitution of the state of  
23 Kansas.

24 (2) Before the appointment of any person as a member of the  
25 authority, the Kansas bureau of investigation shall conduct a criminal  
26 history record check and background investigation of the person in  
27 accordance with K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 22-4715, and amendments thereto.  
28 Appointment shall be subject to the appointing authority's review of the  
29 criminal history record check and background investigation.

30 (b) The authority shall consist of nine voting members who are legal  
31 residents of the state of Kansas and have relative education, training and  
32 experience related to facility administration, accounting, law, marketing or  
33 other pertinent fields, as follows:

34 (1) One member appointed by the governor who shall serve until  
35 December 31 of the third year following appointment. Thereafter, each  
36 such member appointed by the governor shall serve a four-year term,  
37 beginning on January 1. Each such member shall serve until a successor is  
38 appointed and takes office;

39 (2) one member appointed by the president of the senate who shall  
40 serve until December 31 of the third year following appointment.  
41 Thereafter, each member appointed by the president of the senate shall  
42 serve a four-year term, beginning on January 1. Each such member shall  
43 serve until a successor is appointed and takes office;

1 (3) one member appointed by the senate majority leader who shall  
2 serve until December 31 of the third year following appointment.  
3 Thereafter, each member appointed by the senate majority leader shall  
4 serve a four-year term, beginning on January 1. Each such member shall  
5 serve until a successor is appointed and takes office;

6 (4) one member appointed by the senate minority leader who shall  
7 serve until December 31 of the third year following appointment.  
8 Thereafter, each member appointed by the senate minority leader shall  
9 serve a four-year term, beginning on January 1. Each such member shall  
10 serve until a successor is appointed and takes office;

11 (5) one member appointed by the speaker of the house of  
12 representatives who shall serve until December 31 of the third year  
13 following appointment. Thereafter, each member appointed by the speaker  
14 of the house of representatives shall serve a four-year term, beginning on  
15 January 1. Each such member shall serve until a successor is appointed  
16 and takes office;

17 (6) one member appointed by the house of representatives majority  
18 leader who shall serve until December 31 of the third year following  
19 appointment. Thereafter, each member appointed by the house of  
20 representatives majority leader shall serve a four-year term, beginning on  
21 January 1. Each such member shall serve until a successor is appointed  
22 and takes office;

23 (7) one member appointed by the house of representatives minority  
24 leader who shall serve until December 31 of the third year following  
25 appointment. Thereafter, each member appointed by the house of  
26 representatives minority leader shall serve a four-year term, beginning on  
27 January 1. Each such member shall serve until a successor is appointed  
28 and takes office;

29 (8) the secretary of commerce or acting secretary of commerce who  
30 shall serve at the pleasure of the governor; and

31 (9) a representative of the professional sports team that plays its  
32 games in the sports facility owned by the authority appointed by the  
33 professional sports team who shall serve until December 31 of the fourth  
34 year following appointment. Thereafter, each member appointed by the  
35 professional sports team shall serve a four-year term, beginning on January  
36 1. Each such member appointed by the professional sports team shall serve  
37 until a successor is appointed and takes office.

38 (c) The initial members of the authority shall be appointed not later  
39 than August 31, 2026.

40 (d) (1) The mayor of any city in which a sports facility of the  
41 authority is located shall be entitled to nonvoting, ex officio membership  
42 in the authority if:

43 (A) Such city passes an ordinance electing to participate in a STAR

1 bond project as defined in K.S.A. 12-17,162(aa)(2), and amendments  
2 thereto;

3 (B) such participation is not withdrawn, repealed, terminated or  
4 rendered ineffective; and

5 (C) such city's pledge of applicable local sales, use or transient guest  
6 tax revenue is not conditioned in a manner that:

7 (i) Limits or restricts the secretary's authority to establish or modify a  
8 STAR bond project district as defined in K.S.A. 12-17,162(cc)(2), and  
9 amendments thereto, for purposes of pledging state revenues;

10 (ii) provides for termination or reduction of such local pledge based  
11 on actions taken by the secretary with respect to the establishment,  
12 modification or scope of a STAR bond project district as defined in K.S.A.  
13 12-17,162(cc)(2), and amendments thereto, or the pledge of state revenues;  
14 or

15 (iii) conflicts with the terms and conditions set forth in the STAR  
16 bond agreement dated December 22, 2025, and executed by the Kansas  
17 city chiefs football club, inc. and the state of Kansas.

18 (2) Such ex officio membership shall be expressly conditioned upon  
19 the continued satisfaction of the requirements set forth in subparagraphs  
20 (1)(A), (B) and (C) above.

21 (e) Members of the authority may be compensated as provided by  
22 K.S.A. 75-3223, and amendments thereto, including a paid per diem and  
23 mileage reimbursement.

24 (f) The chairperson of the authority shall be elected by a majority of  
25 the voting members of the authority for a four-year term. The chairperson  
26 shall preside at all meetings of the authority, if present, and perform all  
27 other assigned duties and functions. The authority may appoint from  
28 among its voting members a vice chairperson to act for the chairperson  
29 during the temporary absence or disability of the chairperson and any other  
30 officers the authority determines are necessary or convenient.

31 (g) Each member of the authority shall serve at the pleasure of the  
32 entity or holder of the office authorized to appoint such member.

33 (h) The authority shall adopt bylaws to establish rules of procedure,  
34 the powers and duties of its officers and other matters relating to the  
35 governance of the authority and the exercise of its powers.

36 (i) The authority shall engage a third-party independent auditor to  
37 audit the books and accounts of the authority annually. The authority shall  
38 engage a different independent auditor every three years to conduct such  
39 audit.

40 (j) The authority may appoint an executive director to serve as the  
41 chief executive officer of the authority. Such executive director shall serve  
42 at the pleasure of the authority and shall receive compensation as  
43 determined by the authority and approved by the state finance council

1 acting on this matter, which is hereby characterized as a matter of  
2 legislative delegation and subject to the guidelines prescribed by K.S.A.  
3 75-3711c(c), and amendments thereto. As prescribed and directed by the  
4 authority, the executive director shall be responsible for the operation,  
5 management and promotion of activities of the authority. The executive  
6 director shall have such powers necessarily incident to the performance of  
7 the executive director's duties and such powers granted by the authority,  
8 except that the executive director shall not have authority to incur liability  
9 or make expenditures on behalf of the authority without general or specific  
10 direction by the authority evidenced by the authority's bylaws or minutes  
11 of a meeting of the authority.

12 (k) The authority may authorize additional employees. The executive  
13 director shall be responsible for hiring, supervision and dismissal of all  
14 other employees of the authority.

15 (l) The authority shall establish a website for purposes of providing  
16 information to the public concerning all actions taken by the authority. At a  
17 minimum, the website shall contain a current version of the authority's  
18 bylaws, notices of upcoming meetings, minutes of the authority's meetings  
19 and a telephone number and email address for public comments.

20 (m) Any five voting members shall constitute a quorum for the  
21 conduct of business. Action may be taken upon the vote of a majority of  
22 members present at a meeting duly called and held.

23 (n) In the event that immediate action is required for which a meeting  
24 cannot be timely convened, the authority may act by written consent,  
25 signed by all voting members, whose consent shall have the same effect as  
26 unanimous action taken at a meeting of the authority duly called and held  
27 with a quorum present. Members may also meet by telephone conference  
28 or may attend a meeting by any two-way telephonic communication  
29 system or video conference system.

30 Sec. 4. (a) Any sports facility or sports facility infrastructure  
31 constructed or acquired by the authority shall be a part of the authority.

32 (b) Any other sports facility may be acquired as a part of the authority  
33 upon satisfaction of the following factors and approval of the authority:

34 (1) The governing body, whether a public or private entity, of the  
35 sports facility has made a request to the authority to become a sports  
36 facility that is a part of the authority;

37 (2) such governing body and the authority have negotiated an  
38 agreement with respect to the transfer by the governing body to the  
39 authority of all obligations and responsibilities pertaining to such sports  
40 facility, including, but not limited to, outstanding debt, revenue sources,  
41 finance, funding, management, operations, equipment, repair and  
42 replacements, capital improvements, reserves, contracts and agreements;

43 (3) if separate entities, such governing body and the professional

1 sports team that is the primary user of such sports facility have made a  
 2 joint recommendation to the authority that such sports facility become a  
 3 part of the authority;

4 (4) the authority finds that the inclusion of such sports facility in the  
 5 authority will not have a negative impact on the authority or the state  
 6 general fund or become an obligation of the state of Kansas; and

7 (5) such governing body shall have provided any other information  
 8 and met any additional requirements requested by the authority.

9 Sec. 5. (a) The authority is a body corporate and politic and a political  
 10 subdivision of the state of Kansas. The authority may exercise and hold the  
 11 duties, privileges, immunities, rights and liabilities and disabilities of an  
 12 authority of the state and as a body corporate and a political  
 13 instrumentality of the state. The authority may sue and be sued. Any  
 14 obligation, liability or debt of the authority shall constitute an obligation,  
 15 liability or debt only of the authority and shall not constitute an obligation  
 16 or liability of the state of Kansas or a debt of the state of Kansas within the  
 17 meaning of section 6 or 7 of article 11 of the constitution of the state of  
 18 Kansas.

19 (b) (1) (A) The authority may acquire from any public or private  
 20 entity by lease, purchase, gift or devise all necessary right, title and interest  
 21 in and to real property, air rights and personal property deemed necessary  
 22 for the purposes of this act.

23 (B) Any such property referenced under this act that is owned,  
 24 acquired or otherwise used by the authority shall be deemed exclusively  
 25 used for state purposes within the meaning of article 11 § 1(b) of the  
 26 constitution of the state of Kansas.

27 (C) The authority shall be exempt from any property or general ad  
 28 valorem taxes levied under the laws of the state of Kansas upon any  
 29 property of the authority acquired and used for a sports facility or sports  
 30 facility infrastructure and upon any other property of the authority used for  
 31 the authority's public purposes and from any taxes or assessments upon  
 32 any projects or operations of the authority. The authority shall be exempt  
 33 from any taxes or assessments upon any project, property or local  
 34 obligation acquired or used by the authority under the provisions of this  
 35 act.

36 (2) The authority may sell, lease or otherwise dispose of any real or  
 37 personal property acquired by the authority that is no longer required for  
 38 the accomplishment of the authority's purposes.

39 (c) (1) The authority may develop, construct, equip, improve, own,  
 40 operate, manage, maintain, finance and control sports facilities, related  
 41 sports facility infrastructure and related facilities constructed or acquired  
 42 pursuant to this act, or may delegate such duties through an agreement,  
 43 subject to the rights and obligations transferred to and assumed by the

1 authority, a professional sports team, other user, third-party manager or  
2 program manager, under the terms of a lease, use agreement or  
3 development agreement.

4 (2) When purchasing construction, repairs, supplies, equipment,  
5 furniture, furnishings, fixtures or contractual services, the authority and the  
6 authority's contractors and agents shall utilize competition among  
7 contractors and vendors to the extent reasonable and practicable under the  
8 circumstances, to be determined in the sole discretion of the authority and  
9 to such extent shall not be subject to the competitive bidding requirements  
10 of K.S.A. 75-3739, 75-37,102 or 75-37,132, and amendments thereto.

11 (3) All sales of tangible personal property or services purchased for  
12 the purpose of and in conjunction with the constructing, equipping or  
13 furnishing of a sports facility or sports facility infrastructure by the  
14 authority shall be exempt from the tax imposed by the Kansas retailers'  
15 sales tax act and the Kansas compensating tax act and not be subject to  
16 sales or use tax imposed by the state, any county, city, town, public  
17 corporation or agency or subdivision or instrumentality thereof. When a  
18 person contracts for the construction, equipping or furnishing of any such  
19 sports facility or sports facility infrastructure, such person shall obtain  
20 from the state and furnish to the contractor an exemption certificate for the  
21 project involved, and the contractor may purchase materials, machinery  
22 and equipment for incorporation in such project. The contractor shall  
23 furnish the number of such certificates to all suppliers from whom such  
24 purchases are made, and such suppliers shall execute invoices covering  
25 such purchases bearing the number of such certificates. Upon completion  
26 of the project, the contractor shall furnish to the authority a sworn  
27 statement, on a form to be provided by the director of taxation, that all  
28 purchases so made were entitled to exemption under this paragraph. All  
29 invoices shall be held by the contractor for a period of five years and shall  
30 be subject to audit by the director of taxation. Any contractor or any agent,  
31 employee or subcontractor thereof who uses or otherwise disposes of any  
32 materials, machinery or equipment purchased under such a certificate for  
33 any purpose other than that for which such a certificate is issued without  
34 the payment of the sales or compensating tax otherwise imposed thereon  
35 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be  
36 subject to the penalties provided for in K.S.A. 79-3615(h), and  
37 amendments thereto.

38 (d) The authority may employ persons, contract for services,  
39 including legal services, and utilize employees and consultants retained by  
40 other governmental entities as necessary to carry out the authority's  
41 functions. The authority may enter into agreements with other  
42 governmental entities or third parties necessary to accomplish the purposes  
43 of this act.

1 (e) The authority may accept monetary contributions, pledges of  
2 revenues, property, services and grants or loans of money or other property  
3 from any source, including, but not limited to, the state, any subdivision of  
4 the state, any agency of those entities or any person for any of its purposes,  
5 and may enter into any agreement required in connection with the gifts,  
6 grants or loans. The authority shall hold, use and dispose of the money,  
7 property or services according to the terms of the monetary contributions,  
8 grant, loan or agreement.

9 (f) The authority may lease, license or enter into use agreements and  
10 may fix, alter, charge and collect rents, fees, including seat licensing fees,  
11 and charges for the use, lease, license, occupation and availability of part  
12 or all of any premises, property or facilities under the authority's  
13 ownership, operation or control for purposes that will provide athletic,  
14 educational, cultural, commercial or other entertainment, instruction or  
15 activity for the citizens of Kansas and visitors. The use agreements may  
16 provide that the other contracting party has exclusive use of the premises  
17 at the times agreed upon, as well as the right to retain some or all revenues  
18 from ticket sales, suite licenses, personalized seat licenses, concessions,  
19 advertising, naming rights, professional sports team designated broadcast  
20 or media, club seats, signage and other revenues derived from a sports  
21 facility. The authority may contract with a professional sports team or  
22 other third party to collect any such revenue on behalf of the authority.

23 (g) Any agreement by the authority for the lease, license, use or  
24 management of a sports facility or sports facility infrastructure shall  
25 require the lessee, licensee, user or manager to be responsible for all  
26 liabilities and obligations arising out of the use, occupancy, operation,  
27 management or control of the sports facility or sports facility  
28 infrastructure, except as expressly provided otherwise in such agreement.  
29 No such agreement shall create an obligation of the state of Kansas,  
30 liability against the state of Kansas or a debt of the state of Kansas within  
31 the meaning of section 6 or 7 of article 11 of the constitution of the state of  
32 Kansas.

33 (h) The authority may procure insurance in the amounts the authority  
34 considers necessary against liability of the authority or its officers and  
35 employees for personal injury or death and property damage or destruction  
36 and against risks of damage to or destruction of any of its facilities,  
37 equipment or other property. Any agreement by the authority for the lease,  
38 license, use or management of a sports facility or sports facility  
39 infrastructure shall require the lessee, licensee, user or manager to be  
40 responsible for providing, at their sole cost and expense, insurance  
41 coverage in the types and amounts consistent with professional sports  
42 industry standards. The authority shall be named as an additional insured  
43 on any such insurance coverage.

1 (i) The authority is hereby authorized to fix, charge and collect fees  
2 or rents in order to recover all or part of the operating expenses incurred in  
3 carrying out its functions.

4 (j) As authorized by the secretary of commerce, the authority shall  
5 have the power to issue special obligation bonds in one or more series to  
6 finance or refinance the acquisition, construction, development,  
7 improvement or operation of any sports facility or sports facility  
8 infrastructure project. Such bonds shall not be a general obligation of the  
9 state. Any such bonds and interest thereon shall be an obligation only of  
10 the authority and shall not constitute a debt of the state of Kansas within  
11 the meaning of section 6 or 7 of article 11 of the constitution of the state of  
12 Kansas.

13 (k) In addition to the powers expressly granted in this act and  
14 provided that the exercise of such powers does not conflict with any  
15 agreement between the authority and the professional sports team, the  
16 authority shall have all powers necessary or incidental thereto, including,  
17 but not limited to, the following:

18 (1) To make grants of money to other public or private persons and  
19 any organization that is described in section 501(c)(3) of the federal  
20 internal revenue code of 1986, as amended, or any corresponding  
21 provision of any future revenue law;

22 (2) notwithstanding any other provision of law relating to the  
23 investment of state moneys or interest thereon, to receive, hold, use,  
24 deposit, withdraw, invest, expend and manage all funds and moneys of the  
25 authority, including interest thereon, from any source;

26 (3) to deposit any moneys of the authority in any banking institution  
27 within or without the state or in any depository authorized to receive such  
28 deposits, with one or more persons to act as custodians of the moneys in  
29 each respective depository, and to give surety bonds in such amounts in the  
30 form and for such purposes as the authority requires;

31 (4) to borrow money, including, but not limited to, borrowings  
32 through the issuance of bonds, incur liabilities and pledge all or any part of  
33 the assets of the authority or any of its controlled affiliates as security for  
34 any of the operating needs; and

35 (5) to enter into such contracts, agreements, joint ventures,  
36 partnerships, options, leases, loan agreements, deeds and other instruments  
37 with public and private entities and take such other actions as may be  
38 necessary or convenient to accomplish any purpose for which the authority  
39 is organized or exercise any power expressly granted hereunder.

40 (l) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the  
41 authority and its members, directors, employees and agents shall be  
42 subject to and covered by the Kansas tort claims act, K.S.A. 75-6101 et  
43 seq., and amendments thereto. The purchase of insurance, participation in

1 an insurance plan or creation of a self-insurance fund by the authority shall  
2 not be deemed to be a waiver or relinquishment of any sovereign  
3 immunity to which the authority or its directors, employees or agents are  
4 otherwise entitled.

5 (m) (1) Commencing on January 15, 2027, and on or before January  
6 15 of each year thereafter, the authority shall provide a written report to  
7 the legislative coordinating council, the senate committee on commerce  
8 and the house of representatives committee on commerce, labor and  
9 economic development. Such report shall include, at the level of detail as  
10 requested by the respective committee or chairperson thereof:

11 (A) (i) The current status of the sports facility and sports facility  
12 infrastructure;

13 (ii) actions and operations of the authority during the previous year  
14 with respect to the acquisition, construction and development of the sports  
15 facility or sports facility infrastructure; and

16 (iii) the projected construction and development of the sports facility  
17 and sports facility infrastructure and planned operations and actions of the  
18 authority in the current year ahead;

19 (B) any other actions of the authority undertaken pursuant to the  
20 provisions of this act; and

21 (C) any other information pertaining to the status, actions, activities  
22 and operations of the authority requested by the respective committee or  
23 chairperson thereof.

24 (2) At the request of any such committee, the chairperson and  
25 executive director of the authority shall appear before such committee and  
26 provide testimony regarding the report.

27 (n) Any lease or use agreement between the authority and a  
28 professional sports team shall provide for the disposition of the sports  
29 facility upon expiration or nonrenewal of the agreement and relocation of  
30 the team outside the state in a manner that ensures the authority shall have  
31 no ongoing financial obligation, liability or maintenance responsibility.  
32 Such provisions may include, but not be limited to:

33 (1) Conveyance of the sports facility and related improvements to the  
34 professional sports team, with the team assuming all costs, liabilities and  
35 obligations associated therewith; or

36 (2) payment by the professional sports team of the reasonable costs of  
37 demolition of the primary stadium structure.

38 Sec. 6. (a) Sports facilities under this act shall be operated in a first-  
39 class manner, similar to and consistent with other comparable sports  
40 facilities of the same kind.

41 (b) The authority and the professional sports team shall agree to  
42 minimum annual sports facility utilization requirements by the state and its  
43 designees in order to host noncompeting community events, subject to

1 sports facility availability for which the professional sports team shall have  
2 scheduling priority.

3 Sec. 7. The authority shall be exempt from the following laws, unless  
4 otherwise provided for in this act:

- 5 (a) K.S.A. 12-1675 through 12-1677, and amendments thereto;
- 6 (b) K.S.A. 75-1250 through 75-1270, and amendments thereto;
- 7 (c) K.S.A. 75-2925 through 75-2975, and amendments thereto;
- 8 (d) K.S.A. 75-6601 through 75-6607, and amendments thereto;
- 9 (e) K.S.A. 77-501 through 77-550, and amendments thereto;
- 10 (f) K.S.A. 75-3739 through K.S.A. 75-3740, and amendments  
11 thereto; and
- 12 (g) K.S.A. 75-37,102 and 75-37,132, and amendments thereto.

13 Sec. 8. (a) This act shall be liberally construed. Nothing contained  
14 herein is or shall be construed as a restriction or limitation upon any  
15 powers that the authority might otherwise have under any other law of this  
16 state, and the provisions of this act are cumulative to such powers. The  
17 provisions hereof shall be construed to provide a complete, additional and  
18 alternative method for the doing of the things authorized hereby and shall  
19 be regarded as supplemental and additional to any other laws. It is the  
20 intent of the legislature to grant the authority all powers necessary and  
21 convenient to develop, construct, acquire and operate sports facilities and  
22 sports facility infrastructure in furtherance of the public purpose of  
23 providing state-owned and operated venues for the economic, cultural and  
24 recreational benefit of the citizens of the state. In carrying out such  
25 purposes, the authority shall be deemed to be a political subdivision of the  
26 state performing essential governmental functions. Insofar as the  
27 provisions of this act are inconsistent with the provisions of any other law,  
28 whether general, specific or local, the provisions of this act shall be  
29 controlling. Notwithstanding anything in this act to the contrary, the  
30 powers granted to the authority shall not be exercised in a way that  
31 conflicts with the terms and conditions set forth in the STAR bond  
32 agreement dated December 22, 2025, and executed by the Kansas City  
33 chiefs football club, inc. and the state of Kansas. Notwithstanding anything  
34 in this act to the contrary, nothing in this subsection or this act shall be  
35 construed so as to authorize, permit or provide any obligation, liability or  
36 debt of the authority to be an obligation, liability or a debt of the state of  
37 Kansas within the meaning of section 6 or 7 of article 11 of the  
38 constitution of the state of Kansas.

39 (b) The provisions of this act are severable. If any portion of the act is  
40 declared unconstitutional or invalid, or the application of any portion of  
41 the act to any person or circumstance is held unconstitutional or invalid,  
42 the invalidity shall not affect other portions of the act that can be given  
43 effect without the invalid portion or application, and the applicability of

1 such other portions of the act to any person or circumstance shall remain  
2 valid and enforceable.

3 Sec. 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
4 publication in the statute book.