

2023 Kansas Statutes

74-99b34. Bioscience development and investment fund; center of innovation for biomaterials in orthopaedic research - Wichita state university fund; national bio agro-defense facility fund; deposits; distributions; audits; transfer limitations on withholding of certain wages. (a) The bioscience development and investment fund is hereby created. The bioscience development and investment fund shall not be a part of the state treasury and the funds in the bioscience development and investment fund shall belong exclusively to the authority.

(b) Distributions from the bioscience development and investment fund shall be for the exclusive benefit of the authority, under the control of the board and used to fulfill the purpose, powers and duties of the authority pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 74-99b01 et seq., and amendments thereto.

(c) The secretary of revenue and the authority shall establish the base year taxation for all bioscience companies and state universities. The secretary of revenue, the authority and the board of regents shall establish the number of bioscience employees associated with state universities and report annually and determine the increase from the taxation base annually. The secretary of revenue and the authority may consider any verifiable evidence, including, but not limited to, the NAICS code assigned or recorded by the department of labor for companies with employees in Kansas, when determining which companies should be classified as bioscience companies.

(d) (1) Except as provided in subsection (h), for a period of 15 years from the effective date of this act, the state treasurer shall pay annually 95% of withholding above the base, as certified by the secretary of revenue, upon Kansas wages paid by bioscience employees to the bioscience development and investment fund. Such payments shall be reconciled annually. On or before the 10th day of each month, the director of accounts and reports shall transfer from the state general fund to the bioscience development and investment fund interest earnings based on:

(A) The average daily balance of moneys in the bioscience development and investment fund for the preceding month; and

(B) the net earnings rate of the pooled money investment portfolio for the preceding month.

(2) There is hereby established in the state treasury the center of innovation for biomaterials in orthopaedic research - Wichita state university fund, which shall be administered by Wichita state university. All moneys credited to the fund shall be used for research and development. All expenditures from the center of innovation for biomaterials in orthopaedic research - Wichita state university fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts and upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to expenditures approved by the president of Wichita state university or by the person or persons designated by the president of Wichita state university.

(3) There is hereby established in the state treasury the national bio agro-defense facility fund, which shall be administered by Kansas state university in accordance with the strategic plan adopted by the governor's national bio agro-defense facility steering committee. All moneys credited to the fund shall be used in accordance with the governor's national bio agro-defense facility steering committee's plan with the approval of the president of Kansas state university. All expenditures from the national bio agro-defense facility fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts and upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to expenditures approved by the steering committee and the president of Kansas state university or by the person or persons designated by the president of Kansas state university.

(e) The cumulative amounts of funds paid by the state treasurer to the bioscience development and investment fund shall not exceed \$581,800,000.

(f) The division of post audit is hereby authorized to conduct a post audit in accordance with the provisions of the legislative post audit act, K.S.A. 46-1106 et seq., and amendments thereto.

(g) At the direction of the authority, the fund may be held in the custody of and

invested by the state treasurer, provided that the bioscience development and investment fund shall at all times be accounted for in a separate report from all other funds of the authority and the state.

(h) During fiscal years 2023, 2024 and 2025, no moneys shall be transferred from the state general fund to the bioscience development and investment fund pursuant to subsection (d)(1).

History: L. 2004, ch. 112, § 21; L. 2005, ch. 75, § 2; L. 2011, ch. 118, § 191; L. 2012, ch. 175, § 156; L. 2013, ch. 136, § 268; L. 2014, ch. 142, § 113; L. 2015, ch. 104, § 239; L. 2016, ch. 12, § 109; L. 2016, ch. 111, § 53; L. 2017, ch. 104, § 234; L. 2019, ch. 68, § 170; L. 2020, ch. 5, § 162; L. 2021, ch. 98, § 177; L. 2022, ch. 81, § 180; L. 2023, ch. 82, § 177; May 8.