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By Committee on Taxation

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AN ACT concerning setoff against certain debtors; relating to federal 1 2 department of the treasury, agreements, procedure and fees; amending 3 K.S.A. 75-6204 and K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 75-6202 and repealing the 4 existing sectionssection. 5 6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:* 7 New Section 1. (a) The director may enter into one or more 8 agreements with the federal department of the treasury or its successor that provide for offsetting federal and state payments, as authorized by federal 9 10 law and K.S.A. 75-6204, and amendments thereto, except that other setoffs under K.S.A. 75-6201 et seq., and amendments thereto, occur prior to the 11 12 setoffs authorized under this section. (b) Any agreement entered into by the director pursuant to subsection 13 (a) may provide that the federal department of the treasury or its successor 14 may deduct a fee from each administrative setoff and state payment setoff. 15 For purposes of this subsection: (1) "Administrative setoff" means any 16 offset of federal payments to collect state tax and nontax obligations; and 17 (2) "state payment setoff" means any offset of state payments to 18 19 collect federal nontax obligations. 20 (c) The director is authorized to deduct a fee in an amount authorized 21 under subsection (b) of K.S.A 75-6210, and amendments thereto. 22 (d) Notwithstanding any provision of law prohibiting disclosure by 23 the department of administration of the contents of debtor records or 24 information, and notwithstanding any confidentiality statute of any state 25 all information exchanged between the department of agency, 26 administration, the federal department of the treasury and the debtor 27 necessary to accomplish and effectuate the intent of this act is lawful. 28 See. 2. K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 75-6202 is hereby amended to read as-29 follows: 75-6202. As used in this act: 30 (a) "Debtor" means any person who: 31 (1) Owes a debt to the state of Kansas or any state agency or any 32 municipality; 33 (2) owes support to an individual, or an agency of another state, who is receiving assistance in collecting that support under K.S.A. 39-756, and 34 35 amendments thereto, or under part D of title IV of the federal social-36 security act, (42 U.S.C. § 651 et seq.), as amended; or

(3) owes a debt to a foreign state agency.

2 (b) "Debt" means:

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3 (1) Any liquidated sum due and owing to the state of Kansas, or any
state agency, municipality or foreign state agency which has accrued
through contract, subrogation, tort, operation of law, or any other legaltheory regardless of whether there is an outstanding judgment for that sum.
A debt shall not include special assessments except when the owner of the
property assessed petitioned for the improvement and any successor in
interest of such owner of property; or

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(2) any amount of support due and owing an individual, or an agency
 of another state, who is receiving assistance in collecting that support
 under K.S.A. 39-756, and amendments thereto, or under part D of title IV
 of the federal social security act, (42 U.S.C. § 651 et seq.), as amended,
 which amount shall be considered a debt due and owing the district court
 trustee or the department of social and rehabilitation services for the
 purposes of this act.

(c) "Refund" means any amount of Kansas income tax refund due to any person as a result of an overpayment of tax, and for this purpose, a refund due to a husband and wife resulting from a joint return shall be considered to be separately owned by each individual in the proportion of each such spouse's contribution to income, as the term "contribution to income" is defined by rules and regulations of the secretary of revenue.

(d) "Net proceeds collected" means gross proceeds collected through
 final setoff against a debtor's carnings, refund or other payment due from
 the state or any state agency minus any collection assistance fee charged
 by the director of accounts and reports of the department of administration.

(e) "State ageney" means any state office, officer, department, board,
commission, institution, bureau, agency or authority or any division or unit
thereof and any judicial district of this state or the clerk or clerks thereof.
"State agency" also shall include any district court utilizing collection
services pursuant to K.S.A. 75-719, and amendments thereto, to collect
debts owed to such court.

(f) "Person" means an individual, proprietorship, partnership, limited
 partnership, association, trust, estate, business trust, corporation, other entity or a governmental agency, unit or subdivision.

36 (g) "Director" means the director of accounts and reports of the
 37 department of administration.

(h) "Municipality" means any municipality as defined by K.S.A. 75 1117, and amendments thereto.

40 (i) "Payor agency" means any state agency which holds money for, or
 41 owes money to, a debtor.

42 (j) "Foreign state or foreign state agency" means the states of
 43 Colorado, Missouri, Nebraska, or Oklahoma or any agency of such states,

or the federal department of the treasury, which has entered into a
 reciprocal agreement pursuant to K.S.A. 75-6215 or section 1, and
 amendments thereto.

Sec. 32. K.S.A. 75-6204 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-6204. (a) Subject to the limitations provided in this act, if a debtor fails to pay to the state of Kansas or any state agency, foreign state agency, or a municipality *or the federal department of the treasury* an amount owed, the director may setoff such amount against any money held for, or any money owed to, such debtor by the state or any state agency.

(b) The director may enter into an agreement with a municipality for participation in the setoff program for the purpose of assisting in the collection of a debt as defined by K.S.A. 75-6202, and amendments thereto. The director shall include in any such agreement a provision requiring the municipality to certify that the municipality has made at least three attempts to collect a debt prior to submitting such debt to setoff pursuant to this act.

Sec. 43. K.S.A. 75-6204 and K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 75-6202 areis hereby
 repealed.

Sec. 54. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after itspublication in the statute book.

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