

HOUSE BILL No. 2101

By Committee on Appropriations

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1 AN ACT concerning the university engineering initiative act; relating to
2 goals; authorizing transfers from the expanded lottery act revenues fund
3 for certain fiscal years; amending K.S.A. 74-8768 and 76-7,137 and
4 repealing the existing sections.
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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

7 Section 1. K.S.A. 74-8768 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-
8 8768. (a) There is hereby created the expanded lottery act revenues fund in
9 the state treasury. All expenditures and transfers from such fund shall be
10 made in accordance with appropriation acts. All moneys credited to such
11 fund shall be expended or transferred only for the purposes of reduction of
12 state debt, state infrastructure improvements, the university engineering
13 initiative act, reduction of local ad valorem tax in the same manner as
14 provided for allocation of amounts in the local ad valorem tax reduction
15 fund and reduction of the unfunded actuarial liability of the system
16 attributable to the state of Kansas and participating employers under
17 K.S.A. 74-4931, and amendments thereto, by the Kansas public employees
18 retirement system.

19 (b) ~~On July 1, 2012, July 1, 2013, July 1, 2014, July 1, 2015, July 1,~~
20 ~~2016, July 1, 2017, July 1, 2018, July 1, 2019, July 1, 2020, and July 1,~~
21 ~~2021, July 1, 2022, July 1, 2023, July 1, 2024, July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026,~~
22 ~~July 1, 2027, July 1, 2028, July 1, 2029, July 1, 2030, and July 1, 2031,~~ or
23 as soon thereafter such date as moneys are available, the first \$10,500,000
24 credited to the expanded lottery act revenues fund shall be transferred by
25 the director of accounts and reports from the expanded lottery act revenues
26 fund in one or more substantially equal amounts, to each of the following:
27 The Kan-grow engineering fund – KU, Kan-grow engineering fund – KSU
28 and Kan-grow engineering fund – WSU. Each such special revenue fund
29 shall receive \$3,500,000 annually in each of such years. Commencing in
30 fiscal year 2014, after such transfer has been made, 50% of the remaining
31 moneys credited to the fund shall be transferred on a quarterly basis by the
32 director of accounts and reports from the fund to the Kansas public
33 employees retirement system fund to be applied to reduce the unfunded
34 actuarial liability of the system attributable to the state of Kansas and
35 participating employers under K.S.A. 74-4931 et seq., and amendments
36 thereto, until the system as a whole attains an 80% funding ratio as

1 certified by the board of trustees of the Kansas public employees
2 retirement system.

3 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 76-7,137 is hereby amended to read as follows: 76-
4 7,137. (a) The legislature of the state of Kansas hereby finds and declares
5 that:

6 (1) Engineering intensive industries represent approximately one-
7 third of the statewide payroll and tax base;

8 (2) under the university engineering initiative act, the secretary of
9 commerce, in consultation with the board of regents, state educational
10 institutions and private industry, shall develop a plan to ensure engineering
11 industry partners find the new talent, designs and techniques needed to
12 fuel economic growth and business success in Kansas;

13 (3) the goal of the university engineering initiative act is to increase
14 the number of engineering graduates to 1,365 graduates per year in 2021;
15 and *continue to generate this same number of graduates to meet the*
16 *ongoing needs of the engineering workforce for as long as the university*
17 *engineering initiative act is financed with annual transfers from the*
18 *expanded lottery act revenues fund. All moneys appropriated pursuant to*
19 *this act shall be used to meet this goal; and*

20 (4) the needs of the citizens of the state of Kansas will be best served
21 if the secretary of commerce, the board of regents and the state educational
22 institutions under the control and supervision of the board of regents are
23 granted specific authority to assist in the expansion of the engineering
24 programs.

25 (b) The exercise of the powers authorized by this act are deemed an
26 essential governmental function in matters of public necessity for the
27 entire state to increase the number of engineering graduates.

28 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 74-8768 and 76-7,137 are hereby repealed.

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