

HOUSE BILL No. 2405

AN ACT concerning retirement and pensions; relating to the Kansas public employees retirement system; authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds to finance the unfunded actuarial pension liability of KPERS; providing requirements, limitations and procedures for the Kansas development finance authority, department of administration and the state finance council pertaining to such bonds.

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

Section 1. (a) The Kansas development finance authority is hereby authorized to issue one or more series of revenue bonds under the Kansas development finance act in an amount necessary to provide a deposit or deposits to the Kansas public employees retirement system in a total amount not to exceed \$500,000,000 plus all amounts required to pay the cost of issuance of the bonds, including any credit enhancement, interest costs and provide any required reserves for the bonds. No bonds shall be issued until such issuance has been approved by a resolution of the state finance council. The principal amount, interest rates and final maturity of such revenue bonds and any bonds issued to refund such bonds or parameters for such principal amount, interest rates and final maturity shall be approved by a resolution of the state finance council, except that, for any one or more series of revenue bonds issued pursuant to this section, such interest rate, all inclusive cost, shall not exceed 4.3%. The bonds, and interest thereon, issued pursuant to this section shall be payable from moneys appropriated by the state for such purpose. The bonds, and interest thereon, issued pursuant to this section shall be obligations only of the authority and in no event shall such bonds constitute an indebtedness or obligation of the Kansas public employees retirement system or an indebtedness or obligation for which the faith and credit or any assets of the system are pledged. Neither the state nor the department of administration shall have the power to pledge the full faith and credit or taxing power of the state for debt service on any bonds issued pursuant to this section, and any payment by the department for such purpose shall be subject to and dependent on appropriations by the legislature. Any obligation of the state or the department for payment of debt service on bonds issued pursuant to this section shall not be considered a debt or obligation of the state for the purpose of section 6 of article 11 of the constitution of the state of Kansas.

(b) As used in this section, "unfunded actuarial pension liability" means the unfunded actuarially accrued liability of the state for the state of Kansas' and participating employers' under K.S.A. 74-4931, and amendments thereto, portion of such liability of the Kansas public employees retirement system, determined as of the later of December 31, 2019, or the end of the most recent calendar year for which an actuarial valuation report is available and certified to the Kansas development finance authority by the executive director of the Kansas public employees retirement system.

(c) (1) The authority may pledge the contract or contracts authorized in subsection (d), or any part thereof, for the payment or redemption of the bonds, and covenant as to the use and disposition of moneys available to the authority for payments of the bonds. The authority is authorized to enter into any agreements necessary or desirable to effectuate the purposes of this section.

(2) The proceeds from the sale of the bonds, other than refunding bonds, issued pursuant to this section, after payment of any costs related to the issuance of such bonds, shall be paid by the authority to the Kansas public employees retirement system to be applied to the payment, in full or in part, of the unfunded actuarial pension liability as directed by the Kansas public employees retirement system.

(3) The state hereby pledges and covenants with the holders of any bonds issued pursuant to this section that it will not limit or alter the rights or powers vested in the authority by this section, nor limit or alter the rights or powers of the authority, the department of administration or the Kansas public employees retirement system, in any manner that would jeopardize the interest of the holders or any trustee of such holders or inhibit or prevent performance or fulfillment by the authority, the department of administration or the Kansas public employees retirement system with respect to the terms of any agreement made with the holders of the bonds or agreements made pursuant to this section, except that failure of the legislature to appropriate moneys for any purpose shall not be deemed a violation of this pledge and covenant. The

department of administration is hereby specifically authorized to include this pledge and covenant in any agreement with the authority. The authority is hereby specifically authorized to include this pledge and covenant in any bond resolution, trust indenture or agreement for the benefit of the holders of the bonds.

(4) Revenue bonds may be issued pursuant to this section without obtaining the consent of any department, division, commission, board or agency of the state, other than the approvals of the state finance council required by this section, and without any other proceedings or the occurrence of any other conditions or things other than those proceedings, conditions or things that are specifically required by the Kansas development finance authority act.

(d) The department of administration and the authority are authorized to enter into one or more contracts to implement the payment arrangement that is provided for in this section. The contract or contracts shall provide for payment of the amounts required to be paid pursuant to this section and shall set forth the procedure for the transfer of moneys for the purpose of paying such moneys. The contract or contracts shall contain such terms and conditions, including principal amount, interest rates and final maturity as shall be approved by resolution of the state finance council and shall include, but not be limited to, terms and conditions necessary or desirable to provide for the repayment of and to secure any bonds of the authority issued pursuant to this section.

(e) The approvals by the state finance council required by subsections (a) and (d) are hereby characterized as matters of legislative delegation and subject to the guidelines prescribed in K.S.A. 75-3711c(c), and amendments thereto. Such approvals may be given by the state finance council when the legislature is in session.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Kansas register.

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

HOUSE adopted
Conference Committee Report _____

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.

Passed the SENATE
as amended _____

SENATE adopted
Conference Committee Report _____

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.

APPROVED _____

Governor.