

SENATE BILL No. 304

AN ACT concerning the development finance authority; regarding authority to issue bonds; amending K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 74-8905 and repealing the existing section.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 74-8905 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-8905. (a) The authority may issue bonds, either for a specific activity or on a pooled basis for a series of related or unrelated activities or projects duly authorized by a political subdivision or group of political subdivisions of the state in amounts determined by the authority for the purpose of financing projects of statewide as well as local importance, capital improvement facilities, educational facilities, health care facilities and housing developments. Nothing in this act shall be construed to authorize the authority to issue bonds or use the proceeds thereof to:

(1) Purchase, condemn or otherwise acquire a utility plant or distribution system owned or operated by a regulated public utility;

(2) finance any capital improvement facilities or educational facilities which are being financed by the issuance of general obligation or utility revenue bonds of a political subdivision, except that the acquisition by the authority of general obligation or utility revenue bonds issued by political subdivisions with the proceeds of pooled bonds shall not violate the provisions of the foregoing; or

(3) purchase, acquire, construct, reconstruct, improve, equip, furnish, repair, enlarge or remodel property for any swine production facility on agricultural land which is owned, acquired, obtained or leased by a corporation, limited liability company, limited partnership, corporate partnership or trust.

Nothing in this subsection (a) shall prohibit the issuance of bonds by the authority when any statute specifically authorizes the issuance of bonds by the authority or approves any activity or project of a state agency for purposes of authorizing any such issuance of bonds in accordance with this section and provides an exemption from the provisions of this subsection (a).

(b) The authority may issue bonds for activities and projects of state agencies as requested by the secretary of administration. Research facilities of state educational institutions shall be subject to the provisions of this subsection (b). No bonds may be issued pursuant to this act for any activity or project of a state agency unless the activity or project either has been approved by an appropriation or other act of the legislature or has been approved by the state finance council acting on this matter which is hereby characterized as a matter of legislative delegation and subject to the guidelines prescribed in subsection (c) of K.S.A. 75-3711c, and amendments thereto. When requested to do so by the secretary of administration, the authority may issue bonds for the purpose of refunding, whether at maturity or in advance of maturity, any outstanding bonded indebtedness of any state agency. The revenues of any state agency which are pledged as security for any bonds of such state agency which are refunded by refunding bonds of the authority may be pledged to the authority as security for the refunding bonds.

(c) The authority may issue bonds for the purpose of financing industrial enterprises, transportation facilities, agricultural business enterprises, educational facilities, health care facilities, housing developments, *research facilities* or any combination of such facilities ~~and research facilities~~, or any interest in facilities, including without limitation leasehold interests in and mortgages on such facilities, whether located within or outside of Kansas. *The authority may additionally issue bonds for the purpose of financing a hall of fame, museum or tourist destination of national significance, as determined by the secretary of commerce. Such authority to issue bonds for a hall of fame, museum or tourist destination of national significance shall expire on December 31, 2007.* No less than 30 days prior to the issuance of any bonds authorized under this act with respect to any project or activity within Kansas which is to be undertaken for the direct benefit of any person or entity which is not a state agency or a political subdivision, written notice of the intention of the authority to provide financing and issue bonds therefor shall be given by the president of the authority to the governing body of the city in which the project or activity is to be located. If the project or activity is not proposed to be located within a city, such notice shall be given to the governing body of the county. No bonds for the financing of the project or activity shall be issued by the authority for a one-year period if, within 15 days

after the giving of such notice, the governing body of the political subdivision in which the project or activity within Kansas is proposed to be located shall have adopted an ordinance or resolution stating express disapproval of the project or activity and shall have notified the president of the authority of such disapproval. The authority shall not issue bonds for the purpose of financing a project or activity outside Kansas unless the authority has determined that the issuance of such bonds provides a benefit to Kansas or its people and that the owner or operator thereof or an affiliate has a presence or impact in Kansas.

(d) The authority may issue bonds for the purpose of establishing and funding one or more series of venture capital funds in such principal amounts, at such interest rates, in such maturities, with such security, and upon such other terms and in such manner as is approved by resolution of the authority. The proceeds of such bonds not placed in a venture capital fund or used to pay or reimburse organizational, offering and administrative expenses and fees necessary to the issuance and sale of such bonds shall be invested and reinvested in such securities and other instruments as shall be provided in the resolution under which such bonds are issued. Moneys in a venture capital fund shall be used to make venture capital investments in new, expanding or developing businesses, including, but not limited to, equity and debt securities, warrants, options and other rights to acquire such securities, subject to the provisions of the resolution of the authority. The authority shall establish an investment policy with respect to the investment of the funds in a venture capital fund not inconsistent with the purposes of this act. The authority shall enter into an agreement with a management company experienced in venture capital investments to manage and administer each venture capital fund upon terms not inconsistent with the purposes of this act and such investment policy. The authority may establish an advisory board to provide advice and consulting assistance to the authority and the management company with respect to the management and administration of each venture capital fund and the establishment of its investment policy. All fees and expenses incurred in the management and administration of a venture capital fund not paid or reimbursed out of the proceeds of the bonds issued by the authority shall be paid or reimbursed out of such venture capital fund.

(e) The authority may issue bonds in one or more series for the purpose of financing a redevelopment plan project that is approved by the authority in accordance with K.S.A. 74-8921 and 74-8922, and amendments thereto, or by Johnson or Labette county in accordance with the provisions of this act.

(f) After receiving and approving the feasibility study required pursuant to K.S.A. 74-8936, and amendments thereto, the authority may issue bonds in one or more series for the purpose of financing a multi-sport athletic project in accordance with K.S.A. 74-8936 through 74-8938, and amendments thereto. If the project is to be constructed in phases, a similar feasibility study shall be performed prior to issuing bonds for the purpose of financing each subsequent phase.

(g) The authority may issue bonds for the purpose of financing resort facilities, as defined in subsection (a) of K.S.A. 32-867, and amendments thereto, in an amount or amounts not to exceed \$30,000,000 for any one resort. The bonds and the interest thereon shall be payable solely from revenues of the resort and shall not be deemed to be an obligation or indebtedness of the state within the meaning of section 6 of article 11 of the constitution of the state of Kansas. The authority may contract with a subsidiary corporation formed pursuant to subsection (v) of K.S.A. 74-8904, and amendments thereto, or others to lease or operate such resort. The provisions of K.S.A. 32-867, 32-868, 32-870 through 32-873 and 32-874a through 32-874d, and amendments thereto, shall apply to resorts and bonds issued pursuant to this subsection.

(h) The authority may use the proceeds of any bond issues herein authorized, together with any other available funds, for venture capital investments or for purchasing, leasing, constructing, restoring, renovating, altering or repairing facilities as herein authorized, for making loans, purchasing mortgages or security interests in loan participations and paying all incidental expenses therewith, paying expenses of authorizing and issuing the bonds, paying interest on the bonds until revenues thereof are available in sufficient amounts, purchasing bond insurance or other credit

enhancements on the bonds, and funding such reserves as the authority deems necessary and desirable. All moneys received by the authority, other than moneys received by virtue of an appropriation, are hereby specifically declared to be cash funds, restricted in their use and to be used solely as provided herein. No moneys of the authority other than moneys received by appropriation shall be deposited with the state treasurer.

(i) Any time the authority is required to publish a notification pursuant to the tax equity and fiscal responsibility act of 1982, the authority shall further publish such notification in the Kansas register and on the Kansas development finance authority website.

(j) Any time the authority issues private activity bonds, as defined in K.S.A. 74-5059, and amendments thereto, pursuant to this section, the authority shall publish notification of such issuance at least 14 days prior to any bond hearing in the official county newspaper of the county in which the project or activity financed by such bonds are located and in the Kansas register.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 74-8905 is hereby repealed.

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

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the SENATE, and passed that body

SENATE concurred in
HOUSE amendments _____

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.

Passed the HOUSE
as amended _____

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.

APPROVED _____

Governor.