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HOUSE BILL No. 2920

By Committee on Appropriations

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10 AN ACT relating to healthy marriages and strong families grant program.

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

13 Section 1. (a) The secretary of social and rehabilitation services ~~may~~  
14 **shall** develop and administer a grant program to provide grants in  
15 amounts not to exceed \$50,000 to programs that provide marriage edu-  
16 cation services and support the development of healthy marriages or  
17 strengthening of families. Grant recipients may use grant money to pro-  
18 vide direct services to participants, develop a program, enlarge program  
19 capacity, or pay other program expenses, including provider training and  
20 technical assistance expenses.

21 (b) In selecting grant recipients, the secretary of social and rehabili-  
22 tation services shall give preference to applicants:

23 (1) Whose programs will contribute to the geographic diversity of  
24 program locations; or (2) who operate small programs, but who seek to  
25 maximize service delivery and build capacity.

26 (c) The secretary of social and rehabilitation services shall require  
27 that each grant recipient provide program services at no cost to  
28 participants.

29 (d) The secretary of social and rehabilitation services may contract  
30 with private entities to provide marriage education training and curricu-  
31 lum, technical assistance, and other support to grant recipients. In se-  
32 lecting entities to provide these services, the secretary shall consider  
33 whether a prospective provider has knowledge and understanding of the  
34 needs of grant recipients operating programs in different areas of this  
35 state.

36 (e) The secretary of social and rehabilitation services may adopt rules  
37 and regulations to implement and administer the provisions of this  
38 section.

39 Sec. 2. (a) During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, and each  
40 fiscal year thereafter, to the extent permitted by federal law, the secretary  
41 of social and rehabilitation services shall expend at least 1% of the moneys  
42 received under the federal temporary assistance for needy families block  
43 grant during each state fiscal year to fund programs that provide assis-

1 tance to needy families to prevent the unnecessary separation of children  
2 from their families, improve the quality of care and services to children  
3 and their families and ensure permanency for children by reuniting them  
4 with their parents by adoption or by another permanent living arrange-  
5 ment, including the grant program under section 1, and amendments  
6 thereto.

7 (b) The secretary of social and rehabilitation services ~~shall~~ **may** enter  
8 into an agreement or agreements with a state educational institution, as  
9 defined by K.S.A. 76-711, and amendments thereto, and Washburn uni-  
10 versity, to develop and establish a process to identify and evaluate the  
11 best practices and outcomes of the programs funded under subsection  
12 (a). During any fiscal year, the cost of such agreement or agreements shall  
13 not exceed 10% of the amount required to be expended in accordance  
14 with subsection (a).

15 Sec. 3. Before implementing any provision of section 1 or 2, and  
16 amendments thereto, the secretary of social and rehabilitation services  
17 determines that a waiver or authorization from a federal agency is nec-  
18 essary for implementation of the provision, the secretary shall request the  
19 waiver or authorization and may delay implementing that provision until  
20 the waiver or authorization is granted.

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