Session of 2025

## SENATE BILL No. 35

By Committee on Assessment and Taxation

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AN ACT concerning property taxation; relating to tax levies; discontinuing
 the state tax levies for the Kansas educational building fund and the
 state institutions building fund; providing financing therefor from the
 state general fund; amending K.S.A. 76-6b01, 76-6b02, 76-6b04 and
 76-6b11 and K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 76-6b05 and repealing the existing
 sections.

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

9 Section 1. K.S.A. 76-6b01 is hereby amended to read as follows: 76-6b01. (a) There is hereby levied-an annual permanent state tax in the year 10 11 2025 a state tax of 1 mill upon all tangible property in this state which that 12 is subject to ad valorem taxation. The tax levy shall be .6 mill in the year 2003 and 1 mill in the year 2004 and each year thereafter until changed by 13 statute. Such tax levy shall be in addition to all other state tax levies 14 15 authorized by law. Such tax levy shall be for the use and benefit of the state institutions of higher education. The proceeds of such tax levy shall 16 be apportioned in accordance with this act. 17

(b) The county treasurer of each county shall make the proceeds of
the tax levy provided for in this section available to the state treasurer
immediately upon collection. When available the state treasurer shall
withdraw from each county the proceeds of the taxes raised by such tax
levy. Upon such withdrawal the state treasurer shall deposit the same in the
state treasury and shall credit the same as provided in K.S.A. 76-6b02, and
amendments thereto.

25 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 76-6b02 is hereby amended to read as follows: 76-26 6b02. (a) All moneys received by the state treasurer under K.S.A. 76-6b01, 27 and amendments thereto, and pursuant to subsection (c) shall be credited 28 to the Kansas educational building fund to be used for the construction, 29 reconstruction, equipment and repair of buildings and grounds at the state 30 educational institutions under the control and supervision of the state 31 board of regents and for payment of debt service on revenue bonds issued 32 to finance such projects, all subject to appropriation by the legislature.

(b) Subject to any restrictions imposed by appropriation acts, the state
 board of regents is authorized to pledge funds appropriated to it from the
 Kansas educational building fund or from any other source and transferred
 to a special revenue fund of the state board of regents specified by statute

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for the payment of debt service on revenue bonds issued for the purposes 1 2 set forth in subsection (a). Subject to any restrictions imposed by appropriation acts, the state board of regents is also authorized to pledge 3 4 any funds appropriated to it from the Kansas educational building fund or 5 from any other source and transferred to a special revenue fund of the state 6 board of regents specified by statute as a priority for the payment of debt 7 service on such revenue bonds. Neither the state or the state board of 8 regents shall have the power to pledge the faith and credit or taxing power 9 of the state of Kansas for such purposes and any payment by the state board of regents for such purposes shall be subject to and dependent on 10 appropriations being made from time to time by the legislature. Any 11 12 obligation of the state board of regents for payment of debt service on revenue bonds and any such revenue bonds issued for the purposes set 13 14 forth in subsection (a) shall not be considered a debt or obligation of the 15 state for the purpose of section 6 of article 11 of the constitution of the 16 state of Kansas.

17 (c) On July 1, 2026, or as soon thereafter as moneys are available, 18 \$50,000,000 \$56,000,000 shall be transferred by the director of accounts 19 and reports from the state general fund to the Kansas educational building fund. On July 1, 2027, and on July 1 each year thereafter, or as soon 20 21 thereafter as moneys are available, an amount equal to the amount 22 pursuant to this subsection for the immediately preceding year plus  $\frac{2\% \text{ of}}{2\% \text{ of}}$ 23 \$50,000,000 a percentage of such amount for the preceding year shall be transferred by the director of accounts and reports from the state general 24 25 fund to the Kansas educational building fund. Such percentage shall be 26 the average percentage change in statewide residential valuation of all 27 residential real property for the preceding 10 years and shall not be less than zero. The director of property valuation, in consultation with the 28 29 director of legislative research and the director of the budget, shall 30 determine such percentage and the amount of moneys that are 31 authorized to be transferred pursuant to this subsection for such fiscal year. On or before February 1, 2027, and on or before February 1 of 32 33 each year thereafter, the director of property valuation shall certify the amount of each transfer to the director of accounts and reports and 34 35 transmit a copy of each such certification to the director of legislative 36 research and the director of the budget.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 76-6b04 is hereby amended to read as follows: 76-6b04. (a) There is hereby levied an annual permanent state tax *in the year 2025 a state tax of 0.5 mill* upon all tangible property in this state which *that* is subject to ad valorem taxation. The tax levy shall be .3 mill in the year 2003 and .5 mill in the year 2004 and each year thereafter until changed by statute. The tax levy shall be in addition to all other state tax levies authorized by law. The tax levy shall be for the use and benefit of

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1 state institutions caring for persons who are mentally ill, retarded, visually 2 handicapped, with a handicapping hearing loss or tubercular or state 3 institutions caring for children who are deprived, wayward, miscreant, 4 delinguent, children in need of care or juvenile offenders and who are in 5 need of residential care or treatment, or institutions designed primarily to 6 provide vocational rehabilitation for handicapped persons. As used in this 7 section, "state institutions" shall include, but not be limited to, those 8 institutions under the authority of the commissioner of juvenile justice. 9 The proceeds of such tax levy shall be apportioned in accordance with this 10 act.

(b) The county treasurer of each county shall make the proceeds of the tax levy provided for in this section available to the state treasurer immediately upon collection. When available, the state treasurer shall withdraw from each county the proceeds of the taxes raised by such tax levy. Upon such withdrawal the state treasurer shall deposit the same in the state treasury and shall credit the same as provided in K.S.A. 76-6b05, and amendments thereto.

18 Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 76-6b05 is hereby amended to read as follows: 76-6b05. (a) All moneys received by the state treasurer under 19 20 K.S.A. 76-6b04, and amendments thereto, and pursuant to subsection (e) 21 shall be credited to the state institutions building fund, which is hereby 22 created in the state treasury, to be used for the construction, reconstruction, 23 equipment and repair of buildings and grounds at institutions specified in 24 K.S.A. 76-6b04, and amendments thereto, and for payment of debt service 25 on revenue bonds issued to finance such projects, all subject to 26 appropriation by the legislature.

27 (b) Subject to any restrictions imposed by appropriation acts, the 28 juvenile justice authority is authorized to pledge funds appropriated to it from the state institutions building fund or from any other source and 29 30 transferred to a special revenue fund of the juvenile justice authority 31 specified by statute for the payment of debt service on revenue bonds 32 issued for the purposes set forth in subsection (a). Subject to any 33 restrictions imposed by appropriation acts, the juvenile justice authority is 34 also authorized to pledge any funds appropriated to it from the state 35 institutions building fund or from any other source and transferred to a 36 special revenue fund of the juvenile justice authority specified by statute as 37 a priority for the payment of debt service on such revenue bonds. Neither 38 the state or the juvenile justice authority shall have the power to pledge the 39 faith and credit or taxing power of the state of Kansas for such purposes 40 and any payment by the juvenile justice authority for such purposes shall 41 be subject to and dependent on appropriations being made from time to 42 time by the legislature. Any obligation of the juvenile justice authority for 43 payment of debt service on revenue bonds and any such revenue bonds

issued for the purposes set forth in subsection (a) 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.

4 (c) Subject to any restrictions imposed by appropriation acts, the 5 Kansas department for aging and disability services is authorized to pledge 6 funds appropriated to it from the state institutions building fund or from 7 any other source and transferred to a special revenue fund of the Kansas 8 department for aging and disability services specified by statute for the 9 payment of debt service on revenue bonds issued for a new state security 10 hospital on the Larned state hospital grounds or any other capital improvement projects at any other institution or facility of the Kansas 11 12 department for aging and disability services. Subject to any restrictions 13 imposed by appropriation acts, the Kansas department for aging and 14 disability services is also authorized to pledge any funds appropriated to it 15 from the state institutions building fund or from any other source and 16 transferred to a special revenue fund of the Kansas department for aging 17 and disability services specified by statute as a priority for the payment of 18 debt service on such revenue bonds. Neither the state or the Kansas department for aging and disability services shall have the power to pledge 19 20 the faith and credit or taxing power of the state of Kansas for such 21 purposes and any payment by the Kansas department for aging and 22 disability services for such purposes shall be subject to and dependent on 23 appropriations being made from time to time by the legislature. Any 24 obligation of the Kansas department for aging and disability services for 25 payment of debt service on revenue bonds and any such revenue bonds 26 issued for a new state security hospital on the Larned state hospital 27 grounds or any other capital improvement projects at any other institution 28 or facility of the Kansas department for aging and disability services shall 29 not be considered a debt or obligation of the state for the purpose of 30 section 6 of article 11 of the constitution of the state of Kansas.

31 (d) Subject to any restrictions imposed by appropriation acts, the 32 director of the Kansas office of veterans services is authorized to pledge 33 funds appropriated to it from the state institutions building fund or from 34 any other source and transferred to a special revenue fund of the Kansas 35 office of veterans services specified by statute for the payment of debt 36 service on revenue bonds issued for veterans' home HVAC system 37 replacement. Subject to any restrictions imposed by appropriation acts, the 38 director of the Kansas office of veterans services is also authorized to 39 pledge any funds appropriated to it from the state institutions building fund 40 or from any other source and transferred to a special revenue fund of the 41 Kansas office of veterans services specified by statute as a priority for the payment of debt service on such revenue bonds. Neither the state nor the 42 43 director of the Kansas office of veterans services shall have the power to

1 pledge the faith and credit or taxing power of the state of Kansas for such 2 purposes and any payment by the Kansas office of veterans services for 3 such purposes shall be subject to and dependent on appropriations being 4 made from time to time by the legislature. Any obligation of the Kansas 5 office of veterans services for payment of debt service on revenue bonds 6 and any such revenue bonds issued for veterans' home HVAC system 7 replacement shall not be considered a debt or obligation of the state for the 8 purpose of section 6 of article 11 of the constitution of the state of Kansas.

9 (e) On July 1, 2026, or as soon thereafter as moneys are available, 10 \$25,000,000 shall be transferred by the director of accounts and reports from the state general fund to the state institutions building fund. On July 11 12 1, 2027, and on July 1 each year thereafter, or as soon thereafter as 13 moneys are available, an amount equal to the amount pursuant to this 14 subsection for the immediately preceding year plus 2% of \$25,000,000 15 shall be transferred by the director of accounts and reports from the state 16 general fund to the state institutions building fund.

17 Sec. 5. K.S.A. 76-6b11 is hereby amended to read as follows: 76-18 6b11. (a) Except as provided in subsection (e). On July 1 of each year, the 19 director of accounts and reports shall record a debit to the state treasurer's 20 receivables for the Kansas educational building fund, the state institutions 21 building fund and the state general fund and shall record a corresponding 22 credit to each such fund in an amount equal to 95% of the amount credited 23 respectively to each such fund during the immediately preceding fiscal 24 year, except that such amount shall be proportionally adjusted with respect 25 to any such fund in any fiscal year for any change in the tax levy rate for 26 any such fund.

27 (b) All taxes received by the state treasurer under K.S.A. 76-6b01-28 and 76-6b04 and section 15 [L. 2003, ch. 146, § 15], and amendments thereto, and the provisions of section 15 of chapter 146 of the 2003 29 30 Session Laws of Kansas during the current fiscal year shall be deposited in 31 the state treasury to the credit of the Kansas educational building fund, the 32 state institutions building fund and the state general fund, respectively, and 33 shall reduce the amount debited and credited to such funds under 34 subsection (a).

(c) On June 30 of each year, the director of accounts and reports shall adjust the amounts debited and credited to the state treasurer's receivables and to the Kansas educational building fund, the state institutions building fund and the state general fund pursuant to this section, to reflect the taxes actually received by the state treasurer and deposited during the fiscal year in the state treasury to the credit of each such fund.

(d) The director of accounts and reports shall notify the state treasurer
of all amounts debited and credited to the Kansas educational building
fund, the state institutions building fund and the state general fund

pursuant to this section and all reductions and adjustments thereto made 1 pursuant to this section. The state treasurer shall enter all such amounts 2 debited and credited and shall make reductions and adjustments thereto on 3 the books and records kept and maintained for such funds by the state 4 treasurer in accordance with the notice thereof. 5 (e) On October 1, 2003, the director of accounts and reports shall-6

7 make such adjustments and amendments as may be required to reflect and 8 account for the property tax imposed by K.S.A. 79-2976 as if such tax had

9 been in effect on July 1, 2003. The provisions of this section shall expire on

June 30, 2026. 10

11 Sec. 6. K.S.A. 76-6b01, 76-6b02, 76-6b04 and 76-6b11 and K.S.A. 12 2024 Supp. 76-6b05 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its 13 14 publication in the statute book.