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To: Legislative Budget Committee
From: Amy Deckard, Assistant Director for Information Management
Re: Problem Gambling and Addictions Grant Fund Overview

KSA 79-4805 establishes the Problem Gambling and Addictions Grant Fund as a fund in the state treasury. The statute provides that "All moneys credited to such fund shall be used only for the awarding of grants under this section." The statute establishes a state grant program to "provide assistance for the direct treatment of persons diagnosed as suffering from pathological gambling and to provide funding for research regarding the impact of gambling on residents of Kansas." The statute also directs that all grants are to be made after "open solicitation of proposals and evaluation of proposals against criteria established in rules and regulations adopted by the secretary of the department of social and rehabilitation services." Further, the statute allows that both public and private entities can be awarded the grants.

KSA 79-4805 (C)(2) provides that moneys in the fund "may be used to treat alcoholism, drug abuse and other addictive behaviors." This provision was added when the statute was amended in 2007 SB 66, regarding expanded gaming in Kansas. This legislation also provided that 2.0 percent of lottery gaming facility revenues, as well as 2.0 percent of electronic gaming machine income be paid into the Problem Gambling and Addictions Grant Fund. This funding is in addition to the \$20,000 transferred annually into the Fund from the State Bingo Regulation Fund per KSA 79-4710 and the \$80,000 transferred annually from the State Gaming Revenues Fund per KSA 79-4806.

2007 SB 66 also included a name change for the Fund from the Problem Gambling Grant Fund to the Problem Gambling *and Addictions* Grant Fund. The bill also added the provisions in (C)(2) to allow expenditures for alcoholism, drug abuse and other addictive behaviors.

KSA 79-4805 directs that Secretary of Social and Rehabilitation Services shall administer the Fund and that the Secretary shall adopt rules and regulations to establish the criteria to qualify for grant funding under the Fund. Administration of the Fund was transferred to the Department for Aging and Disability Services under ERO No. 41.

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79-4805. Problem gambling and addictions grant fund. (a) There is hereby established in the state treasury the problem gambling and addictions grant fund. All moneys credited to such fund shall be used only for the awarding of grants under this section. Such fund shall be administered in accordance with this section and the provisions of appropriation acts.

(b) All expenditures from the problem gambling and addictions grant fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved in the manner prescribed by law.

(c) (1) There is hereby established a state grant program to provide assistance for the direct treatment of persons diagnosed as suffering from pathological gambling and to provide funding for research regarding the impact of gambling on residents of Kansas. Research grants awarded under this section may include, but need not be limited to, grants for determining the effectiveness of education and prevention efforts on the prevalence of pathological gambling in Kansas. All grants shall be made after open solicitation of proposals and evaluation of proposals against criteria established in rules and regulations adopted by the secretary of the department of social and rehabilitation services. Both public and private entities shall be eligible to apply for and receive grants under the provisions of this section.

(2) Moneys in the problem gambling and addictions grant fund may be used to treat alcoholism, drug abuse and other addictive behaviors.

(d) The secretary of the department of social and rehabilitation services is hereby authorized to receive moneys from any grants, gifts, contributions or bequests made for the purpose of funding grants under this section and to expend such moneys for the purpose for which received.

(e) All grants made in accordance with this section shall be made from the problem gambling and addictions grant fund. The secretary shall administer the provisions of this section and shall adopt rules and regulations establishing criteria for qualification to receive grants and such other matters deemed necessary by the secretary for the administration of this section. Such rules and regulations shall include, but need not be limited to, a requirement that each recipient of a grant to provide treatment for pathological gamblers report at least annually to the secretary the grantee's measurable achievement of specific outcome goals.

(f) For the purpose of this section "pathological gambling" means the disorder by that name described in the most recent edition of the diagnostic and statistical manual.

(g) On the effective date of this act the director of accounts and reports shall transfer all moneys in the problem gambling grant fund to the problem gambling and addictions grant fund. Thereupon the problem gambling grant fund shall be and is hereby abolished.

History: L. 2000, ch. 173, § 20; L. 2007, ch. 110, § 55; Apr. 19.