

HOUSE BILL No. 2624

By Committee on Veterans, Military and Homeland Security

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1 AN ACT concerning veterans; relating to members' funds; Kansas soldiers'
2 home; Kansas veterans' home; amending K.S.A. 76-1935 and 76-1956
3 and K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 73-1209 and repealing the existing sections.
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 76-1935 is hereby amended to read as follows: 76-
7 1935. The ~~Kansas veterans' commission~~ *executive director of the Kansas*
8 *commission on veterans affairs* shall designate a person at the Kansas
9 soldiers' home who shall be in charge of the member funds at such
10 soldiers' home. The person so designated shall have custody and charge of
11 all moneys belonging to the members, or persons attending the Kansas
12 soldiers' home, which are held for their use, benefit and burial. ~~Said~~
13 ~~Kansas veterans' commission~~ *The executive director of the Kansas*
14 *commission on veterans affairs* shall designate the bank or banks, in which
15 such moneys shall be deposited, ~~and shall provide that any sums in excess~~
16 ~~of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) shall be deposited with the state treasurer~~
17 ~~for safekeeping. Any fund so deposited with the state treasurer shall be~~
18 ~~held by him or her, separate and apart from the other funds in his or her~~
19 ~~custody, and may be withdrawn by the person designated by said Kansas~~
20 ~~veterans' commission.~~

21 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 76-1956 is hereby amended to read as follows: 76-
22 1956. The *executive director of the Kansas commission on veterans affairs*
23 shall designate a person at the Kansas veterans' home who shall be in
24 charge of the member funds at such veterans' home. The person so
25 designated shall have custody and charge of all moneys belonging to the
26 members, or patients residing in the Kansas veterans' home, which are held
27 for their use, benefit and burial. The *executive director of the Kansas*
28 *commission on veterans affairs* shall designate the bank or banks, in which
29 such moneys shall be deposited, ~~and shall provide that any sums in excess~~
30 ~~of \$5,000 shall be deposited with the state treasurer for safekeeping. Any~~
31 ~~fund so deposited with the state treasurer shall be held by the state~~
32 ~~treasurer, separate and apart from the other funds in the custody of the~~
33 ~~state treasurer, and may be withdrawn by the person designated by the~~
34 ~~Kansas commission on veterans affairs.~~

35 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 73-1209 is hereby amended to read as
36 follows: 73-1209. The executive director of the Kansas ~~veterans'~~

1 ~~commission~~ *commission on veterans affairs*, in accordance with general
2 policies established by the commission, shall:

3 ~~(1)~~(a) Collect data and information as to the facilities, benefits and
4 services now or hereafter available to veterans and their relatives and
5 dependents, and furnish such information to veterans and their relatives
6 and dependents and local service officers of veterans' organizations.

7 ~~(2)~~(b) Prepare plans for a comprehensive statewide veterans' service
8 program.

9 ~~(3)~~(c) Coordinate the program of state agencies which may properly
10 be utilized in the administration of various aspects of the problems of
11 veterans, and relatives and dependents of veterans, such as the ~~department~~
12 ~~of social and rehabilitation services~~ *Kansas department for children and*
13 *families*, the department of labor, the state board of education, the board of
14 regents and any other state office, department, board or commission
15 furnishing service to veterans or their relatives or dependents.

16 ~~(4)~~(d) Provide a central contact between federal and state agencies
17 dealing with the problems of veterans and their relatives and dependents.

18 ~~(5)~~(e) Maintain records of cases handled by the executive director
19 which shall show at least the following information: ~~(a)~~(1) The name of
20 the veteran; ~~(b)~~(2) claim or case number of the veteran; and ~~(c)~~(3) amount
21 of monthly benefit received by the veteran, so as to facilitate the necessary
22 interchange of case histories among state administrative agencies and
23 provide a clearinghouse of information.

24 ~~(6)~~(f) Provide such services to veterans and their relatives and
25 dependents as are not otherwise offered by federal agencies.

26 ~~(7)~~(g) Provide a central agency to which veterans and their relatives
27 and dependents may turn for information and assistance.

28 ~~(8)~~(h) Provide and maintain such field services as shall be necessary
29 to properly care for the needs of veterans and their relatives and
30 dependents which shall not be operated in connection with the ~~social and~~
31 ~~rehabilitation services~~ *Kansas department for children and families*.

32 (i) *Designate persons who shall be in charge of the member funds at*
33 *the Kansas soldiers' home and the Kansas veterans' home in accordance*
34 *with K.S.A. 76-1935 and 76-1956, and amendments thereto.*

35 Sec. 4. K.S.A. 76-1935 and 76-1956 and K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 73-1209
36 are hereby repealed.

37 Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
38 publication in the statute book.