

**SENATE BILL No. 330**

By Committee on Natural Resources

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1 AN ACT concerning conservation; establishing the Kansas conservation  
2 reserve enhancement program.

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

5 Section 1. (a) As used in this section:

6 (1) "Division" means the Kansas department of agriculture division  
7 of conservation; and

8 (2) "program" means the conservation reserve enhancement program  
9 of the United States department of agriculture.

10 (b) The division shall administer the program on behalf of the state of  
11 Kansas pursuant to agreements with the United States department of  
12 agriculture for the purpose of implementing beneficial water quality and  
13 water quantity projects concerning targeted watersheds to be enrolled in  
14 the program.

15 (c) There is hereby established in the state treasury the Kansas  
16 conservation reserve enhancement program fund, which shall be  
17 administered by the division. All expenditures from the Kansas  
18 conservation reserve enhancement program fund shall be for the  
19 implementation of the program pursuant to agreements between the state  
20 of Kansas and the United States department of agriculture.

21 (d) The division may request the assistance of other state agencies,  
22 Kansas state university, local governments and private entities in the  
23 implementation of the program.

24 (e) The division may receive and expend moneys from the federal or  
25 state government or private sources for the purpose of carrying out the  
26 provisions of this section. All moneys received shall be remitted to the  
27 state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and  
28 amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state  
29 treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit  
30 of the Kansas conservation reserve enhancement program fund. The  
31 division shall carry over unexpended moneys in the Kansas conservation  
32 reserve enhancement program fund from one fiscal year to the next.

33 (f) The division may enter into cost-share contracts with landowners  
34 that will result in fulfilling specific objectives of projects approved in  
35 agreements between the United States department of agriculture and the  
36 state of Kansas.

1 (g) The division shall adopt rules and regulations as necessary for the  
2 administration of this section. When adopting such rules and regulations,  
3 the division shall consider each individual project size, financial  
4 incentives, eligible conservation practices, management objectives,  
5 landowner economic opportunities and all other pertinent information that  
6 will provide verifiable results in achieving the stated goals of the program.

7 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
8 publication in the statute book.