AN ACT concerning the university engineering initiative act; relating to goals; authorizing transfers from the expanded lottery act revenues fund for certain fiscal years; amending K.S.A. 74-8768 and 76-7,137 and repealing the existing sections.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 74-8768 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-8768. (a) There is hereby created the expanded lottery act revenues fund in the state treasury. All expenditures and transfers from such fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts. All moneys credited to such fund shall be expended or transferred only for the purposes of reduction of state debt, state infrastructure improvements, the university engineering initiative act, reduction of local ad valorem tax in the same manner as provided for allocation of amounts in the local ad valorem tax reduction fund and reduction of the unfunded actuarial liability of the system attributable to the state of Kansas and participating employers under K.S.A. 74-4931, and amendments thereto, by the Kansas public employees retirement system.

(b) On July 1, 2012, July 1, 2013, July 1, 2014, July 1, 2015, July 1, 2016, July 1, 2017, July 1, 2018, July 1, 2019, July 1, 2020, and July 1, 2021, July 1, 2022, July 1, 2023, July 1, 2024, July 1, 2025, July 1, 2026, July 1, 2027, July 1, 2028, July 1, 2029, July 1, 2030, and July 1, 2031, or as soon thereafter such date as moneys are available, the first $10,500,000 credited to the expanded lottery act revenues fund shall be transferred by the director of accounts and reports from the expanded lottery act revenues fund in one or more substantially equal amounts, to each of the following:

The Kan-grow engineering fund – KU, Kan-grow engineering fund – KSU and Kan-grow engineering fund – WSU. Each such special revenue fund shall receive $3,500,000 annually in each of such years. Commencing in fiscal year 2014, after such transfer has been made, 50% of the remaining moneys credited to the fund shall be transferred on a quarterly basis by the director of accounts and reports from the fund to the Kansas public employees retirement system fund to be applied to reduce the unfunded actuarial liability of the system attributable to the state of Kansas and participating employers under K.S.A. 74-4931 et seq., and amendments thereto, until the system as a whole attains an 80% funding ratio as
certified by the board of trustees of the Kansas public employees
retirement system.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 76-7,137 is hereby amended to read as follows: 76-
7,137. (a) The legislature of the state of Kansas hereby finds and declares
that:
(1) Engineering intensive industries represent approximately one-
third of the statewide payroll and tax base;
(2) under the university engineering initiative act, the secretary of
commerce, in consultation with the board of regents, state educational
institutions and private industry, shall develop a plan to ensure engineering
industry partners find the new talent, designs and techniques needed to
fuel economic growth and business success in Kansas;
(3) the goal of the university engineering initiative act is to increase
the number of engineering graduates to 1,365 graduates per year in 2021;
and continue to generate this same number of graduates to meet the
ongoing needs of the engineering workforce for as long as the university
engineering initiative act is financed with annual transfers from the
expanded lottery act revenues fund. All moneys appropriated pursuant to
this act shall be used to meet this goal; and
(4) the needs of the citizens of the state of Kansas will be best served
if the secretary of commerce, the board of regents and the state educational
institutions under the control and supervision of the board of regents are
granted specific authority to assist in the expansion of the engineering
programs.
(b) The exercise of the powers authorized by this act are deemed an
essential governmental function in matters of public necessity for the
entire state to increase the number of engineering graduates.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 74-8768 and 76-7,137 are hereby repealed.

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