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HOUSE BILL No. 2398

By Committee on Appropriations

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AN ACT concerning financial institutions; enacting the technology-enabled trust bank act; relating to requirements, fiduciary powers, duties, functions and limitations for trust banks; trust bank pilot program; prescribing administrative powers and duties for the state banking board and the state bank commissioner; establishing the technology-enabled trust bank development and expansion fund; providing an income and privilege tax credit for trust banks making certain qualified charitable distributions.

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

Section 1. (a) The provisions of sections 1 through 27, and amendments thereto, shall be known and may be cited as the technology-enabled trust bank act. The technology-enabled trust bank act shall be a part of and supplemental to chapter 9 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto.

- (b) For purposes of technology-enabled trust bank act:
- (1) "Act" means the technology-enabled trust bank act;
- (2) "alternative asset" means professionally managed investment assets that are not publicly traded, including, but not limited to, private equity, venture capital, leveraged buyouts, special situations, structured credit, private debt, private real estate funds and natural resources, including any economic or beneficial interest therein;
- (3) "alternative asset custody account" means an account created by the owner of an alternative asset that designates a trust bank as custodian or agent and into which the client transfers, electronically or otherwise, content, materials, data, information, documents, reports and contracts in any form, including, without limitation, evidence of ownership, subscription agreements, private placement memoranda, limited partnership agreements, operating agreements, financial statements, annual and quarterly reports, capital account statements, tax statements, correspondence from the general partner, manager or investment advisor of the alternative asset, an investment contract as defined in K.S.A. 17-12a102(28)(E), and amendments thereto, and any digital asset as defined in K.S.A. 58-4802, and amendments thereto, whether such information is in hard copy form or a representation of such information that is stored in a computer readable format;

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creating the joint committee on fiduciary financial institutions oversight;

(4) "charitable beneficiaries" means one or more charities, contributions to which are allowable as a deduction pursuant to section 170 of the federal internal revenue code that are designated as beneficiaries of a fidfin trust;

- (5) "custodial services" means the safekeeping and management of an alternative asset custody account, including the execution of customer instructions, serving as agent, fund administrative services and overall decision-making and management of the account by a trust bank and "custodial services" shall be deemed to involve the exercise of fiduciary and trust powers;
- (5) "economic growth zone" means an incorporated community with a population of not more than 5,000 people located within one of the following counties: Allen, Anderson, Barber, Bourbon, Brown, Chase, Cherokee, Chautauqua, Cheyenne, Clark, Clay, Cloud, Coffey, Comanche, Decatur, Doniphan, Edwards, Elk, Ellsworth, Gove, Graham, Grant, Gray, Greeley, Greenwood, Hamilton, Harper, Harvey, Haskell, Hodgeman, Jackson, Jewell, Kearny, Kingman, Kiowa, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Logan, Marion, Marshall, Meade, Mitchell, Montgomery, Morris, Morton, Nemaha, Neosho, Ness, Norton, Osborne, Ottawa, Pawnee, Phillips, Pratt, Rawlins, Republic, Rice, Rooks, Rush, Russell, Scott, Sheridan, Sherman, Smith, Stafford, Stanton, Stevens, Sumner, Trego, Thomas, Wabaunsee, Wallace, Washington, Wichita, Wilson or Woodson;
- (6) "excluded fiduciary" means a trust bank in its capacity as trustee of a fidfin trust, provided that a trust bank shall only be deemed an "excluded fiduciary" to the extent the trust bank is excluded from exercising certain powers under the instrument that may be exercised by the trust advisor or other persons designated in the instrument;
- (7) "fidfin," "fidfin services" or "fidfin transactions" means the financing of a fidfin trust as provided in section 11, and amendments thereto, including loans, extensions of credit and direct investments;
- (8) "fidfin trust" means a trust created to facilitate the delivery of fidfin services by a trust bank;
- (9) "fiduciary" means a trustee, a trust advisor or a custodian of an alternative asset custody account appointed under an instrument that is acting in a fiduciary capacity for any person, trust or estate;
- (10) "instrument" means any document creating a fidfin trust or alternative asset custody account;
- (11) (A) "qualified investment" means the purchase or development, in the aggregate, of at least 10,000 square feet of commercial, industrial, multiuse or multifamily real estate in the economic growth zone where the trust bank maintains its principal office pursuant to section 9, and amendments thereto, provided that such community has committed to develop the necessary infrastructure to support a "qualified investment." A

"qualified investment":

- (i) May include, as part of satisfying the square footage requirements, the suitable office space of such trust bank, as provided in section 9, and amendments thereto, if owned by the trust bank;
- (ii) shall be exempt from the provisions and limitations of K.S.A. 9-1102, and amendments thereto;
- (iii) may be retained by a trust bank for as long as the trust bank operates in this state; and
- (iv) may be sold, transferred or otherwise disposed of, including a sale or transfer to an affiliate of the trust bank, if the trust bank continues to maintain its principal office in an economic growth zone pursuant to section 9, and amendments thereto;
- (B) notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, if a trust bank leases any portion of a qualified investment made by another trust bank as the lessee trust bank's suitable office space:
- (i) The lessee trust bank shall make, or cause to be made, a qualified investment in an economic growth zone other than the economic growth zone where such trust bank maintains its principal office;
- (ii) the leased square footage shall count toward the square footage requirement applicable to a qualified investment under this section, if such lease has an initial term of not less than five years; and
- (iii) the square footage requirement otherwise applicable to a qualified investment of the lessee trust bank shall be reduced from 10,000 square feet to 5,000 square feet;
- (12) "technology-enabled trust bank" or "trust bank" means any limited liability company, limited partnership or corporation that:
- (A) Is organized to perform any one or more of the activities and services authorized by this act;
- (B) has been authorized to conduct business as a trust bank under this chapter pursuant to the provisions of section 2, and amendments thereto;
- (C) has made, committed to make or caused to be made a qualified investment; and
- (D) has committed, in or as a part of the application provided in section 2, and amendments thereto, to conduct any fidfin transactions in accordance with section 11, and amendments thereto, including the distributions required therein;
- (13) "trust advisor" means a fiduciary granted authority by an instrument to exercise, consent, direct, including the power to direct as provided in K.S.A. 58a-808, and amendments thereto, or approve all or any portion of the powers and discretion conferred upon the trustee of a fidfin trust, including the power to invest the assets of a fidfin trust or make or cause distributions to be made from such fidfin trust; and
 - (14) the definitions of K.S.A. 9-701, and amendments thereto, apply

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Replace all references to "trust bank" with "fiduciary financial institution" throughout the bill

 to trust banks except as otherwise provided in this act.

- Sec. 2. (a) No trust bank shall be organized under the laws of this state nor engage in fidfin transactions, custodial services or trust business in this state until the application for such trust bank's organization and the application for certificate of authority have been submitted to and approved by the state banking board. The form for making any such application shall be prescribed by the state banking board and any application made to the state banking board shall contain such information as the state banking board shall require.
- (b) No bank, trust company or trust bank shall engage in fidfin transactions in this state unless an application has been submitted under this act and approved by the state banking board.
- (c) The state banking board shall not accept an application for a trust bank unless the:
 - (1) Trust bank is organized by at least one person;
- (2) name selected for the trust bank is different or substantially dissimilar from any other bank, trust company or trust bank doing business in this state;
- (3) trust banks' articles of organization contain the names and addresses of the trust bank's members and the number of units subscribed by each. The articles of organization may contain such other provisions as are consistent with the Kansas revised limited liability company act, Kansas revised uniform limited partnership act or Kansas general corporation code;
- (4) trust bank has made, committed to make or caused to be made a qualified investment as defined in section 1, and amendments thereto;
- (5) trust bank has committed to structure any fidfin transactions to ensure that qualified charitable distributions, as defined in section 28, and amendments thereto, are made each calendar year that the trust bank conducts fidfin transactions; and
- (6) trust bank has consulted or agrees to consult with the department of commerce regarding the economic growth zones to be selected for purposes of paragraphs (4) and (5).
- (d) The state banking board may deny the application if the state banking board makes an unfavorable determination with regard to the:
- (1) Financial standing, general business experience and character of the organizers; or
- (2) character, qualifications and experience of the officers of the proposed trust bank.
- (e) The state banking board shall not make membership in any federal government agency a condition precedent to the granting of the authority to do business.
 - (f) The state banking board may require fingerprinting of any officer,

Except as provided in section 25, and amendments thereto, the state banking board shall not approve any application until January 1, 2024.

director, organizer or any other person of the proposed trust bank related to the application deemed necessary by the state banking board. Such fingerprints may be submitted to the Kansas bureau of investigation and the federal bureau of investigation for a state and national criminal history record check. The fingerprints shall be used to identify the person and to determine whether the person has a record of arrests and convictions in this state or other jurisdictions. The state banking board may use information obtained from fingerprinting and the criminal history for purposes of verifying the identification of the person and in the official determination of the qualifications and fitness of the persons associated with the applicant trust bank to be issued a charter. Whenever the state banking board requires fingerprinting, any associated costs shall be paid by the applicant or the parties to the application.

- (g) The state banking board or the commissioner shall notify a trust bank of the approval or disapproval of an application. Any final action of the state banking board approving or disapproving an application shall be subject to review in accordance with the Kansas judicial review act.
- (h) (1) In the event such application is approved, the trust bank shall be issued a charter upon compliance with any requirements of this act and upon demonstrating to the satisfaction of the commissioner that an applicable distribution has been made. For purposes of this section, "applicable distribution" means a distribution of cash, beneficial interests or other assets having an aggregate value equal to the greater of:
- (A) 2.5% of the aggregate financing balances to be held by the trust bank immediately upon issuance of the trust bank's charter, as reflected in the trust bank's application filed pursuant to this section; or
- (B) \$5,000,000 in accordance with subsection (i), except that if a trust bank is chartered to provide only custodial services, the applicable distribution amount shall be \$500,000.
- (2) If the amount provided in paragraph (1)(B) exceeds the amount provided in paragraph (1)(A), the trust bank shall be entitled to a credit against the amount distributable under section 11(e), and amendments thereto, in an amount equal to such excess.
- (i) The applicable distribution required under subsection (h) shall be distributed as follows:
 - (1) (A) To the department of commerce:

37 Applicable distribution amount Percentage to department of commerce 38 \$0 to \$500,000 90%

39 \$500,001 to \$1,000,000 50% 40 Above \$1,000,000 10%

(B) the amounts specified in subparagraph (A) shall apply to trust banks chartered prior to January 1, 2023. For trust banks chartered after such date, the department of commerce may publish one or more

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schedules in the Kansas register as the department of commerce deems reasonably necessary to facilitate economic growth and development in one or more economic growth zones. No such schedule shall be effective until after its publication in the Kansas register. The department of commerce shall timely submit to the commissioner any schedule published under this section. The commissioner shall provide a copy of such schedule to any applicant for a trust bank charter prior to the issuance of such charter. A trust bank shall be subject to the schedule in existence on the date such trust bank's charter is issued and shall not be subject to any schedules published after such date;

- (C) the department of commerce shall remit all distributions under this subsection to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the technology-enabled trust bank development and expansion fund established in section 24, and amendments thereto; and
- (2) the balance of the applicable distribution required under subsection (h) shall be distributed to one or more qualified charities as defined in section 28, and amendments thereto, as shall be selected by the trust bank. Nothing in this section shall preclude a distribution to one or more qualified charities in excess of the amounts provided in this section.
- Sec. 3. (a) Every trust bank shall be assessed an initial fee of \$500,000 to be remitted concurrently with the issuance of such trust bank's charter. The expense of every annual regular trust bank examination, together with the expense of administering trust laws, including salaries, travel expenses, supplies and equipment, shall be paid by the trust banks of this state. Prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, the commissioner shall make an estimate of the trust expenses to be incurred by the office of the state bank commissioner during such fiscal year in an amount not less than \$1,000,000. The commissioner shall allocate and assess each trust bank in this state on the basis of such trust bank's total fidfin transaction balances, consisting of the aggregate fidfin financing balances of the trust bank reflected in the last December 31 report filed with the commissioner pursuant to K.S.A. 9-1704, and amendments thereto. If a trust bank has no fidfin transaction balances, but such trust bank otherwise providing custodial services or trust services, the commissioner shall allocate and assess such trust bank in a manner the commissioner deems reasonable and appropriate. A trust bank that has no fidfin transaction balances and no alternative asset custody accounts reflected in the last December 31 report filed with the commissioner may be granted inactive status by the commissioner. The annual assessment shall not exceed \$10,000 for such an inactive trust bank. The annual fee shall be first assessed for the year

A qualified charity receiving distributions under this section shall not be an owner of any fiduciary financial institution's property or assets. A qualified charity shall not be liable for any losses of the fiduciary financial institution and shall not be subject to the disgorgement or return of any distributions once received.

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third-party fees for consultants or other entities necessary to assist the commissioner,

immediately following the year the trust bank received a certificate of authority to engage in fidfin transactions, custodial services and trust business and for each year thereafter.

- (b) (1) A statement of each assessment made under the provisions of subsection (a) shall be sent by the commissioner on December 1 or the next business day thereafter to each trust bank. The assessment may be collected by the commissioner as needed and in such installment periods as the commissioner deems appropriate, but not more frequently than monthly. When the commissioner issues an invoice to collect the assessment, payment shall be due within 15 business days of the date of such invoice. The commissioner may impose a penalty upon any trust bank that fails to pay its annual assessment when it is more than 15 business days past due. The penalty shall be assessed in the amount of \$50 for each day the assessment is past due.
- (2) The commissioner shall remit all moneys received from such fees and assessments to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury and credit 75% of each remittance to the bank commissioner fee fund and 25% to the technology-enabled trust bank development and expansion fund established in section 24, and amendments thereto.
- Sec. 4. (a) To the extent a conflict does not exist between this act and chapter 9 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, the provisions of chapter 9 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, shall apply to a trust bank in the same manner as it applies to a trust company except that references in chapter 9 to:
 - (1) "Capital stock" includes membership capital and partner capital;
 - (2) "stock" includes membership units and partnership interests;
 - (3) "common stock" includes common units and common interests;
- (4) "preferred stock" includes preferred units and preferred interests;
- (5) "stockholders" includes members and partners;
- (6) "articles of incorporation" includes articles of organization and articles of limited partnership;
 - (7) "incorporation" includes organization;
 - (8) "corporation" includes company and partnership;
 - (9) "corporate" includes company and partnership;
 - (10) "trust business" and "business of a trust company" includes fidfin and trust business; and
 - (11) K.S.A. 9-901a(a), and amendments thereto, means section 5, and amendments thereto.
 - (b) If any conflict exists between any provisions of chapter 9 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, and this act, the provisions of this act shall control.

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Sec. 5. (a) For purposes of this section, "capital" means the total of the aggregate par value of a trust bank's outstanding membership units, its surplus and its undivided profits.

- (b) (1) The required capital for trust banks shall at all times be \$250,000 when:
- (A) The trust bank does not accept deposits, other than alternative asset custody accounts;
- (B) the trust bank maintains no third-party debt except debts owed to the members of the trust bank or affiliates of the trust bank; and
- (C) the trust bank has secured an agreement from its members whereby such members agree to contribute additional capital to the trust bank if needed to ensure the safety and soundness of the trust bank. A trust bank that fails to satisfy the foregoing requirements shall be subject to the capitalization requirements of K.S.A. 9-901a, and amendments thereto, applicable to trust companies.
- (2) The capital of a trust bank shall be divided, with 60% of the amount as the aggregate par value of outstanding membership units, 30% as surplus and 10% as undivided profits.
- Sec. 6. (a) The business of any trust bank shall be managed and controlled by such trust bank's board of directors.
- (b) The board shall consist of not less than five nor more than 25 members who shall be elected by the members at any regular annual meeting to be held on the date specified in the trust bank's operating agreement or bylaws. At least one director must be a resident of this state.
- (c) If, for any reason, the meeting cannot be held on the date specified in the operating agreement or bylaws, the meeting shall be held on a subsequent day within 60 days of the day fixed, to be designated by the board of directors or, if the directors fail to fix the day, by the members representing $^2/_3$ of the membership units.
- (d) In all cases, at least 10 days' notice of the date for the annual meeting shall be given to the members.
- (e) The annual meeting of a trust bank shall be held in this state. Any other meetings of the trust bank's management or directors, including the meeting required pursuant to K.S.A. 9-1116, and amendments thereto, may be held in any location determined by the trust bank's officers or directors.
- (f) Any newly created directorship shall be approved and elected by the members in the manner provided in the trust bank's organizational documents or, in the absence of such provisions, in the manner provided by the Kansas revised limited liability company act, Kansas revised uniform limited partnership act or Kansas general corporation code. A special meeting of the members may be convened at any time for such purpose.
 - (g) Any vacancy in the board of directors may be filled by the board

of directors in the manner provided in the trust bank's organizational documents or, in the absence of such provisions, in the manner provided by the Kansas revised limited liability company act, Kansas revised uniform limited partnership act or Kansas general corporation code.

- (h) Within 15 days after the annual meeting, the president or cashier of each rust bank shall submit to the commissioner a certified list of members and the number of units owned by each member. This list of members shall be kept and maintained in the trust bank's main office and shall be subject to inspection by all members during the business hours of the trust bank. The commissioner may require the list to be filed by electronic means.
- (i) Each director shall take and subscribe an oath to administer the affairs of such trust bank diligently and honestly and to not knowingly or willfully permit any of the laws relating to trust banks to be violated. A copy of each oath shall be retained by the trust bank, in the trust bank's records after the election of any officer or director, for review by the commissioner's staff during the next examination. The commissioner may require the oath to be filed by electronic means.
- (j) Every trust bank shall notify the commissioner of any change in the chief executive officer, president or directors, including in such trust bank's report a statement of the past and current business and professional affiliations of the new chief executive officer, president or directors.
- Sec. 7. (a) A trust bank shall make a report to the commissioner pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 9-1704, and amendments thereto. In making such a report, a trust bank shall:
- (1) Report the trust bank's fidfin transactions pursuant to generally accepted accounting principles; and
- (2) calculate such trust bank's capital solvency by including the value of all tangible and intangible assets owned by the trust bank, regardless of usd.
- (b) In evaluating the safety and soundness of a trust bank, the state banking board and the commissioner shalf:
- (1) Consider that the collateral or underlying assets associated with fidfin transactions are volatile in nature and that such volatility has been accepted by the members and customers of the trust bank;
- (2) respect the form, treatment and character of fidfin transactions under the laws of this state notwithstanding the treatment or characterization of such transactions under generally accepted accounting principles or for tax purposes;
- (3) evaluate the soundness of a trust bank based on whether available capital, including the agreement of the trust bank's members to contribute capital pursuant to section 5, and amendments thereto, exceeds the trust bank's obligations, determined in accordance with generally accepted

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- (4) evaluate the safety of a trust bank based on the background and qualifications of such trust bank's executive officers and directors and the internal controls and audit processes enacted by the trust bank to ensure adherence to its policies and procedures.
- (c) Profitability shall not be a consideration in evaluating the safety and soundness of a trust bank if sufficient capital and equity exist in the business, including, without limitation, membership capital, surplus, undivided profits and commitments by members to contribute additional capital to the trust bank pursuant to section 5, and amendments thereto, to satisfy the trust bank's obligations?
- Sec. 8. A trust bank may use in such trust bank's business name or advertising the words "trust," "trust company," "trust bank" or any similar term or phrase, but may not use the word "bank" or any term that tends to imply that the business is holding out to the public that such trust bank engages in the business of banking unless the commissioner has approved the use in writing after finding that the use will not be misleading.

Sec. 9. (a) A trust bank shall:

- (1) Maintain suitable office space in an economic growth zone, as defined in section 1, and amendments thereto, for fidfin transactions, custodial services and trust business and for the storage of, and access to, trust bank records;
- (2) employ, engage or contract with at least three employees to provide services for the trust bank in Kansas related to the powers of the trust bank and to facilitate the examinations required by this act; and
- (3) perform fidfin transactions, custodial services and trust business in Kansas, and a trust bank may also engage in fidfin transactions, custodial services and trust business in other states to the extent permitted by applicable law.
- (b) As used in this section, the term "suitable office space" means at least 2,000 square feet of class A office space located in an economic growth zone selected by the trust bank that the trust bank utilizes as such trust bank's principal office.
 - (c) The trust bank's principal office shall:
- (1) Be in premises distinct and divided from the office space of any other entity;
 - (2) be located in an economic growth zone selected by the trust bank;
- (3) have the name, charter and certificate of authority of the trust company prominently displayed;
- (4) have access to premises in or adjacent to the office space sufficient to facilitate on-site examinations by the state banking board or commissioner;
 - (5) to the extent the trust bank maintains hard copies of any

evaluate a fiduciary financial institution in the same manner as evaluating a trust company as required by the state banking code and rules and regulations adopted thereunder.

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No fiduciary financial institution's business name or advertising shall infer or imply that such fiduciary financial institution is endorsed by, affiliated with or otherwise connected to the state of Kansas.

documents required to be maintained under this chapter, have a secure fireproof file cabinet that contains all such hard copies; and

- (6) to the extent the trust bank maintains any record electronically, have a secure computer terminal or other secure electronic device that provides access to such records, including account information, as necessary to facilitate an efficient and effective examination.
- (d) Fidfin transactions, custodial services and trust business is deemed to have been performed in Kansas for purposes of this section if fidfin transaction or custodial service agreements are approved or signed in this state on behalf of the trust bank and at least three of the following acts are performed by a technology platform wholly or partly operated in this state:
 - (1) Annual account reviews;
 - (2) annual investment reviews;
 - (3) trust or custodial accounting;
 - (4) account correspondence;
- (5) reviewing and signing trust account or custodial account tax returns; or
 - (6) distributing account statements.
- Sec. 10. (a) Any trust bank is hereby authorized to exercise by its board of directors or duly authorized officers or agents, subject to law, the following powers:
- (1) To engage in fidfin transactions in accordance with section 11, and amendments thereto;
- (2) to receive, retain and manage alternative asset custody accounts in accordance with section 13, and amendments thereto; and
- (3) to engage in trust business as defined in K.S.A. 9-701, and amendments thereto.
- Sec. 11. (a) If authorized by the terms of an instrument as such term is defined in section 1, and amendments thereto, a trust bank may:
 - (1) Extend financing or extensions of credit to a fidfin trust when:
 - (A) The trust bank serves as trustee of the borrowing fidfin trust;
- (B) the financing is collateralized or supported by the assets of such fidfin trust;
- (C) the financing is nonrecourse as to the trust bank's customer and is not otherwise guaranteed by such customer;
- (D) the trust bank agrees, in the applicable financing agreement or other written document, that the trust bank is providing financing in a fiduciary capacity;
- (E) the trust bank agrees that such trust bank will manage the collateral or assets underlying the financing in a fiduciary capacity; and
- 42 (2) acquire or invest in an alternative asset on behalf of and through a fidfin trust.

(b) The financing of a fidfin trust pursuant to subsection (a)(1) and (a)(2) shall be considered a fiduciary finance or fidfin transaction.

- (c) If authorized or directed by the terms of an instrument, no trust bank shall be deemed to have a conflict of interest, to have violated a duty to a fidfin trust or the beneficiaries thereof or to have engaged in self-dealing by entering into a fidfin transaction.
- (d) The combination rules of K.S.A. 9-1104(f), and amendments thereto, shall be inapplicable to a trust bank's fidfin transactions regardless of the identity of the fidfin trust beneficiary if:
 - (1) The borrower is a fidfin trust; and
 - (2) the trust bank serves as trustee of the borrowing fidfin trust.
- (e) A trust bank that engages in a fidfin transaction shall be a fiduciary. Subject to the duties and standards of utmost care and loyalty that are associated with serving as a fiduciary, a trust bank shall be deemed to be exercising fiduciary powers. All income generated by such fidfin transactions, including interest and investment income, shall be deemed to be income derived from the exercise of such fiduciary powers.
- (f) A trust bank that engages in fidfin transactions shall distribute, cause to be distributed or otherwise facilitate the distribution of the required distribution amount as provided by this section. For purposes of this section, "required distribution amount" means cash, beneficial interests or other assets with a value equal to 2.5% of such trust bank's fidfin transactions originated during the calendar year. Such transactions shall exclude any renewals, extensions of credit or accruals associated with transactions made in a prior calendar year, less any credit available to such trust bank pursuant to section 2, and amendments thereto. The required distribution amount shall be distributed as follows:
 - (1) (A) To the department of commerce:

Required distribution amount Percentage to department of commerce \$0 to \$500,000 90%

\$500,001 to \$1,000,000 50% Above \$1,000,000 10%

(B) the amounts specified in subparagraph (A) shall apply to trust banks chartered prior to January 1, 2023. For trust banks chartered after such date, the department of commerce may publish one or more schedules in the Kansas register as the department of commerce deems reasonably necessary to facilitate economic growth and development in one or more economic growth zones. No such schedule shall be effective until after its publication in the Kansas register. The department of commerce shall timely submit any schedule published under this section to the commissioner. The commissioner shall provide a copy of such schedule to any applicant for a trust bank charter prior to the issuance of such charter. A trust bank shall be subject to the schedule in existence on

the date such trust bank's charter is issued and shall not be subject to any schedules published after such date;

- (C) the department of commerce shall remit all distributions under this subsection to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the technology-enabled trust bank development and expansion fund established in section 24, and amendments thereto; and
- (2) the balance of the required distribution amount shall be distributed to one or more qualified charities as defined in section 28, and amendments thereto, as shall be selected by the trust bank.
- (g) The form, treatment and character of fidfin transactions under the laws of this state shall be respected for all purposes of this act notwithstanding the treatment or characterization of such transactions under generally accepted accounting principles or for tax purposes.
- Sec. 12. (a) Subject to the requirements of section 9(d), and amendments thereto, a trust bank may:
- (1) Employ attorneys, accountants, investment advisors, agents or other persons, even if they are affiliated or associated with the trust bank, to advise or assist the trust bank in the performance of such trust bank's fidfin transactions, custodial services and trust business and act without independent investigation upon such recommendations;
- (2) employ one or more agents to perform any act of fidfin transactions, custodial services or trust business;
- (3) license internet-related services, including web services, software, mobile applications, technology-enabled platforms and processes to or from affiliates, third parties, other trust banks and their affiliates;
- (4) license fidfin products and forms, as defined in section 21, and amendments thereto, to or from other trust banks and their affiliates;
- (5) perform any services that a trust bank is authorized to perform under the laws of this state on behalf of another trust bank; and
- (6) employ another trust bank to perform any services that a trust bank is authorized to perform under the laws of this state.
- (b) A party engaged by a trust bank pursuant to subsection (a) shall not be deemed to have engaged in fidfin transactions, custodial servcies or trust business in this state nor shall such party be deemed a trust service office of the trust bank under K.S.A. 9-2110, and amendments thereto, or a trust facility or out-of-state facility under K.S.A. 9-2111, and amendments thereto, by reason of providing services to a trust bank or licensing products, platforms, systems or processes to such trust bank.
- (c) A trust bank that provides services or licenses fidfin products or forms pursuant to subsection (a) shall not be deemed a trust service office

A qualified charity receiving distributions under this section shall not be an owner of any fiduciary financial institution's property or assets. A qualified charity shall not be liable for any losses of the fiduciary financial institution and shall not be subject to the disgorgement or return of any distributions once received.

of the trust bank that has acquired such services or licensed such products or forms.

- (d) If a trust bank offers its technology-enabled platform to provide fidfin services to residents of other states, neither the marketing, use and deployment of such platform by parties in other states nor the origination of fidfin services through such platform shall constitute an out- of-state trust facility under K.S.A. 9-2111, and amendments thereto, if the trust bank complies with the provisions of section 9, and amendments thereto.
- (e) A trust bank shall provide notice to the commissioner pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 9-2103(a)(12), and amendments thereto, if such trust bank engages a party pursuant to the provisions of subsection (a).
- Sec. 13. (a) A trust bank may serve as a custodian, which may include serving as a qualified custodian, as defined by the United States securities and exchange commission in 17 C.F.R. § 275.206(4)-2, of an asset custody account. In performing custodial services under this section, a trust bank shall:
- (1) Implement all accounting, account statement, internal control, notice and other standards specified by applicable state or federal law and rules and regulations for custodial services;
- (2) maintain information technology best practices relating to alternative assets held in custody;
- (3) fully comply with applicable federal anti-money laundering, customer identification and beneficial ownership requirements; and
- (4) take other actions necessary to comply with the requirements of this section.
- (b) Alternative asset custody accounts over which a trust bank serves as a custodian or qualified custodian are not depository liabilities or assets of the trust bank.
 - (c) In performing custodial services under this section:
- (1) A trust bank shall be a fiduciary and shall be subject to the duties and standards of utmost care and loyalty that are associated with serving as a fiduciary;
- (2) a trust bank shall be deemed to be exercising fiduciary powers; and
- (3) all income earned by a trust bank and derived from performing custodial services shall be deemed to be income derived from the exercise of fiduciary powers.
- Sec. 14. Any instrument providing for a trust advisor may also provide such trust advisor with some, none or all of the rights, powers, privileges, benefits, immunities or authorities available to a trustee under Kansas law or under such instrument. Unless the instrument provides otherwise, a trust advisor has no greater liability to any person than would a trustee holding or benefiting from the rights, powers, privileges, benefits,

 immunities or authority provided or allowed by the instrument to such trust advisor.

- Sec. 15. (a) An excluded fiduciary is not liable, either individually or as a fiduciary, for any of the following:
- (1) Any loss that results from compliance with a direction of the trust advisor, including any loss from the trust advisor breaching fiduciary responsibilities or acting beyond the trust advisor's scope of authority; or
- (2) any loss that results from a failure to take any action proposed by an excluded fiduciary that requires a prior authorization of the trust advisor if such excluded fiduciary timely sought but failed to obtain such authorization.
- (b) Any excluded fiduciary is relieved from any obligation to review or evaluate any direction from a trust advisor to make distributions or to perform investment or suitability reviews, inquiries or investigations or to make recommendations or evaluations with respect to any investments to the extent the trust advisor had authority to direct the acquisition, disposition or retention of the investment. If the excluded fiduciary offers such recommendations or evaluations to the trust advisor or any investment person selected by the trust advisor, such action shall not constitute an undertaking by the excluded fiduciary to monitor or otherwise participate in actions within the scope of the advisor's authority or to constitute any duty to do so.
- (c) Any excluded fiduciary is also relieved of any duty to communicate with or warn or apprise any beneficiary or third party concerning instances in which the excluded fiduciary would or might have exercised the excluded fiduciary's own discretion in a manner different from the manner directed by the trust advisor.
- (d) Absent contrary provisions in the governing instrument, the actions of the excluded fiduciary, such as any communications with the trust advisor and others and carrying out, recording and reporting actions taken at the trust advisor's direction, pertaining to matters within the scope of authority of the trust advisor, shall be deemed to be administrative actions taken by the excluded fiduciary solely to allow the excluded fiduciary to perform those duties assigned to the excluded fiduciary under the governing instrument. Such administrative actions shall not constitute an undertaking by the excluded fiduciary to monitor, participate or otherwise take any fiduciary responsibility for actions within the scope of authority of the trust advisor.
- (e) In an action against an excluded fiduciary pursuant to the provisions of this section, the burden to prove the matter by clear and convincing evidence is on the person seeking to hold the excluded fiduciary liable.
 - Sec. 16. (a) A trust advisor shall be presumed to be a fiduciary when

exercising such trust advisor's authority under this act.

- (b) By accepting an appointment to serve as a trust advisor of a fidfin trust or an alternative asset custody account that is subject to the laws of this state, the trust advisor submits to the jurisdiction of the courts of Kansas even if investment advisory agreements or other related agreements provide otherwise. The trust advisor may be made a party to any action or proceeding relating to a decision or action of the trust advisor.
- (c) An instrument may appoint an individual, corporation or limited liability company as the trust advisor of a fidfin trust or an alternative asset custody account.
- Sec. 17. (a) If an entity is appointed as a trust advisor, the provisions of article 8 of chapter 9 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, shall not apply to such entity, if the entity:
- (1) Is established for the exclusive purpose of acting as a trust advisor;
- (2) is acting in such capacity under an instrument that names a trust bank as trustee or custodian;
- (3) is not engaged in trust business with the general public as a public trust company or with any family as a private trust company;
- (4) does not hold itself out as being in the business of acting as a fiduciary for hire as either a public or private trust company; and
- (5) agrees to be subject to examination by the office of the state bank commissioner at the discretion of the commissioner.
- (b) The governing documents of any such entity shall limit such entity's authorized activities to those of a trust advisor and shall further limit the performance of such functions to only fidfin trusts and alternative asset custody accounts. An entity complying with this section shall notify the director of its existence and capacity to act.
- Sec. 18. An instrument may relieve and indemnify a trust advisor and a trust bank that serves as trustee of a fidfin trust or alternative asset custody account from liability for a breach of fiduciary duty if any such provision is unenforceable to the extent that it relieves the trust advisor or trust bank from liability for a breach of fiduciary duty committed:
 - (a) In bad faith;
 - (b) intentionally; or
 - (c) with reckless indifference to the interest of a beneficiary.
- Sec. 19. (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of K.S.A. 58a-708, and amendments thereto, if the terms of a fidfin trust specify the trustee's compensation, such trustee is entitled to be compensated as provided in such terms, except that compensation may be increased or decreased upon approval by the trustee and by unanimous consent of the beneficiaries.
 - (b) If the terms of a fidfin trust specify the trustee's compensation, the

to the extent that the breach of fiduciary duty is not committed in bad faith, intentionally or with reckless indifference to the interest of a beneficiary

 trustee is entitled to be compensated as specified, except that the court may allow more compensation if:

- (1) The duties of the trustee are substantially different from those contemplated when the trust was created; or
- (2) the compensation specified by the terms of the trust would be unreasonably low.
- Sec. 20. The privacy of those who have established a fidfin trust or alternative asset custody account shall be protected in any court proceeding concerning such trust if the acting trustee, custodian, trustor or any beneficiary so petition the court. Upon the filing of such a petition, the instrument, inventory, statement filed by any trustee or custodian, annual verified report of the trustee or custodian, final report of the trustee or custodian and all petitions relevant to trust administration and all court orders thereon shall be sealed upon filing and shall not be made a part of the public record of the proceeding, except that such petition shall be available to the court, the trustor, the trustee, the custodian, any beneficiary, their attorneys and to such other interested persons as the court may order upon a showing of need.
 - Sec. 21. (a) For purposes of this section, "form" includes:
 - (1) An instrument as defined in section 1, and amendments thereto;
 - (2) a transaction agreement between a trust bank and a fidfin trust;
- (3) any other documents executed by a trust bank or a fidfin trust inconnection with a fidfin transaction; and
- (4) any document executed by a trust bank or a customer inconnection with the creation and management of an alternative asset-custody account.
- (b) A trust bank may, but shall not be required to, file with the commissioner one or more forms for review, examination and approval. Upon the expiration of 10 business days from the date of filing, the formshall be deemed reviewed, examined and approved unless prior thereto the commissioner has affirmatively approved or disapproved such form.
- (c) If the commissioner disapproves any form filed pursuant to this section, the commissioner shall communicate the reasons for such disapproval to the trust bank that sought approval. The commissioner shall use commercially reasonable efforts to suggest modifications that may lead to the approval of such form.
- (d) If a form is reviewed, examined and approved pursuant to the provisions of subsection (b), the trust bank may represent that such form-has been reviewed, examined and approved.
- (e) A trust bank is prohibited from representing that a form has been approved or reviewed and examined unless the trust bank has complied with the provisions of this section.
 - (f) If a trust bank makes any material changes to a form, such form-

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shall no longer be considered approved or reviewed and examined until the provisions of this section have been satisfied with respect to such revised form.

- (g) A trust bank that has licensed a form from another trust bank pursuant to section 12, and amendments thereto, may represent that such form is approved or reviewed and examined, as the case may be, if the trust bank from which the license was acquired has satisfied the provisions of this section and is entitled to make such representation with respect to such form.
- Sec. 22. Pursuant to K.S.A. 9-1713, and amendments thereto, the commissioner shall adopt rules and regulations on or before January 1, 2022, as are necessary to administer this act.
- Sec. 23. Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 16 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, to the contrary, or any other statute, there is no maximum interest rate or charge or usury rate restriction between or among a trust bank and a fidfin trust if the interest rate or charge is established by written agreement. A "written agreement" means a document in writing, whether in physical or electronic form, in which the parties have demonstrated their agreement to the terms and conditions of an extension of credit, including the rate of interest.
- Sec. 24. (a) There is hereby established in the state treasury the technology-enabled trust bank development and expansion fund to be administered by the secretary of commerce. Expenditures from the fund shall be for the purpose of promoting and facilitating the development, growth and expansion of trust banks, fidfin activities and custodial services in the state and to locate such trust banks' office space in an economic growth zone as defined in section 1, and amendments thereto. All expenditures from the technology-enabled trust bank development and expansion fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the secretary of commerce or the secretary's designee.
- (b) On or before the 10th day of each month, the director of accounts and reports shall transfer from the state general fund to the technology-enabled trust bank development and expansion fund interest earnings based on:
- (1) The average daily balance of moneys in the technology-enabled trust bank development and expansion fund for the preceding month; and
- (2) the net earnings rate for the pooled money investment portfolio for the preceding month.
 - Sec. 25. (a) On July 1, 2021, the commissioner shall:
- (1) Grant a trust bank charter to beneficient trust bank upon beneficient trust bank:

Such rules and regulations shall apply the same safety and soundness standards for fiduciary financial institutions as for trust companies under the state banking code.

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(b) The office of the state bank commissioner may enter into contracts for technical assistance and professional services as are necessary to administer the provisions of this act and to meet the deadline for the adoption of rules and regulations provided by this section. Such contracts shall be exempt from the requirements of K.S.A. 75-3739, 75-37,102 and 75-37,132, and amendments thereto, or any other statute relating to the procurement of such services.

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(A) Filing an application with the commissioner;

- (B) satisfying the requirements of sections 2(c)(1) through (5), and amendments thereto;
- (C) satisfying the requirements of section 2(f), and amendments thereto; and
- (D) satisfying the capital requirements imposed under section 5, and amendments thereto; and
- (2) designate a community within Harvey county, as selected by beneficient trust bank, as the first economic growth zone.
- (b) On July 1, 2021, the commissioner shall establish a fidfin trust bank pilot program that:
- (1) Includes beneficient trust bank as a participant in such pilot program;
- (2) assesses beneficient trust bank an initial fee of \$1,000,000 in lieu of the initial fee provided in section 3, and amendments thereto; and
- (3) imposes a requirement for beneficient trust bank to distribute, cause to be distributed or otherwise facilitate a distribution of ease, beneficial interests or other assets having an aggregate value of \$9,000,000 in accordance with the requirements of section 2(i), and amendments thereto, and such amount shall be construed as the applicable distribution amount for purposes of section 2, and amendments thereto.
- (c) Upon issuance of the <u>trust bank</u> charter, beneficient trust bank shall be subject to all requirements imposed on trust banks under this act but may not commence fidfin transactions, custodial services or trust business in this state until the earlier of:
 - (1) December 31, 2021; or
- (2) the date the commissioner adopts rules and regulations pursuant to section 22, and amendments thereto.
- Sec. 26. Notwithstanding the provisions of K.S.A. 59-3401, and amendments thereto, no interest held in a fidfin trust shall be void or invalid by reason of any common law rule, including, but not limited to, the rule against perpetuities or rule limiting the duration of trusts.
- Sec. 27. Notwithstanding the provisions of K.S.A. 17-2035, and amendments thereto, for purposes of any tax imposed by the state or any instrumentality, agency or political subdivision of this state, a business trust that is used in connection with fidfin transactions or custodial services, as defined in section 1, and amendments thereto, and for which a trust bank, as defined in section 1, and amendments thereto, serves as trustee shall be classified as a corporation, an association, a partnership, a trust or otherwise, as shall be determined under the federal internal revenue code.
- Sec. 28. (a) For taxable years commencing after December 31, 2020, there shall be allowed as a credit against the tax liability of a trust bank

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- (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, prior to December 31, 2021, the beneficient company may satisfy the applicable distribution requirement of section 2(i), and amendments thereto, and the required distribution amount requirement of section 11(f), and amendments thereto, by placing assets in escrow with one or more qualified charities provided that such funds shall be released when the beneficient company is permitted to commence fidfin transactions, custodial services or trust business.
- (e) (1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2), on or after December 31, 2021, and the adoption of rules and regulations pursuant to section 22, and amendments thereto, the state banking board shall approve, and the commissioner shall issue, a fiduciary financial institution charter to the beneficient company.
- (2) The commissioner may extend the period that the beneficient company may not commence fidfin transactions, custodial services or trust business in this state for a period not to exceed six months from the date specified in subsection (c) if the commissioner, prior to December 31, 2021, submits a request for an extension to the chairperson of the financial institutions and rural development committee of the house of representatives, the chairperson of the financial institutions and insurance of the senate and to the beneficient company identifying the specific reasons for which such extension is necessary and describes the time frame in which such specific reasons shall be resolved.
- (f) On or before January 10, 2022, the office of the state bank commissioner shall provide a report to the financial institutions and rural development committee of the house of representatives and the financial institutions and insurance of the senate updating such committees on the progress of such pilot program. Such report shall include recommendations from the office of the state bank commissioner for any legislation necessary to implement the provisions of this act.

imposed pursuant to the Kansas income tax act or the privilege tax imposed upon a trust bank pursuant to article 11 of chapter 79 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, in an amount equal to the qualified charitable distributions made in connection with the trust bank's fidfin activities during such taxable year if the trust bank maintained such trust bank's principal office in an economic growth zone during such taxable year in accordance with the provisions of section 9, and amendments thereto.

(b) For purposes of this section:

- (1) "Economic growth zone" and "fidfin" means the same as defined in section 1, and amendments thereto;
- (2) "qualified charitable distributions" means distributions of cash, beneficial interests or other assets to one or more qualified charities having an aggregate value equal to at least 2.5% of the trust bank's transactions originated during the taxable year. Such transactions shall exclude any renewals, extensions of credit or accruals associated with transactions made in a prior taxable year;
- (3) "qualified charities" means one or more charities, in which contributions are allowable as a deduction pursuant to section 170 of the federal internal revenue code if such charities have committed in writing to utilize the entire amount of the qualified charitable distributions, excluding reasonable administrative expenses, exclusively for the benefit of:
- (A) Charitable causes located in one or more economic growth zones; or
- (B) postsecondary educational institutions as defined in K.S.A. 74-3201b, and amendments thereto.
- (c) No credit shall be allowed under this section if the trust bank's tax return on which the credit is claimed is not timely filed, including any extension.
- (d) A distribution or remittance to the department of commerce pursuant to section 11, and amendments thereto, shall be deemed a qualified charitable distribution for purposes of this section.
- (e) A trust bank shall not be required to ensure that qualified charitable distributions are made solely for the benefit of the economic growth zones where such trust bank has:
- (1) Established such trust bank's principal office pursuant to section 9, and amendments thereto; or
- (2) made qualified investments as defined in section 1, and amendments thereto. Qualified charitable distributions may be made for the benefit of any one or more economic growth zones.
- (f) If a trust bank is a pass-through entity for Kansas tax purposes and the credit allowed by this section for a taxable year is greater than the trust bank's tax liability against which the tax credit may be applied, a member

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of the entity or any other party who is required to report such income on a Kansas income tax return is entitled to a tax credit equal to the tax credit determined for the trust bank for the taxable year in excess of the trust bank's tax liability under the Kansas income tax act or privilege tax under article 11 of chapter 79 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, for the taxable year multiplied by the percentage of the trust bank's distributive income to which the member is entitled.

- (g) If the amount of a tax credit allowed a member or other party under this section exceeds the taxpayer's income tax liability for the taxable year in which the tax credit is allowed, the amount thereof that exceeds such tax liability may be carried over for deduction from the taxpayer's income or privilege tax liability in the next succeeding taxable year or years until the total amount of the tax credit has been deducted from tax liability, except that no such tax credit shall be carried over for deduction after the 14th taxable year succeeding the taxable year in which the tax credit is first allowed.
- (h) $\ ^{\text{T}}$ This section shall be a part of and supplemental to the Kansas income tax act.

Sec. 29. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

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In any taxable year, a fiduciary financial institution shall pay the greater of the qualified charitable distributions made during such taxable year or the tax liability of a fiduciary financial institution imposed pursuant to the Kansas income tax act or the privilege tax imposed upon a fiduciary financial institution pursuant to article 11 of chapter 79 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto.

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Sec. 28. (Creating the joint committee on fiduicary financial institutions oversight) [See attachment]

- Sec. 28. (a) There is hereby created the joint committee on fiduciary financial institutions oversight that shall be composed of five senators and eight members of the house of representatives. The five senate members shall be the chairperson of the standing committee on financial institutions and insurance of the senate, or a member of such committee appointed by the chairperson, two members appointed by the president and two members appointed by the minority leader. The eight representative members shall be the chairperson of the standing committee on financial institutions and rural development of the house of representatives, or a member of such committee appointed by the chairperson, four members appointed by the speaker and three members appointed by the minority leader.
- (b) All members of the joint committee on fiduciary financial institutions oversight shall serve for terms ending on the first day of the regular legislative session in odd-numbered years. On and after the first day of the regular legislative session in odd-numbered years, the chairperson shall be one of the representative members of the joint committee selected by the speaker and the vice-chairperson shall be one of the senate members selected by the president and on and after the first day of the regular legislative session in even-numbered years, the chairperson shall be one of the senate members of the joint committee selected by the president and the vice-chairperson shall be one of the representative members of the joint committee selected by the speaker. The chairperson and vice-chairperson of the joint committee shall serve in such capacities until the first day of the regular legislative session in the ensuing year. The vice-chairperson shall exercise all of the powers of the chairperson in the absence of the chairperson.
- (c) The joint committee on fiduciary financial institutions oversight shall meet at any time and at any place within the state on call of the chairperson. Members of the joint committee shall receive compensation and travel expenses and subsistence expenses or allowances as provided in K.S.A. 75-3212, and amendments thereto, when attending meetings of such committee authorized by the legislative coordinating council.
- (d) In accordance with K.S.A. 46-1204, and amendments thereto, the legislative coordinating council may provide for such professional services as may be requested by the joint committee on fiduciary financial institutions.
- (e) The joint committee on fiduciary financial institutions may introduce such legislation as deemed necessary in performing such committee's functions.
- (f) The joint committee on fiduciary financial institutions shall:
- (1) Monitor, review and make recommendations regarding fiduciary financial institutions' operations in the state of Kansas;
- (2) monitor, review and make recommendations regarding the fiduciary financial institutions pilot program established in section 25, and amendments thereto; and
- (3) receive a report from the office of the state bank commissioner prior to December 31, 2021, providing an update on the implementation of the technology-enabled fiduciary financial institutions act and the pilot program established in section 25, and amendments thereto. Such report shall include recommendations from the office of the state bank commissioner for any legislation necessary to implement the provisions of the technology-enabled fiduciary financial institutions act.
- (g) The office of the state bank commissioner shall appear before the committee annually and shall present a report on the fiduciary financial institution industry.