AN ACT concerning veterans; relating to members' funds; Kansas soldiers' home; Kansas veterans' home; amending K.S.A. 76-1935 and 76-1956 and K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 73-1209 and repealing the existing sections.

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state treasurer shall be held by him or her, separate and apart from the other funds in his or her custody, and may be withdrawn by the person designated by said Kansas veterans' commission.

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held by the state treasurer, separate and apart from the other funds in the custody of the state treasurer, and may be withdrawn by the person designated by the Kansas commission on veterans affairs.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 73-1209 is hereby amended to read as follows: 73-1209. The executive director of the Kansas—veterans—
commission on veterans affairs, in accordance with general policies established by the commission, shall:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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