

74-50,104. Administration of act; powers and duties of secretary of commerce; rules and regulations, standards and priorities for projects; limit on project costs; notice of project approval.

(a) The secretary shall administer the provisions of this act and the IMPACT program established thereunder. The secretary shall encourage Kansas basic enterprises with similar training needs to cooperate in establishing SKILL projects. The secretary shall coordinate the SKILL program with other job training programs administered by the department of commerce. The secretary shall provide opportunities for coordination and cooperation of SKILL projects with other job training activities in Kansas. Subject to the limitation in K.S.A. 74-50,103, and amendments thereto, the secretary shall be authorized to make direct investments in educational and related workforce development institutions, for the purpose of promoting improvements in workforce development, human capital, training expertise, infrastructure and job retention.

(b) The secretary shall adopt rules and regulations as follows: (1) Prescribing review standards and priorities for approval of proposed agreements under this act, including appropriate incentives for cooperation among projects, in order to maximize the number of new jobs created or retained with respect to individual Kansas basic enterprises, which will remain in Kansas, and (2) prescribing limits on program costs and on project and program size in relation to the number of new jobs created and wages of new or retained jobs. No agreement shall be approved which provides for program costs of a project under the agreement of more than 95% of the amount equal to the estimated rate of withholding tax applied to the estimated amount of gross wages of all the new or retained jobs under the project over a ten-year period, except that this provision shall not apply to any project funded from the job creation program fund.

(c) Notice of the approval of a project or program and an annual report of the number of jobs created or retained under the IMPACT act shall be provided to the chairpersons of the senate committee on commerce and the committee on economic development of the house of representatives.

(d) The secretary may adopt such other rules and regulations as may be required for the implementation and administration of this act.

History: L. 1991, ch. 284, § 3; L. 1996, ch. 206, § 3; L. 2000, ch. 157, § 3; L. 2003, ch. 154, § 44; L. 2004, ch. 112, § 67; L. 2005, ch. 134, § 7; L. 2011, ch. 116, § 5; July 1.