SENATE BILL No. 287

By Committee on Assessment and Taxation

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AN ACT concerning income tax; relating to credits; making certain refundable credits nonrefundable for tax year 2015 and thereafter; amending K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 40-2246, 74-50,154, 74-50,208, 79-32,176a, 79-32,190, 79-32,197 and 79-32,210 and repealing the existing sections.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 40-2246 is hereby amended to read as follows: 40-2246. (a) A credit against the taxes otherwise due under the Kansas income tax act shall be allowed to an employer for amounts paid during the taxable year for purposes of this act on behalf of an eligible employee as defined in K.S.A. 40-2239, and amendments thereto, to provide health insurance or care and amounts contributed to health savings accounts of eligible covered employees, except that for taxable years commencing after December 31, 2013, no credit shall be allowed pursuant to this section for that portion of any amounts paid by an employer for healthcare expenditures, a health benefit plan, as defined in K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 65-6731, and amendments thereto, or amounts contributed to health savings accounts for the purchase of an optional rider for coverage of abortion in accordance with K.S.A. 40-2,190, and amendments thereto.

- (b) (1) For employers that have established a small employer health benefit plan after December 31, 1999, but prior to January 1, 2005, the amount of the credit allowed by subsection (a) shall be \$35 per month per eligible covered employee or 50% of the total amount paid by the employer during the taxable year, whichever is less, for the first two years of participation. In the third year, the credit shall be equal to 75% of the lesser of \$35 per month per employee or 50% of the total amount paid by the employer during the taxable year. In the fourth year, the credit shall be equal to 50% of the lesser of \$35 per month per employee or 50% of the total amount paid by the employer during the taxable year. In the fifth year, the credit shall be equal to 25% of the lesser of \$35 per month per employee or 50% of the total amount paid by the employer during the taxable year. For the sixth and subsequent years, no credit shall be allowed.
- (2) For employers that have established a small employer health benefit plan or made contributions to a health savings account of an

eligible covered employee after December 31, 2004, the amount of credit allowed by subsection (a) shall be \$70 per month per eligible covered employee for the first 12 months of participation, \$50 per month per eligible covered employee for the next 12 months of participation and \$35 per eligible covered employee for the next 12 months of participation. After 36 months of participation, no credit shall be allowed.

- (c) If the credit allowed by this section is claimed, the amount of any deduction allowable under the Kansas income tax act for expenses described in this section shall be reduced by the dollar amount of the credit. The election to claim the credit shall be made at the time of filing the tax return in accordance with law.—If Commencing in tax year 2015, and all tax years thereafter, the amount of the credit allowed by this section—exceeds the taxes shall not exceed the taxpayer's income tax liability imposed under the Kansas income tax act—for the taxable year, that portion of the credit which exceeds those taxes shall be refunded to the taxpayer reduced by the sum of any other credits allowable against the tax liability of the taxpayer pursuant to law.
- (d) Any amount of expenses paid by an employer under this act shall not be included as income to the employee for purposes of the Kansas income tax act. If such expenses have been included in federal taxable income of the employee, the amount included shall be subtracted in arriving at state taxable income under the Kansas income tax act.
- (e) The secretary of revenue shall promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this section.
- (f) This section shall apply to all taxable years commencing after December 31, 1999.
- (g) For tax year 2013 and all tax years thereafter, the income tax credit provided by this section shall only be available to taxpayers subject to the income tax on corporations imposed pursuant to—subsection (e) of K.S.A. 79-32,110(c), and amendments thereto, and shall be applied only against such taxpayer's corporate income tax liability.
- Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 74-50,154 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-50,154. (a) As used in this act: (1) "Business support services" means business counseling, technical assistance and business planning services provided to existing or prospective small businesses or entrepreneurs;
- (2) "contributions" means and includes the donation of cash or property other than used clothing in an amount or value of \$250 or more. Contributions shall be valued as follows:
- (A) Stocks and bonds contributed shall be valued at the stock market price on the date of transfer;
- (B) personal property items contributed shall be valued at the lesser of the item's fair market value or cost to the donor and may be inclusive of

costs incurred in making the contribution. Such value shall not include sales tax;

- (C) contributions of real estate are allowable for credit only when title of such real estate is in fee simple absolute and is clear of any encumbrances; and
- (D) the amount of credit allowable shall be based upon the lesser of two current independent appraisals conducted by state licensed appraisers;
 - (3) "department" means the department of commerce;
- (4) "entrepreneur" means an individual creating a new business, service or product;
- (5) "region" means multi-county areas as defined by the secretary of commerce;
- (6) "regional business development fund" means an authorized and audited fund that is created by taxpayer contributions, interest income and investment income and is managed by the regional foundation board of directors for the purposes of economic and leadership development in the region;
- (7) "regional foundation" means any organization in Kansas that demonstrates capacity to provide economic development services to regions as defined by this act, and: (A) Has obtained a ruling from the internal revenue service of the United States department of treasury that such organization is exempt from income taxation under the provisions of section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(6) of the federal internal revenue code;
- (B) has been designated as a certified development company by the United States small business administration;
- (C) has been designated as an economic development district by the United States department of commerce's economic development administration;
- (D) has been organized as a regional planning commission under K.S.A. 12-744 et seq., and amendments thereto, or its predecessor, K.S.A. 12-716 et seq., and amendments thereto; or
- (E) is incorporated in the state of Kansas as a nonstock, nonprofit corporation;
- (8) "regional leadership development" means training and education that enable a region to develop community leadership that strengthens the economic and social environment in that region;
- 37 (9) "rural community" means any city having a population of fewer 38 than 50,000 or except as otherwise provided, any unincorporated area. 39 Unincorporated areas within any county having a population of more than 40 100,000 are not eligible;
 - (10) "secretary" means the secretary of the department of commerce;
- 42 (11) "small business" means an independently owned and operated 43 business having fewer than 100 full-time equivalent employees;

 (12) "taxpayer" means: (A) Any business entity authorized to do business in the state of Kansas which is subject to the state income tax imposed by the provisions of the Kansas income tax act;

- (B) any individual subject to the state income tax imposed by the provisions of the Kansas income tax act;
- (C) any national banking association, state bank, trust company or savings and loan association paying an annual tax on its net income pursuant to article 11 of chapter 79 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto; or
- (D) any insurance company paying the premium tax and privilege fees imposed pursuant to K.S.A. 40-252, and amendments thereto; and
- (13) "technology improvements" means a project that results in the ability of the region to enhance service in areas, including broadband access, web site creation, wireless internet services, computer programming, computer servers, computer networks, computer databases, electronic training modules, electronic media and any other technological areas deemed eligible by the secretary.
- (b) For taxable years commencing after December 31, 2004, any taxpayer contributing to a regional foundation designated by the secretary of commerce, shall be allowed a credit, as provided in this act, against the tax imposed by the Kansas income tax act, the tax on net income of national banking associations, state banks, trust companies or savings and loan associations imposed under article 11 of chapter 79 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, or the premium tax or privilege fees imposed pursuant to K.S.A. 40-252, and amendments thereto, if the proposal of the regional foundation is approved pursuant to this act.
- (c) (1) On December 31, 2007, June 30, 2008, and each June 30 thereafter, each regional foundation shall transfer 5% of funds raised in the previous fiscal year from the marketing of the rural business tax credits to be credited to the enterprise facilitation fund created in K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 74-50,155, and amendments thereto.
- (2) The secretary of commerce may adopt rules and regulations for the disbursement of regional foundation funds to the enterprise facilitation fund
- (d) (1) The secretary of commerce is hereby authorized to adopt rules and regulations for establishing criteria for evaluating proposals to designate regional foundations as defined by this act with the assistance of the secretary of revenue.
- (2) The proposal shall set forth the program to be conducted, why the program is needed, the estimated amount to be invested in the program, composition of the board that shall be making investment decisions, policies stating the organization shall offer services to all counties in that

region and the plans for implementing the program.

- (3) The secretary of commerce shall select regional foundations pursuant to rules and regulations adopted pursuant to subsection (d)(1) to use the sale of credits to establish regional business development funds.
- (4) The total amount of credits allowed under this act shall not exceed \$2,500,000 for fiscal year 2005; \$2,500,000 for fiscal year 2006; \$2,000,000 per year for fiscal years 2007 through, and including, 2010, and fiscal year 2012, and \$1,800,000 for fiscal year 2011. Each region as defined by this act shall receive an equal share of this allocation.
- (5) Any credits not sold by such regional foundations shall be reclaimed by the secretary from such region and redistributed to other regions that sold all credits previously issued.
- (6) The secretary shall annually review and approve or disapprove the proposal of each designated regional foundation for continued eligibility for tax credits. The department of commerce retains that right to reclaim credits in such cases the regional foundation closes or there is demonstrated violation of the organization's policies. Changes to the investment policies of each regional foundation are subject to approval of the secretary.
- (e) Each regional foundation shall administer a regional business development fund. The sums generated by contributions to each regional business development fund are intended to be distributed to qualified entrepreneurs for the purposes of economic and leadership development in the region. Such sums shall be allocated by each regional foundation as follows:
- (1) Not less than 60% of such funds may be allocated for job creation or retention:
- (2) not more than 10% of such funds shall be allocated for administrative costs in overseeing particular projects; and
- (3) the remaining funds may be allocated towards other eligible activities as provided in subsection (f) in a manner that fits the region's priorities and needs.
- (f) Funds in the regional business development funds may be utilized by the regional foundation for one or more of the following eligible activities:
 - (1) Business start-ups;
- 37 (2) business expansion;
 - (3) business retention;
- 39 (4) business support services;
- 40 (5) regional leadership development;
- 41 (6) technology improvements; and
- 42 (7) administrative services.
 - (g) All interest generated on idle funds administered by the regional

 foundation shall be used by the foundation's board in accordance with subsections (e) and (f).

- (h) Any regional foundation may increase or decrease the allocation percentages set forth in subsection (e) only upon approval of such adjustments by the secretary.
- (i) (1) The amount of credit allowed pursuant to this act, shall not exceed 75% of the total amount contributed during the taxable year by the taxpayer to a regional foundation approved pursuant to this act.
- (2) HCommencing in tax year 2015, and all tax years thereafter, the amount of the credit allowed by this act, exceeds the taxpayer's income tax liability shall not exceed the taxpayer's income tax liability imposed under the Kansas income tax act, such excess amount shall be refunded to the taxpayer reduced by the sum of any other credits allowable against the tax liability of the taxpayer pursuant to law.
- (j) The provisions of this act shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2004.
- Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 74-50,208 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-50,208. (a) A program contributor shall be allowed a credit against state income tax imposed under the Kansas income tax act in an amount not to exceed 75% of the contribution amount.—If Commencing in tax year 2015, and all tax years thereafter, the amount of the credit allowed by this section—exceeds shall not exceed the taxpayer's income tax liability imposed under the Kansas income tax act,—such excess amount shall be refunded to the taxpayer reduced by the sum of any other credits allowable against the tax liability of the taxpayer pursuant to law. No credit pursuant to this section shall be allowed for any contribution made by a program contributor which also qualified for a community services tax credit pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 79-32,195 et seq., and amendments thereto.
- (b) The administration of the community-based organization, with the cooperation of the participating financial institutions, shall submit the names of contributors and the total amount each contributor contributes to the individual development account reserve fund for the calendar year. The secretary of revenue shall determine the date by which such information shall be submitted to the department of revenue by the local administrator.
- (c) The total tax credits authorized pursuant to this section shall not exceed \$500,000 in any fiscal year.
- (d) The provisions of this section shall be applicable to all taxable years commencing after December 31, 2010.
- (e) For tax year 2013 and all tax years thereafter, the income tax credit provided by this section shall only be available to taxpayers subject to the income tax on corporations imposed pursuant to—subsection (e) of K.S.A. 79-32,110(c), and amendments thereto, and shall be applied only

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against such taxpayer's corporate income tax liability.

Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 79-32,176a is hereby amended to read as follows: 79-32,176a. (a) Any resident individual taxpayer who makes expenditures for the purpose of making all or any portion of an existing facility accessible to individuals with a disability, which facility is used as, or in connection with, such taxpayer's principal dwelling or the principal dwelling of a lineal ascendant or descendant, including construction of a small barrier-free living unit attached to such principal dwelling, shall be entitled to claim a tax credit in an amount equal to the applicable percentage of such expenditures or \$9,000, whichever is less, against the income tax liability imposed against such taxpayer pursuant to article 32 of chapter 79 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto. Nothing in this subsection shall be deemed to prevent any such taxpayer from claiming such credit: (1) For each principal dwelling in which the taxpayer or lineal ascendant or descendant may reside, or facility used in connection therewith; or (2) more than once, but not more often than once every four-year period of time. The applicable percentage of such expenditures eligible for credit shall be as set forth in the following schedule:

20		% of
21	Taxpayers	expenditures
22	Federal Adjusted	eligible for
23	Gross Income	credit
24	\$0 to \$25,000	100%
25	Over \$25,000 but not over \$30,000	90%
26	Over \$30,000 but not over \$35,000	80%
27	Over \$35,000 but not over \$40,000	70%
28	Over \$40,000 but not over \$45,000	60%
29	Over \$45,000 but not over \$55,000	50%
30	Over \$55,000	

Such tax credit shall be deducted from the taxpayer's income tax liability for the taxable year in which the expenditures are made by the taxpayer. If the amount of such tax credit exceeds the taxpayer's income tax liability for such taxable year, the amount thereof which exceeds such tax liability may be carried over for deduction from the taxpayer's income 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 fourth taxable year succeeding the taxable year in which the expenditures are made.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), if the amount of the taxpayer's tax liability is less than \$2,250 in the first year in which the eredit is claimed under this section, an amount equal to the amount by

 which \(^{+}/_{+}\) of the credit allowable under this section exceeds such taxliability shall be refunded to the taxpayer and the amount by which such eredit exceeds such tax liability less the amount of such refund may beearried over for the next three succeeding taxable years. If the amount of the taxpayer's tax liability is less than \$2,250 in the second year in which the eredit is claimed under this section, an amount equal to the amount by which ¹/₃ of the amount of the credit carried over from the first taxable year exceeds such tax liability shall be refunded to the taxpayer and the amount by which the amount of the credit carried over from the firsttaxable year exceeds such tax liability less the amount of such refund may be carried over for the next two succeeding taxable years. If the amount of the taxpayer's tax liability is less than \$2,250 in the third year in which the eredit is claimed under this section, an amount equal to the amount by which ¹/₂ of the amount carried over from the second taxable year exceeds such tax liability shall be refunded to the taxpayer and the amount bywhich the amount of the credit carried over from the second taxable year exceeds such tax liability less the amount of such refund may be earried over to the next succeeding taxable year. If the amount of the credit carried over from the third taxable year exceeds the taxpayer's income tax liability for such year, the amount thereof which exceeds such tax liability shall be refunded to the taxpayer.

- (e)—The provisions of this section are applicable to tax year—2013-2015, and all tax years thereafter.
- Sec. 5. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 79-32,190 is hereby amended to read as follows: 79-32,190. (a) Any taxpayer that pays for or provides child day care services, including the provision of the service of locating such services, to its employees or that provides facilities and necessary equipment for child day care services shall be allowed a credit against the privilege or income tax imposed by articles 11 and 32 of chapter 79 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, *and amendments thereto*, as follows:
- (1) Thirty percent of the total amount expended in the state during the taxable year by a taxpayer for child day care services purchased to provide care for the dependent children of the taxpayer's employees or for the provision of the service of locating such services for such children;
- (2) (A) in the taxable year in which a facility providing child day care services in the state for use primarily by the dependent children of the taxpayer's employees is established, 50% of the total amount expended during such year by a taxpayer in the establishment and operation of such facility;
- (B) in the taxable years other than the taxable year to which paragraph (2)(A) applies, 30% of the amount equal to the total amount expended during the taxable year by a taxpayer for the operation of a facility described in paragraph (2)(A) less the amount of moneys received

by the taxpayer for use of such facility for child day care services;

- (3) (A) in the taxable year in which a facility providing child day care services in the state for use primarily by the dependent children of the taxpayers' employees is established in conjunction with one or more other taxpayers, 50% of the total amount expended during such year by a taxpayer in the establishment and operation of such facility;
- (B) in the taxable years other than the taxable year to which paragraph (3)(A) applies, 30% of the amount equal to the total amount expended during the taxable year by a taxpayer for the operation of a facility described in paragraph (3)(A) less the amount of moneys received by the taxpayer for use of such facility for child day care services.
- (b) No credit shall be allowed under this section unless the child day care facility or provider is licensed or registered pursuant to Kansas law.
- (c) The credit allowed by—paragraphs (1), (2)(B) and (3)(B) of subsection (a)(1), (2)(B) and (3)(B) shall not exceed \$30,000 for any taxpayer during any taxable year. The credit allowed by—paragraphs (2)(A) and (3)(A) of subsection (a)(2)(A) and (3)(A) shall not exceed \$45,000 for any taxpayer during any taxable year. Commencing in tax year 2015, and all tax years thereafter, the amount of the credit—which exceeds shall not exceed the tax liability—for a taxable year shall be refunded to the taxpayer reduced by the sum of any other credits allowable against the tax liability of the taxpayer pursuant to law. If the taxpayer is a corporation having an election in effect under subchapter S of the federal internal revenue code or a partnership, the credit provided by this section shall be claimed by the shareholders of such corporation or the partners of such partnership in the same manner as such shareholders or partners account for their proportionate shares of the income or loss of the corporation or partnership.
- (d) The aggregate amount of credits claimed under this act for any fiscal year shall not exceed \$3,000,000.
- (e) For tax year 2013 and all tax years thereafter, the income tax credit provided by this section shall only be available to taxpayers subject to the income tax on corporations imposed pursuant to-subsection (e) of K.S.A. 79-32,110(c), and amendments thereto, and shall be applied only against such taxpayer's corporate income tax liability.
- Sec. 6. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 79-32,197 is hereby amended to read as follows: 79-32,197. The amount of credit allowed pursuant to K.S.A. 79-32,196, and amendments thereto, shall not exceed 50% of the total amount contributed during the taxable year by the business firm to a community service organization or governmental entity for programs approved pursuant to K.S.A. 79-32,198, and amendments thereto. The amount of credit allowed pursuant to K.S.A. 79-32,196, and amendments thereto, shall not exceed 70% of the total amount contributed during the taxable

year by the business firm in a rural community to a community service organization or governmental entity located therein for programs approved pursuant to K.S.A. 79-32,198, and amendments thereto. If Commencing in tax year 2015, and all tax years thereafter, the amount of the credit allowed by K.S.A. 79-32,196, and amendments thereto, exceeds shall not exceed the taxpayer's income tax liability imposed under the Kansas income tax act, such excess amount shall be refunded to the taxpayer reduced by the sum of any other credits allowable against the tax liability of the taxpayer pursuant to law. In no event shall the total amount of credits allowed under this section exceed \$4,130,000 for any one fiscal year.

- Sec. 7. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 79-32,210 is hereby amended to read as follows: 79-32,210. (a) For all taxable years commencing after December 31, 2000, and with respect to property initially acquired and first placed into service in this state on and after January 1, 2001, there shall be allowed as a credit against the tax liability imposed by the Kansas income tax act of a telecommunications company, as defined in K.S.A. 79-3271, and amendments thereto, an amount equal to the difference between the property tax levied for property tax year 2001, and all such years thereafter, and actually and timely paid during the appropriate income taxable year upon property assessed at the 33% assessment rate and the property tax which would be levied and paid on such property if assessed at a 25% assessment rate.
- (b) IfCommencing in tax year 2015, and all tax years thereafter, the amount of the tax credit determined under subsection (a) exceeds shall not exceed the tax liability for the telecommunications company for any taxable year, the amount thereof which exceeds such tax liability shall be refunded to the telecommunications company reduced by the sum of any other credits allowable against the tax liability of the taxpayer pursuant to law. If the telecommunications company is a corporation having an election in effect under subchapter S of the federal internal revenue code, a partnership or a limited liability company, the credit provided by this section shall be claimed by the shareholders of such corporation, the partners of such partnership or the members of such limited liability company in the same manner as such shareholders, partners or members account for their proportionate shares of income or loss of the corporation, partnership or limited liability company.
- (c) As used in this section, the term "acquired" shall not include the transfer of property pursuant to an exchange for stock securities, or the transfer of assets of one business entity to another due to a merger or other consolidation.
- (d) For tax year 2013 and all tax years thereafter, the income tax credit provided by this section shall only be available to taxpayers subject

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- to the income tax on corporations imposed pursuant to-subsection (e) of 1 K.S.A. 79-32,110(c), and amendments thereto, and shall be applied only
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- against such taxpayer's corporate income tax liability.

 Sec. 8. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 40-2246, 74-50,154, 74-50,208, 79-4
- 32,176a, 79-32,190, 79-32,197 and 79-32,210 are hereby repealed. 5
- Sec. 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its 6 7 publication in the statute book.