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By Committee on Financial Institutions and Pensions

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1 AN ACT concerning ~~financial institutions~~; relating to earned wage access
2 services; enacting the Kansas earned wage access services act;
3 establishing the administration of such act by the office of the state
4 bank commissioner; providing for registration, bond requirements;
5 duties, prohibited acts, reports, records retention, orders, civil fines,
6 **criminal** penalties and fees.
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8 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

9 Section 1. **(a)** Sections 1 through 16, and amendments thereto, shall
10 be known and may be cited as the Kansas earned wage access services act.

11 **(b) This act shall not apply to a:**

12 **(1) Bank holding company regulated by the federal reserve;**

13 **(2) depository institution regulated by a federal banking agency; or**

14 **(3) a subsidiary of either paragraph (1) or (2) if such subsidiary**
15 **directly owns 25% of the bank holding company or depository**
16 **institution's common stock.**

17 Sec. 2. As used in sections 1 through 16, and amendments thereto:

18 (a) "Act" means the Kansas earned wage access services act.

19 (b) "Commissioner" means the state bank commissioner ~~or the deputy~~
20 ~~commissioner of the consumer and mortgage lending division of the office~~
21 ~~of the state bank commissioner~~ **or the commissioner's designee, who**
22 **shall be the deputy commissioner of the consumer and mortgage lending**
23 **division of the office of the state bank commissioner.**

24 (c) "Consumer" means an individual who is a resident of this state. A
25 provider may use the mailing address provided by a consumer to
26 determine such consumer's state of residence for purposes of this act.

27 ~~(d) "Consumer-directed Consumer-directed wage access services"~~
28 ~~means the business of delivering proceeds to a consumer prior to the~~
29 ~~date on which an obligor is obligated to pay salary, wages,~~
30 ~~compensation or other income to such consumer offering or providing~~
31 ~~earned wage access services directly to consumers based on the~~
32 ~~consumer's representations and the provider's reasonable~~

1 **determination of the consumer's earned but unpaid income.**

2 (e) "Director" means a member of the registrant's or applicant's
3 board of directors.

4 (f) "Earned but unpaid income" means *salary* wages, compensation or
5 *other* income that a consumer has represented, and that a provider has
6 reasonably determined, to have been earned or to have accrued to the
7 benefit of the consumer *in exchange for the consumer's provision of*
8 *services to an employer or on behalf of an employer, including on an*
9 *hourly, project-based, piecework or other basis and including where the*
10 *consumer is acting as an independent contractor of the employer*, but, at
11 the time of the payment of proceeds, have not been paid to the consumer
12 by ~~an obligor~~ *the employer*.

13 (e)(g) "Earned wage access services" means the business of
14 delivering proceeds to consumers prior to the next date on which an
15 obligor is obligated to pay salary, wages, compensation or other income to
16 a consumer. ~~providing consumer directed consumer-directed wage~~
17 ~~access services or employer-integrated wage access services, or both.~~

18 (h) "Employer-integrated wage access services" means the
19 ~~business of delivering proceeds to a consumer prior to the date on~~
20 ~~which an obligor is obligated to pay salary, wages, compensation or~~
21 ~~other income to such consumer, when the provider has verified the~~
22 ~~earned but unpaid income of the consumer through time and~~
23 ~~attendance or earnings data for the relevant pay period, using~~
24 ~~information provided by an obligor or a service provider of the obligor~~
25 ~~to consumers access to earned but unpaid income that is based on~~
26 ~~employment, income and attendance data obtained directly or indirectly~~
27 ~~from an employer.~~

28 (f)(i) ~~"Mandatory payment" means an amount determined by a~~
29 ~~provider that must be paid by a consumer to such provider as a condition~~
30 ~~of receiving or repaying proceeds~~ "Fee" means a fee imposed by a
31 provider for delivery or expedited delivery of proceeds to a consumer or
32 a subscription or membership fee imposed by a provider for a bona fide
33 group of services that include earned wage access services. A voluntary
34 tip, gratuity or donation shall not be deemed a fee.

35 (g) "Nationwide mortgage licensing system and registry" means a
36 mortgage licensing system developed and maintained by the conference of
37 state bank supervisors and the American association of residential
38 mortgage regulators for the licensing and registration of licensed mortgage
39 loan originators and other financial service providers.

40 (h)(j) ~~"Nonmandatory payment" means an amount~~
41 ~~paid by a consumer or an obligor to a provider that does not meet the~~
42 ~~definition of a mandatory payment.~~ "Nonmandatory payment" includes,
43 but is not limited to **Examples of permissible non-mandatory payments**

1 **include:**

2 ~~(1) A fee imposed by a provider for delivery or expedited delivery of~~
 3 ~~proceeds to a consumer so long as a provider offers the consumer at least~~
 4 ~~one option to receive proceeds at no cost to the consumer;~~

5 ~~(2) an amount paid by an obligor to a provider on a consumer's behalf~~
 6 ~~that entitles the consumer to receive proceeds at no cost to the consumer;~~

7 ~~(3) a subscription or membership fee imposed by a provider for a~~
 8 ~~group of services that include earned wage access services so long as the~~
 9 ~~provider offers the consumer at least one option to receive proceeds at no~~
 10 ~~cost to the consumer; or~~

11 ~~(4) a tip or gratuity paid by a consumer to a provider so long as the~~
 12 ~~provider offers the consumer at least one option to receive proceeds at no~~
 13 ~~cost to the consumer.~~

14 *"Member" means someone who has the right to*
 15 *receive upon dissolution, or has contributed 10% or more of the capital,*
 16 *of a limited liability corporation or a limited liability partnership of the*
 17 *registrant or applicant.*

18 *(k) "Nationwide multistate licensing system and registry" or*
 19 *"registry" means a multistate licensing system developed by the*
 20 *conference of state bank supervisors and the American association of*
 21 *residential mortgage regulators and operated by the state regulatory*
 22 *agency, LLC, for the licensing and registration of non-depository*
 23 *financial service entities by participating state agencies or any successor*
 24 *to the nationwide multisystem licensing system and registry.*

25 ~~(l)(1)~~ *"Nonrecourse" means a provider shall not compel or attempt*
 26 *to compel repayment by a consumer of outstanding proceeds or*
 27 *nonmandatory ~~non-mandatory payments fees~~ owed by such consumer to*
 28 *such provider through any of the following means:*

29 (1) A civil suit against the consumer in a court of competent
 30 jurisdiction;

31 (2) use of a third party to pursue collection of outstanding proceeds or
 32 nonmandatory ~~non-mandatory payments fees~~ on the provider's behalf; or

33 (3) sale of outstanding amounts to a third-party collector or debt
 34 buyer.

35 ~~(m)~~ *(n) "Obligor" means an employer or other person who employs*
 36 *a consumer or any other person who is contractually or legally obligated*
 37 *to pay a consumer earned but unpaid income in exchange for a*
 38 *consumer's provision of services to the employer or on behalf of the*
 39 *employer, including on an hourly, project-based, piecework or other basis,*
 40 *and including where the consumer is acting as an independent contractor.*
 41 *"Obligor" does not include a service provider of an obligor or another third*
 42 *party that has an obligation to make any payment to a consumer based*
 43 *solely on the consumer's agency relationship with the obligor.*

44 ~~(n)~~ *(o) "Officer" means a person who participates or has*

1 authority to participate, other than in the capacity of a director, in
 2 major policymaking functions of the registrant or applicant, whether
 3 or not the person has an official title. "Officer" includes, but is not
 4 limited to, the chief executive officer, chief financial officer, chief
 5 operations officer, chief legal officer, chief credit officer, chief
 6 compliance officer and every vice president.

7 ~~(n)~~(o) "Outstanding proceeds" means ~~a payment of~~ proceeds *remitted*
 8 to a consumer by a provider that ~~has~~ *have* not yet been repaid to such
 9 provider.

10 ~~(+)~~~~(e)~~(p) "Owner" means an individual who holds, directly or
 11 indirectly, at least 10% or more of a class of voting securities or the
 12 power to direct the management or policies of a registrant or an
 13 applicant.

14 ~~(p)~~(g) "Partner" means a person that has the right to receive
 15 upon dissolution, or has contributed, 10% or more of the capital of a
 16 partnership of the registrant or applicant.

17 ~~(q)~~(r) "Person" means any *individual*, corporation, partnership,
 18 association or other commercial entity.

19 (s) "*Principal*" of a registrant means a person that oversees the
 20 daily operations of a registrant or applicant and is not an owner or key
 21 individual of such registrant or applicant.

22 ~~(m)~~~~(r)~~(t) "Proceeds" means a payment ~~of funds~~ to a consumer by a
 23 provider that is based on earned but unpaid income.

24 ~~(n)~~~~(s)~~(u) "Provider" means a person who is in the business of offering
 25 and providing earned wage access services to consumers.

26 ~~(o)~~~~(t)~~(v) "Registrant" means a person who is registered with the
 27 commissioner as an earned wage access services provider.

28 Sec. 3. (a) No person shall engage in or hold such person out as
 29 willing to engage in any earned wage access services business with a
 30 consumer without registering with the commissioner. Any person required
 31 to be registered as an earned wage access services provider shall submit to
 32 the commissioner an application for registration on forms prescribed and
 33 provided by the commissioner. Such application for registration shall
 34 include:

35 (1) The applicant's name, business address, telephone number and, if
 36 any, website address;

37 (2) the name and address of each owner, officer, director, member,
 38 *partner* or ~~partner~~ *principal* of the applicant;

39 (3) a description of the ownership interest of any officer, director,
 40 member, partner, agent or employee of the applicant in any affiliate or
 41 subsidiary of the applicant or in any other entity that provides any service
 42 to the applicant or any consumer relating to the applicant's earned wage
 43 access services business; and

1 (4) any other information the commissioner may deem necessary to
2 evaluate the financial responsibility, financial condition, character,
3 qualifications and fitness of the applicant.

4 (b) Each application for registration shall be accompanied by a
5 nonrefundable fee ~~that shall be established by rules and regulations~~
6 ~~adopted by the commissioner.~~

7 (c) The commissioner shall approve an application and shall issue a
8 nontransferable and nonassignable registration to the applicant when the
9 commissioner:

10 (1) Receives the complete application and fee required by this
11 section; and

12 (2) determines the financial responsibility, financial condition,
13 character, qualifications and fitness warrants a belief that the business of
14 the applicant will be conducted competently, honestly, fairly and in
15 accordance with all applicable state and federal laws.

16 (d) Each earned wage access services registration issued under this
17 section shall expire on ~~April 30~~ **December 31** of each year. A registration
18 shall be renewed by filing a complete renewal application with the
19 commissioner at least 30 calendar days prior to the expiration of the
20 registration. Such renewal application shall contain all information the
21 commissioner requires to determine the existence and effect of any
22 material change from the information contained in the applicant's original
23 application, annual reports or prior renewal applications. Each renewal
24 application shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable renewal fee ~~that shall~~
25 ~~be established by rules and regulations adopted by the commissioner.~~

26 (e) If the commissioner fails to issue a registration within 60 calendar
27 days after a filed application is deemed complete by the commissioner, the
28 applicant may make written request for a hearing. Upon receipt of such
29 written request for a hearing, the commissioner shall conduct a hearing in
30 accordance with the Kansas administrative procedure act.

31 *(f) Not later than the first day of the sixth month beginning after*
32 *the effective date of this act, the commissioner shall prescribe the form*
33 *and content of an application for registration to provide earned wage*
34 *access services pursuant to this act.*

35 *(g) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), a person who,*
36 *as of January 1, 2024, was engaged in the business of providing earned*
37 *wage access services in this state may, until the commissioner has*
38 *processed the person's application for registration, continue to engage in*
39 *the business of providing earned wage access services in this state*
40 *without registering if the person has submitted an application for*
41 *registration within three months after the commissioner has prescribed*
42 *the form and content of an application pursuant to subsection (f) and*
43 *otherwise complies with this act.*

1 *(h) The registration requirements of this act shall not apply to*
2 *individuals acting as employees or independent contractors of business*
3 *entities required to register.*

4 Sec. 4. Each applicant or registrant shall file with the commissioner a
5 surety bond in a form acceptable to the commissioner. Such surety bond
6 shall be issued by a surety or insurance company authorized to conduct
7 business in this state, securing the applicant's or registrant's faithful
8 performance of all duties and obligations of a registrant. The surety bond
9 shall:

10 (a) Be payable to the office of the state bank commissioner;

11 (b) provide that the bond may not be terminated without 30 calendar
12 days' prior written notice to the commissioner, that such termination shall
13 not affect the surety's liability for violations of this act occurring prior to
14 the effective date of cancellation, and principal and surety shall be and
15 remain liable for a period of two years from the date of any action or
16 inaction of principal that gives rise to a claim under the bond;

17 (c) provide that the bond shall not expire for two years after the date
18 of surrender, revocation or expiration of the applicant's or registrant's
19 registration, whichever occurs first;

20 (d) be available for:

21 (1) The recovery of expenses, fines and fees levied by the
22 commissioner under this act; and

23 (2) payment of losses or damages that are determined by the
24 commissioner to have been incurred by any consumer as a result of the
25 applicant's or registrant's failure to comply with the requirements of this
26 act; and

27 (e) be in the amount of ~~\$25,000~~ **\$100,000**.

28 Sec. 5. A provider that is registered in the state of Kansas shall be
29 subject to the following requirements:

30 (a) The registrant shall provide all proceeds on a non-recourse basis
31 and shall treat ~~non-mandatory payments~~ **all fees** as non-recourse payment
32 obligations.

33 (b) ~~Before providing a consumer with earned wage access services,~~
34 ~~the registrant shall provide a consumer with a written paper or electronic~~
35 ~~document, which may be included as part of the contract to provide earned~~
36 ~~wage access services, that meets all of the following requirements:~~

37 (1) ~~Informs the consumer of the terms and conditions of the earned~~
38 ~~wage access services;~~

39 (2) ~~clearly and conspicuously describes how the consumer may~~
40 ~~obtain proceeds at no cost to such consumer;~~

41 (3) ~~includes a statement~~ **clear disclosure** ~~that the commissioner has~~
42 ~~jurisdiction over the earned wage access services performed by the~~
43 ~~registrant and provides both a phone number and a website through which~~

1 consumers can submit ~~the commissioner's phone number and website~~
 2 ~~for submitting~~ complaints about the provider's earned wage access
 3 ~~services to the commissioner;~~

4 ~~(3)(4) is written in a font and using language intended to be easily~~
 5 ~~understood by a layperson; and~~

6 ~~(4)(5) discloses any non-mandatory payments that may be directly~~
 7 ~~imposed by the registrant in connection with the provision of earned wage~~
 8 ~~access services.~~ *The registrant shall develop and implement policies and*
 9 *procedures to respond to questions raised by consumers and address*
 10 *complaints from consumer in an expedient manner.*

11 (c) *Before entering into an agreement with a consumer for the*
 12 *provision of earned wage access services, the registrant shall:*

13 (1) *Inform the consumer of their rights under the agreement;*

14 (2) *fully and clearly disclose all fees associated with the earned*
 15 *wage access services; and*

16 (3) *fully and clearly describe how the consumer may obtain*
 17 *proceeds at no cost to such consumer.*

18 (d) *A registrant shall inform the consumer of any material*
 19 *changes to the terms and conditions of the earned wage access services*
 20 *before implementing such changes for such consumer. ~~The registrant~~*
 21 *~~shall use a font and language intended to be easily understood by a~~*
 22 *~~layperson.~~*

23 ~~(d)(e)~~ *The registrant shall provide proceeds to a consumer via any*
 24 *means mutually agreed upon by the consumer and registrant.*

25 ~~(d)(e)~~ *In any case in which the registrant will seek repayment of*
 26 *proceeds from a consumer, the registrant shall inform the consumer when*
 27 *the registrant will make such registrant's first attempt to seek repayment of*
 28 *such proceeds from the consumer.*

29 ~~(e)(f)~~ *A registrant that seeks repayment of proceeds to use pre-*
 30 *authorized electronic transfers from a consumer's depository institution*
 31 *account shall comply with all applicable NACHA rules.*

32 (f) *A registrant shall permit a consumer to cancel participation in an*
 33 *earned wage access service at any time without incurring a charge for*
 34 *doing so. ~~makes earned wage access services available to a consumer on~~*
 35 *~~a recurring basis shall allow a consumer to discontinue receiving those~~*
 36 *~~services at any time without imposing a financial penalty on that~~*
 37 *~~consumer.~~* *The registrant shall allow a consumer to cancel the use of the*
 38 *provider's earned wage access services at any time without incurring a*
 39 *cancellation fee or penalty imposed by the provider.*

40 (g) *The registrant shall comply with all applicable federal, state and*
 41 *local privacy and information security laws.*

42 (h) *If a registrant solicits, charges or receives a tip, gratuity or*
 43 *other donation from a consumer, the registrant shall disclose:*

1 (1) *To the consumer immediately prior to each transaction that a*
2 *tip, gratuity or other donation amount may be zero and is voluntary; and*

3 (2) *in its agreement with the consumer and elsewhere that tips,*
4 *gratuities or other donations are voluntary and that the offering of*
5 *earned wage access services, including the amount of proceeds a*
6 *consumer is eligible to request and the frequency with which proceeds*
7 *are provided to a consumer, is not contingent on whether the consumer*
8 *pays any tip, gratuity or donation or on the size of any tip, gratuity or*
9 *other donation.*

10 (i) *If a registrant will seek repayment of outstanding proceeds or*
11 *payment of fees or other amounts owed, including voluntary tips,*
12 *gratuities or other donations, in connection with earned wage access*
13 *services from a consumer's depository institution, including by means of*
14 *electronic funds transfer, the registrant shall do all of the following:*

15 (1) *Inform the consumer when the provider will make each attempt*
16 *to seek repayment of the proceeds from the consumer;*

17 (2) *comply with applicable provisions of the federal electronic fund*
18 *transfer act, 15 U.S.C. § 1693 et seq., and any regulations adopted*
19 *thereunder; and*

20 (3) *reimburse the consumer for the full amount of any overdraft or*
21 *nonsufficient funds fees imposed on a consumer by the consumer's*
22 *depository institution that were caused by the provider attempting to seek*
23 *payment of any outstanding proceeds, fees or other payments in*
24 *connection with earned wage access services, including voluntary tips,*
25 *gratuities or other donations, on a date before, or in an incorrect*
26 *amount from, the date or amount disclosed to the consumer.*
27 *Notwithstanding the provisions of this paragraph, no provider shall be*
28 *subject to the requirements of this paragraph with respect to payments of*
29 *outstanding proceeds or fees incurred by a consumer through*
30 *fraudulent or other unlawful means.*

31 Sec. 6. No person required to be registered under this act shall:

32 (a) ~~*Impose a mandatory payment on a consumer that directly relates*~~
33 ~~*to the provision of earned wage access services*~~*Compel or attempt to*
34 *compel repayment by a consumer of outstanding proceeds or payments*
35 *owed by such consumer to the registrant through any of the following*
36 *means:*

37 (1) *A civil suit against the consumer in a court of competent*
38 *jurisdiction;*

39 (2) *use of a third party to pursue collection of outstanding proceeds*
40 *or payments on the provider's behalf;*

41 (3) *use of outbound telephone calls to attempt collection; or*

42 (4) *sale of outstanding amounts to a third-party debt collector or*
43 *debt purchaser;*

1 (b) charge a late fee, *a deferral fee*, interest or any other penalty or
2 charge for failure to repay outstanding proceeds, *fees, voluntary tips,*
3 *gratuities or other donations;*

4 (c) ~~make the offering of earned wage access services, either in seek~~
5 ~~repayment of proceeds in an amount that exceeds the amount of a~~
6 ~~consumer's earned but unpaid income and any applicable non-~~
7 ~~mandatory payment;~~

8 ~~(d) condition the amount of proceeds a consumer is eligible to~~
9 ~~request or the frequency with which a consumer is eligible to request~~
10 ~~proceeds are provided to a consumer, contingent on whether the consumer~~
11 ~~makes any non-mandatory payments or on the size of any non-mandatory~~
12 ~~payments that the consumer may make to that registrant in connection with~~
13 ~~the provision of earned wage access services. This subsection shall not be~~
14 ~~construed to prohibit a non-mandatory payment equal to a percentage of~~
15 ~~proceeds provided;~~

16 ~~(d)(e) solicit a consumer to make a non-mandatory payment after~~
17 ~~informing the consumer that such consumer's request for proceeds~~
18 ~~was accepted;~~

19 ~~(f) charge interest or finance charges;~~

20 (d) *charge an unreasonable fee to provide expedited delivery of*
21 *proceeds to a consumer;*

22 (e) *share with an employer a portion of any fees, voluntary tips,*
23 *gratuities or other donations that were received from or charged to a*
24 *consumer for earned wage access services;*

25 (f) *condition the amount of proceeds that a consumer is eligible to*
26 *request or the frequency with which a consumer is eligible to request*
27 *proceeds on whether such consumer pays fees, voluntary tips, gratuities*
28 *or other donations or on the size of any fee, voluntary tip, gratuity or*
29 *other donation that such consumer may make to such registrant in*
30 *connection with the provision of earned wage access services;*

31 (g) *mislead or deceive consumers about the voluntary nature of*
32 *tips, gratuities or other donations or make representations that tips,*
33 *gratuities or other donations will benefit any specific individuals if the*
34 *registrant solicits, charges or receives tips, gratuities or other donations*
35 *from a consumer;*

36 (h) *charge a deferral fee or any other charge in connection with*
37 *deferring the collection of any outstanding proceeds beyond the original*
38 *scheduled repayment date;*

39 ~~(e)(g)(i) accept credit of any kind as payment from a consumer of~~
40 ~~outstanding proceeds or non-mandatory payments;~~

41 ~~(h) solicit a consumer to delay repayment of outstanding proceeds for~~
42 ~~the purpose of increasing the total non-mandatory payments that the~~
43 ~~registrant may collect;~~

1 ~~(f)~~**(j)** report a consumer's payment or failed repayment of
 2 outstanding proceeds to a consumer credit reporting agency or a debt
 3 collector; *or*

4 ~~(g)~~**(k)** require a credit score to determine a consumer's eligibility
 5 for earned wage access services; ~~or or~~

6 ~~(h)~~**(k)** require a credit report for purposes other than verifying a
 7 consumer's identity; or

8 ~~(l)~~ provide, sell or otherwise disclose to any third party, including an
 9 obligor, any non-public personal information collected from or about a
 10 consumer except as necessary to provide earned wage access services to
 11 such consumer or in accordance with a consumer's written consent.

12 ~~Sec. 7. (a) A registrant that provides proceeds to a consumer in~~
 13 ~~accordance with this act shall not be subject to the provisions of the~~
 14 ~~uniform consumer credit code in connection with such registrant's earned~~
 15 ~~wage access services.~~

16 ~~(b) Non-mandatory payments paid by a consumer to a registrant in~~
 17 ~~accordance with this act shall not be considered finance charges for the~~
 18 ~~purposes of applying the federal truth in lending act to the earned wage~~
 19 ~~access services provided by such registrant.~~

20 *Sec. 7. (a) For purposes of the laws of this state:*

21 *(1) Earned wage access services provided by a registrant in*
 22 *accordance with this chapter shall not be considered to be:*

23 *(A) A loan or other form of credit or the registrant a creditor or*
 24 *lender with respect thereto;*

25 *(B) in violation of or noncompliant with the laws of this state*
 26 *governing the sale or assignment of, or an order for, earned but unpaid*
 27 *income; or*

28 *(C) money transmission or the registrant a money transmitter with*
 29 *respect thereto.*

30 *(2) Fees, voluntary tips, gratuities or other donations paid to such a*
 31 *registrant in accordance with this chapter shall not be considered*
 32 *interest or finance charges.*

33 *(b) A registrant that provides proceeds to a consumer in accordance*
 34 *with this act shall not be subject to the provisions of the uniform*
 35 *consumer credit code in connection with such registrant's earned wage*
 36 *access services.*

37 *(c) If there is a conflict between the provisions of this act and any*
 38 *other state statute, the provisions of this act control.*

39 Sec. 8. (a) (1) On or before April 1 of each year, each registrant shall
 40 file with the commissioner an annual report relating to earned wage access
 41 services provided by the registrant in this state during the preceding
 42 calendar year. The annual report shall be on a form prescribed by the
 43 commissioner.

1 (2) The information contained in the annual report shall be
 2 confidential and shall not be subject to the open records act, K.S.A. 45-215
 3 et seq., and amendments thereto. **The commissioner may publish**
 4 **aggregate annual report information for multiple registrants in**
 5 **composite form.** The provisions of this paragraph shall expire on July 1,
 6 2028, unless the legislature reviews and acts to continue such provisions
 7 pursuant to K.S.A. 45-229, and amendments thereto, prior to July 1, 2028.

8 (b) Within ~~30~~ **15** calendar days of any of the following events, a
 9 registrant shall file a written report with the commissioner describing the
 10 event and such event's expected impact on the registrant's business:

11 (1) The filing for bankruptcy or reorganization by the registrant;

12 (2) the institution of a revocation, suspension or other proceeding
 13 against the registrant by a governmental authority that is related to the
 14 registrant's earned wage access services business in any state;

15 (3) **the addition or loss of any owner, officer, partner, member,**
 16 **principal or director of the registrant;**

17 (4) a felony conviction of the registrant or any of such registrant's
 18 owners, officers, *members*, principals, directors or partners; ~~or~~

19 ~~(4)~~(5) a change in the registrant's name or legal entity status; **or**

20 (6) **the closing or relocation of the registrant's principal place of**
 21 **business.**

22 (c) If a registrant fails to make any report to the commissioner as
 23 required by this section, the commissioner may require the registrant to
 24 pay a late penalty of \$100 for each day such report is overdue.

25 Sec. 9. (a) Each registrant shall maintain and preserve complete and
 26 adequate business records, including a general ledger containing all assets,
 27 liabilities, capital, income and expense accounts for a period of three
 28 years.

29 (b) Each registrant shall maintain and preserve complete and
 30 adequate records of each earned wage access services contract during the
 31 term of the contract and for a period of five years from the date on which
 32 the registrant last provides proceeds to the consumer.

33 (c) ~~If the registrant's records are located outside this state,~~ The
 34 registrant shall provide the records to the commissioner within three
 35 ~~calendar~~ **business** days **of the commissioner's request** or, at the
 36 commissioner's discretion, pay reasonable and necessary expenses for the
 37 commissioner or commissioner's designee to examine them at the place
 38 where such records are maintained. The registrant may provide such
 39 records electronically to the commissioner in a manner prescribed by the
 40 commissioner.

41 Sec. 10. The commissioner may deny, suspend, revoke or refuse to
 42 renew a registration issued pursuant to this act if the commissioner finds,
 43 after notice and opportunity for a hearing conducted in accordance with

1 the provisions of the Kansas administrative procedure act, that:

2 (a) The applicant or registrant has repeatedly or willfully violated any
3 provision of this act, any rules and regulations adopted thereunder or any
4 order lawfully issued by the commissioner pursuant to this act;

5 (b) the applicant or registrant has failed to file and maintain the surety
6 bond required under this act;

7 (c) the applicant or registrant is insolvent;

8 (d) the applicant or registrant has filed with the commissioner any
9 document or statement containing any false representation of a material
10 fact or omitting to state a material fact;

11 (e) the applicant, registrant or any officer, director, member, owner,
12 partner; ~~or principal or debt management counselor thereof~~ **of the**
13 **applicant or registrant** has been convicted of any crime;

14 (f) the applicant or registrant fails to keep and maintain sufficient
15 records to permit an audit satisfactorily disclosing to the commissioner the
16 applicant's or registrant's compliance with the provisions of this act *and*
17 *applicable federal law*;

18 (g) the applicant, registrant or an employee of the applicant or
19 registrant has been the subject of any disciplinary action by the
20 commissioner or any other state or federal regulatory agency;

21 (h) a final judgment has been entered against the applicant or
22 registrant in a civil action and the commissioner finds that the conduct on
23 which the judgment is based indicates that it would be contrary to the
24 public interest to permit such person to be registered;

25 (i) the applicant or registrant has engaged in any deceptive business
26 practice;

27 (j) facts or conditions exist that would have justified the denial of the
28 registration or renewal had such facts or conditions existed or been known
29 to exist at the time the application for registration or renewal was made; or

30 (k) the applicant or registrant has refused to furnish information
31 required by the commissioner within a reasonable period of time as
32 established by the commissioner.

33 Sec. 11. (a) The commissioner shall administer the provisions of this
34 act. In addition to other powers granted by this act, the commissioner,
35 within the limitations provided by law, may exercise the following powers:

36 (1) Adopt, amend and revoke rules and regulations as necessary to
37 carry out the intent and purpose of this act;

38 (2) make any investigation and examination of the operations, books
39 and records of an earned wage access services provider as the
40 commissioner deems necessary to aid in the enforcement of this act;

41 (3) have free and reasonable access to the offices, places of business
42 and all records of the registrant that ~~relate to the earned wage access~~
43 ~~services~~ **business will enable the commissioner to determine whether**

1 **the registrant is complying with the provisions of this act.** The
2 commissioner may designate persons, including comparable officials of
3 the state in which the records are located, to inspect the records on the
4 commissioner's behalf;

5 (4) establish, charge and collect fees from applicants or registrants for
6 reasonable costs of investigation, examination and administration of this
7 act, in such amounts as the commissioner may determine to be sufficient to
8 meet the budget requirements of the commissioner for each fiscal year.
9 The commissioner may maintain an action in any court to recover such
10 costs;

11 (5) order any registrant or person to cease any activity or practice that
12 the commissioner deems to be deceptive, dishonest, a violation of this act,
13 or of any other state or federal law, or unduly harmful to the interests of
14 the public;

15 (6) exchange any information regarding the administration of this act
16 with any agency of the United States or any state that regulates the
17 applicant or registrant or administers statutes, rules and regulations or
18 programs related to earned wage access services laws *with any attorney*
19 *general or district attorney with jurisdiction to enforce criminal*
20 *violations of this act*;

21 (7) disclose to any person or entity that an applicant's or registrant's
22 application or registration has been denied, suspended, revoked or refused
23 renewal;

24 (8) require or permit any person to file a written statement, under oath
25 or otherwise as the commissioner may direct, setting forth all the facts and
26 circumstances concerning any apparent violation of this act, any rule and
27 regulation adopted thereunder or any order issued pursuant to this act;

28 (9) receive, as a condition in settlement of any investigation or
29 examination, a payment designated for consumer education to be
30 expended for such purpose as directed by the commissioner;

31 (10) delegate the authority to sign any orders, official documents or
32 papers issued under or related to this act to the deputy of consumer and
33 mortgage lending division of the office of the state bank commissioner;

34 ~~(11) require fingerprinting of any registrant, agent acting on behalf of~~
35 ~~a registrant or other person as deemed appropriate by the commissioner, or~~
36 ~~the commissioner's designee. The commissioner, or commissioner's~~
37 ~~designee, may submit such fingerprints to the Kansas bureau of~~
38 ~~investigation, federal bureau of investigation or any other law enforcement~~
39 ~~agency for the purposes of verifying the identity of such persons and~~
40 ~~obtaining records of their criminal arrests and convictions;~~ (A) **require**
41 **fingerprinting of any officer, partner, member, owner, principal or**
42 **director of an applicant or registrant. Such fingerprints may be**
43 **submitted to the Kansas bureau of investigation and the federal**

1 bureau of investigation for a state and national criminal history
2 record check *to be submitted to the office of the state bank*
3 *commissioner*. The fingerprints shall be used to identify the person and
4 to determine whether the person has a record of arrests and
5 convictions in this state or other jurisdictions. The *office of the state*
6 *bank commissioner* may use information obtained from fingerprinting
7 and the criminal history for purposes of verifying the identification of
8 the person and in the official determination of the qualifications and
9 fitness of the persons associated with the applicant. Whenever the
10 *office of the state bank commissioner* requires fingerprinting, any
11 associated costs shall be paid by the applicant or the parties to the
12 application.

13 ~~(B) The commissioner shall not authorize receipt of a state and~~
14 ~~national criminal history record check from a private entity unless the~~
15 ~~Kansas bureau of investigation or the federal bureau of investigation~~
16 ~~is unable to supply such state and national criminal history record~~
17 ~~check through the Kansas central repository of criminal history~~
18 ~~records or any subsequent repository system provided for by law~~
19 *Kansas bureau of investigation shall release all records of adult*
20 *convictions, adjudications, and juvenile adjudications in Kansas and of*
21 *another state or country to the office of the state bank commissioner.*
22 *The office of the state bank commissioner shall not disclose or use a*
23 *state and national criminal history record check for any purpose*
24 *except as provided for in this section. Unauthorized use of a state or*
25 *national criminal history record check shall constitute a class A*
26 *nonperson misdemeanor.*

27 (C) Each state and national criminal history record check shall be
28 confidential, not subject to the open records act, K.S.A. 45-215 et seq.,
29 and amendments thereto, and not be disclosed to any applicant or
30 registrant. The provisions of this subparagraph shall expire on July 1,
31 ~~2028~~ 2029, unless the legislature reviews and acts to continue such
32 provisions pursuant to K.S.A. 45-229, and amendments thereto, prior
33 to July 1, ~~2028~~ 2029;

34 (12) issue, amend and revoke written administrative guidance
35 documents in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Kansas
36 ~~administrative procedure rules and regulations filing~~ act; ~~and~~

37 (13) enter into any informal agreement with any person for a plan of
38 action to address violations of this act; *and*

39 (14) *require use of a nationwide multi-state licensing system and*
40 *registry for processing applications, renewals, amendments, surrenders*
41 *and any other activity that the commissioner deems appropriate. The*
42 *commissioner may establish relationships or contracts with the*
43 *nationwide multi-state licensing system and registry or other entities to*

1 *collect and maintain records and process transaction fees or other fees*
2 *related to applicants and licensees, as may be reasonably necessary to*
3 *participate in the nationwide multi-state licensing system and registry.*
4 *The commissioner may report violations of the law, as well as*
5 *enforcement actions and other relevant information to the nationwide*
6 *multi-state licensing system and registry. The commissioner may require*
7 *any applicant or licensee to file reports with the nationwide multi-state*
8 *licensing system and registry in the form prescribed by the*
9 *commissioner.*

10 (b) Examination reports and correspondence regarding such reports
11 made by the commissioner or the commissioner's designees shall be
12 confidential and shall not be subject to the provisions of the open records
13 act, K.S.A. 45-215 et seq., and amendments thereto. The commissioner
14 may release examination reports and correspondence regarding the reports
15 in connection with a disciplinary proceeding conducted by the
16 commissioner, a liquidation proceeding or a criminal investigation or
17 proceeding. Additionally, the commissioner may furnish to federal or other
18 state regulatory agencies or any officer or examiner thereof, a copy of any
19 or all examination reports and correspondence regarding the reports made
20 by the commissioner or the commissioner's designees. The provisions of
21 this subsection shall expire on July 1, ~~2028~~ 2029, unless the legislature
22 reviews and acts to continue such provisions pursuant to K.S.A. 45-229,
23 and amendments thereto, prior to July 1, ~~2028~~ 2029.

24 (c) For the purpose of any examination, investigation or proceeding
25 under this act, the commissioner or the commissioner's designee may
26 administer oaths and affirmations, subpoena witnesses, compel such
27 witnesses' attendance, introduce evidence and require the production of
28 any matter that is relevant to the examination or investigation, including
29 the existence, description, nature, custody, condition and location of any
30 books, documents or other tangible things and the identity and location of
31 persons having knowledge of relevant facts or any other matter reasonably
32 calculated to lead to the discovery of relevant information or items.

33 (d) The adoption of an informal agreement authorized by this section
34 shall not be subject to the provisions of the Kansas administrative
35 procedure act or the Kansas judicial review act. Any informal agreement
36 authorized by this subsection shall not be considered an order or other
37 agency action and shall be considered confidential examination material.
38 All such examination material shall be confidential by law and privileged,
39 shall not be subject to the provisions of the open records act, K.S.A. 45-
40 215 et seq., and amendments thereto, shall not be subject to subpoena and
41 shall not be subject to discovery or admissible in evidence in any private
42 civil action. The provisions of this subsection shall expire on July 1, ~~2028~~
43 2029, unless the legislature reviews and acts to continue such provisions

1 pursuant to K.S.A. 45-229, and amendments thereto, prior to July 1, ~~2028~~
2 **2029**.

3 Sec. 12. (a) If the commissioner determines after notice and
4 opportunity for a hearing pursuant to the Kansas administrative procedure
5 act that any person has engaged, is engaging or is about to engage in any
6 act or practice constituting a violation of any provision of this act, any
7 rules and regulations adopted or order issued thereunder, the commissioner
8 may issue an order requiring any or all of the following:

9 (1) That the person cease and desist from the unlawful act or practice;

10 (2) that the person pay a fine not to exceed ~~\$2,000~~ **\$5,000** per
11 incident for the unlawful act or practice;

12 (3) if any person is found to have violated any provision of this act
13 and such violation is committed against elder or disabled persons as
14 defined in K.S.A. 50-676, and amendments thereto, the commissioner may
15 impose an additional penalty not to exceed ~~\$2,000~~ **\$5,000** for each such
16 violation, in addition to any civil penalty otherwise provided by law;

17 (4) that the person to pay restitution for any loss arising from the
18 violation or requiring the person to disgorge any profits arising from the
19 violation. Such order may include the assessment of interest not to exceed
20 8% per annum from the date of the violation;

21 (5) that the person take such action as in the judgment of the
22 commissioner will carry out the purposes of this act; or

23 (6) that the person be barred from subsequently applying for
24 registration under this act.

25 (b) (1) If the commissioner makes written findings of fact that the
26 public interest will be irreparably harmed by delay in issuing an order
27 under subsection (a), the commissioner may issue an emergency cease and
28 desist order.

29 (2) Such emergency order, even if not an order within the meaning of
30 K.S.A. 77-502, and amendments thereto, shall be subject to the same
31 procedures as an emergency order issued under K.S.A. 77-536, and
32 amendments thereto.

33 (3) Upon the entry of such an emergency order, the commissioner
34 shall promptly notify the person subject to the order that such order has
35 been entered, the reasons for such order and that a hearing will be held
36 upon written request by such person.

37 (4) If such person requests a hearing or, in the absence of any request,
38 if the commissioner determines that a hearing should be held, the matter
39 shall be set for a hearing that shall be conducted in accordance with the
40 provisions of the Kansas administrative procedure act. Upon completion of
41 the hearing the commissioner shall, by written findings of fact and
42 conclusions of law, vacate, modify or make permanent the emergency
43 order.

1 (5) If no hearing is requested and none is ordered by the
2 commissioner, the emergency order shall remain in effect until such order
3 is modified or vacated by the commissioner.

4 **(6) Fines and penalties collected pursuant to paragraphs (2) and**
5 **(3) shall be designated for use by the commissioner for consumer**
6 **education.**

7 Sec. 13. (a) In case of failure or refusal to obey a subpoena issued to
8 any person, any court of competent jurisdiction, upon application by the
9 commissioner, may issue an order requiring such person to appear before
10 the commissioner, or the ~~officer designated by the commissioner~~
11 *commissioner's designee*, to produce documentary evidence if so ordered
12 or to give evidence relating to the matter under investigation or in
13 question. Any failure to obey the order of the court may be punished by the
14 court as contempt of court.

15 (b) No person shall be excused from attending, testifying or
16 producing any document or record before the commissioner or in
17 obedience to the subpoena of the commissioner or the commissioner's
18 designee, or in any proceeding instituted by the commissioner, on the
19 ground that such testimony or evidence, documentary or otherwise,
20 required of the person may tend to incriminate the person or subject the
21 person to a penalty or forfeiture. No individual may be prosecuted or
22 subjected to any penalty or forfeiture for or on account of any transaction,
23 matter or thing concerning which such person is compelled, after claiming
24 privilege against self-incrimination, to testify or produce evidence,
25 documentary or otherwise, except that the individual so testifying shall not
26 be exempt from prosecution and punishment for perjury committed in so
27 testifying.

28 Sec. 14. It is unlawful for any person to violate the provisions of this
29 act, any rules and regulations adopted or any order issued under this act. A
30 conviction for an intentional violation is a class A nonperson misdemeanor.
31 A second or subsequent conviction of this section is a severity level 7,
32 nonperson felony. No person may be imprisoned for the violation of this
33 section if such person proves that such person had no knowledge of the
34 *act*, rules and regulations or order.

35 Sec. 15. The commissioner, attorney general or a county or district
36 attorney may bring an action in a district court to enjoin any violation of
37 this act or any rules and regulations adopted thereunder.

38 Sec. 16. All fees collected by the commissioner pursuant to this act
39 shall be subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 75-1308, and amendments
40 thereto.

41 Sec. 17. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
42 publication in the statute book.