

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

The Subcommittee on retirement matters has been assigned the following bills for consideration and recommendation to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means:

S.B. 126 prohibits the deduction of Social Security benefits from insured disability benefits under KPERs.

S.B. 129 allows annuitants of the Kansas School Retirement System who have nine and one-half or fewer years of Kansas credited school service to use nonmember service along with member service if the combined years of service credit equal ten or more years, in which case the service rate would be \$2 per month for each year of service. Under present law, KSRS annuitants with less than ten years of credited Kansas school service receive \$1 per month per year of service and nonmember service cannot be used.

S.B. 158 authorizes the Department of Revenue to become an eligible employer to allow alcoholic beverage control enforcement officers to participate in KP&F.


S.B. 195 redefines "accumulated contributions" so that a withdrawing member would be entitled to receive employer contributions made on his behalf in addition to the return of employee contributions plus interest.

S.B. 242 authorizes cities with emergency medical technicians to provide participation in KP&F.

The Subcommittee recommends that all of the above bills be reported adversely. Two of the bills (S.B. 158 and S.B. 242) are requests to allow certain employee groups to become members of KP&F. H.B. 2272 in the House Committee on Pensions, Investments, and Benefits would allow state game protectors under the Kansas Fish and Game Commission to become members of KP&F. The Subcommittee is aware that other employee classes have been considered for inclusion in KP&F or special provisions similar to those for correctional employees (involving the dates for normal and early retirement and KP&F disability coverage). In addition to those mentioned, such classes have included: Capitol Area Security patrol officers and communications operators in the Highway Patrol, security personnel for the Schools for the Deaf and Visually Handicapped, park managers and patrol officers under the State Park and Resources Authority, security personnel at institutions under the State Board of Regents, instructional staff of KU's Fire Service Training Program and Law Enforcement Training Center, security personnel at institutions under the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, personnel of Legal Services for Prisoners, and securities investigator/auditors in the Office of the Securities Commissioner. The Subcommittee recommends an interim study to consider expanding coverage of KP&F to include other employee classes not now eligible and explore options of establishing special provisions for certain groups similar to those for correctional officers.

The Subcommittee also recommends the introduction of two bills.

1. A bill to allow the Kansas State High School Activities Association to become a participating employer under KPERS. The bill would make the same provision for the Association as has been made for other quasi-public bodies such as the League of Kansas Municipalities and the Kansas Association of Counties.
2. A bill to require members of KPERS and KP&F who renew their employment with the same participating employer within 60 days after termination to return to the KPERS Fund all amounts withdrawn plus interest at a rate established by the Board. The purpose of the bill is to preclude any potential for participating employers to allow an employee to resign and withdraw his contributions and shortly thereafter rehire the employee, who would not pay contributions into the system for another year but who would still be covered under the insured death and disability benefits.



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