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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2596

As Recommended by House Committee on
Pensions and Benefits

Brief*

HB 2596 would amend law concerning employee retirement and disability benefits. The bill would revive a provision that previously expired on June 30, 2007, and reinstate the provision for a period from July 1, 2014, until June 30, 2017.

The provision would hold harmless both the retirement and disability benefits calculations for any state employee member of the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERS), the Kansas Police and Firemen's Retirement System, or the Retirement System for Judges if the employee is furloughed or accepted a voluntary reduction in pay during the defined period of time.

Background

Before the House Committee on Pensions and Benefits, a representative from the Office of Judicial Administration spoke in favor of the bill. A representative from KPERS offered neutral testimony. No opponents offered testimony.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget indicated passage could result in additional costs for state agencies. However, those costs are unknown as any such reductions and furloughs were unplanned when the fiscal note was prepared.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

KPERS staff provided additional information about the period when the hold harmless provision previously was in effect. From FY 2003 through FY 2007, the provision applied to fewer than ten members who retired or became disabled in a year that otherwise would have been included in the member's computation of either retirement or disability benefits.