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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Johnson and members of the House Committee on Pensions and Benefits

From: David Wiese, Assistant Revisor

Date: 3/9/2015

Subject: SB 228; Defining police for purposes of eligibility in the Kansas police and firemen's retirement system

Senate Bill No. 228 defines the terms "police," "policeman" and "policemen" to mean individuals who have been assigned to the police department, whose duties have included engagement in the enforcement of law and maintenance of order within the state and its political subdivisions, who have been certified law enforcement officers pursuant to K.S.A. 74-5607a and for whom required contributions have been made to the Kansas police and firemen's retirement system. Such members meeting the definition shall not be denied KP&F benefits due to a temporary or full-time assignment to a jail, adult detention center or other correctional facility by the state or any of its political subdivisions. This provision is applied retroactively to July 1, 1999, to any member meeting such requirements.

The bill is effective upon publication in the Kansas register.