

University Police Officer Jurisdiction; Municipal Court Fees—Kansas Commission on Peace Officers’ Standards and Training Fund; Vehicle Registration Fee Surcharges—Kansas Highway Patrol Staffing and Training Fund, Law Enforcement Training Center Fund; HB 2696

HB 2696 amends law related to university police officer jurisdiction and fees and surcharges imposed for various law enforcement-related funds.

University Police Officer Jurisdiction

The bill amends language governing where university police officers (UPOs) may exercise their powers as UPOs to mirror similar provisions in the same statute that govern campus police officers (CPOs). The bill allows UPOs to exercise their powers as UPOs:

- On property occupied by the state educational institution or municipal university, a board of trustees of the state educational institution, an endowment association, an affiliated corporation, an athletic association, or a fraternity, sorority, or other student group associated with the state educational institution or municipal university;
- On property owned or operated by an affiliated corporation; and
- At the site of a function or academic program sponsored by the state education institution.

Similarly, the bill replaces language allowing UPOs to exercise their powers on streets, property, and highways immediately adjacent to the campus of the state educational institution or municipal university with language allowing the exercise of their powers on streets, property, and highways immediately adjacent to and coterminous with these properties. Again, this language mirrors that governing CPOs.

Further, the bill allows UPOs employed by the University of Kansas Medical Center (KUMC), pursuant to a written agreement between the University of Kansas (KU) Hospital Authority and the KUMC, to exercise their powers as law enforcement officers on property owned, occupied, or operated by the University of Kansas Healthcare System or the KU Hospital Authority.

The bill makes similar amendments to the statute authorizing state educational institutions to employ UPOs.

Municipal Court Fees—Kansas Commission on Peace Officers’ Standards and Training Fund

The bill increases from \$20 to \$22.50 the fee assessed in cases filed in municipal courts, other than nonmoving traffic violations, where there is a finding of guilt or a plea of guilty, a plea of no contest, forfeiture of bond, or a diversion. Additionally, the bill increases from \$2.50 to

\$5.00 the amount of such fee that will go to the Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training (KS-CPOST) Fund.

Further, the bill removes the names of funds from the statute that prohibits fees from being administered in municipal court cases except in accordance with certain statutory provisions, leaving just the statutory references to the relevant funds.

Vehicle Registration Fee Surcharges—Kansas Highway Patrol Staffing and Training Fund, Law Enforcement Training Center Fund

The bill adds two nonrefundable surcharges to each vehicle registration fee:

- A \$2.00 Kansas Highway Patrol (Patrol) staffing and training surcharge, to be credited to the Kansas Highway Patrol Staffing and Training Fund that is created by the bill; expenditures from that fund shall be used by the Patrol to increase employment and retain personnel at the Patrol and shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts; and
- A \$1.25 Law Enforcement Training Center surcharge, to be credited to the Law Enforcement Training Center Fund.

The bill also states it is the intent of the Legislature that the funds and moneys deposited in the Kansas Highway Patrol Staffing and Training Fund, the Law Enforcement Training Center Fund, and the Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training Fund be used only for the purposes set forth in law creating those funds.