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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Johnson and members of the House Insurance and Pensions Committee

From: Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: March 22, 2021

Subject: HB 2111 - Providing membership in the KP&F retirement system for

certain security officers of the department of corrections.

House Bill No. 2111 provides that on and after July 1, 2021, the department of corrections shall be an eligible employer and shall affiliate with the Kansas police and firemen's retirement system (KP&F) with an entry date into the system of July 1, 2022, for security officers employed by the department. For purposes of the bill, "security officer" means the same as defined by K.S.A. 74-4914a(1)(a) and (b), and amendments thereto (KPERS correctional subgroup A: corrections officers and supervisors if promoted from the corrections officer job class). Upon affiliation, the department of corrections shall pay to the system a sum sufficient to satisfy employer obligations as certified by the board of trustees.

Every person who is first employed as a security officer on or after the entry date of the department shall become a member of KP&F. Each security officer currently employed by the department of corrections on the date of affiliation of the department of corrections may become a member of KP&F by filing with the board, on or before the entry date of the department of corrections, a written election to become a member of the system. Failure to file such written election shall be presumed to be an election not to become a member of the system. Such election shall be irrevocable.

The determination of all benefits shall be computed upon the basis of credited service under KP&F statutes and includes all participating service as a security officer. Any security officer who becomes a member of KP&F pursuant to this bill, who has a vested retirement benefit under KPERS and who terminates employment prior to attaining a vested retirement benefit under KP&F may have such service credited for the purposes of computing retirement benefits pursuant to KPERS. Members under this bill are required to make the KP&F employee contribution of 7.15%.

The bill becomes effective upon publication in the statute book, July 1, 2021.