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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Longbine and members of the Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance

From: Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: February 23, 2021

Subject: **SB 135 - Providing membership in the KP&F retirement system for security officers of the department of corrections.**

Senate Bill No. 135 requires the department of corrections to affiliate on July 1, 2021, with the Kansas police and firemen's retirement system (KP&F). Every person who is employed as a security officer on or after July 1, 2021, shall become a member of KP&F. The determination of all benefits shall be computed upon the basis of credited service under KP&F statutes but shall only include participating service on and after July 1, 2021. Any benefits earned prior to July 1, 2021, shall be determined pursuant to KPERS statutes. 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 also contains language providing that if a security officer has a vested KPERS retirement benefit and a vested KP&F retirement benefit and retires on or after such security officer's normal retirement date under KP&F, then such security officer is deemed to be retired from KPERS on such date and is eligible to receive their KPERS retirement benefit at that time.

"Security officer" is defined as any person who is employed on or after July 1, 2021, as an employee of the department of corrections and who is:

- (1) In the corrections officer or juvenile services corrections officer class series;
- (2) promoted from any job class in (1) to any position of warden or deputy warden, training program manager, training technician, superintendent, deputy superintendent, corrections manager I, corrections manager II, staff development specialist, safety and health inspector or safety and health specialist and is located at a correctional institution or a juvenile correctional facility; and
- (3) in any position in the power plant facilities, correctional industries, food service, laundry or maintenance operations within any correctional institution or juvenile correctional facility and involves regular contact with inmates or juvenile offenders.