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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON	PENSIONS, INVESTMENTS AND BENEFITS	
The meeting was called to order byREPRESENTATIV	VE VERNON WILLIAMS at	
	Chairperson	
9:00 a.m./p.m. onThursday, March 5		
All members were present except: Representative -excused	Duncan	

Approved

March 5, 1987

Committee staff present: Richard Ryan Alan Conroy Gordon Self Rosalie Black

Conferees appearing before the committee: See attached list. (Attachment 1)

The meeting was called to order by Representative Williams, Chairman, to hear House Bills 2499, 2500, 2440 and 2377; to amend House Bill 2440; and for final action on House Bills 2377, 2411, 2500 and 2498.

HOUSE BILL 2499 - Hearing - No Action

Harold Anderson, City Manager, Leavenworth, testified in favor of HB 2499 which permits local KPERS employers to provide insured death and disability coverage for employees in the "year of service." Attachment 2.

Marshall Crowther, Executive Secretary, KPERS, indicated there would be no administrative cost to KPERS if HB 2499 passed. He added that new employees would be paying the same amount of premium for group insurance coverage as present members of KPERS.

HOUSE BILL 2500 - Hearing - Action

Art Griggs, Chief Attorney, Department of Administration, spoke in support of HB 2500 which would retain retirement benefits for state officials at salary levels before the officials took a 3.8% salary reduction. He added that he had been drafting a similar bill for the Department.

Marshall Crowther said the cost of HB 2500 would be approximately \$1,200 if the employer pays both the employee and employer contribution.

Representative Laird moved to amend HB 2500 adding clarification language pertaining to effective date and officers and employees who would be eligible; seconded by Representative Long. The motion carried. Attachment 3.

Representative Laird moved to amend HB 2500 favorable for passage as

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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PENSIONS, INVESTMENTS AND BENEFITS, room 527-S, Statehouse, at 9:00 a.m./p.m. on March 5, 1987

HOUSE BILL 2500 - continued

amended; seconded by Representative Long. The motion carried.

HOUSE BILL 2440 - Hearing and Amendments

Representative Wisdom thanked the Committee for considering HB 2440 which involves maintenance of the school employees' retirement for USD 500, Wyandotte County.

Basil Covey, Kansas Retired Teachers Association; Etta Blanche Dahlgren, Retired Teacher; Lorraine Griffin, Assistant Superintendent, USD 500; indicated support of HB 2440 because it would allow members of the Kansas City local retirement plan to have their employee contributions "picked up" for federal income tax purposes. The contributions would be treated as employer contributions to determine the amount of federal income taxes to withhold from a participating school employee's compensation.

Attachments 4/ and 5.

Marshall Crowther pointed out that the Kansas City teacher's group is asking for the same benefits that regular KPERS members have.

Representative Wisdom moved to amend HB 2440 to remove the 90 day limitation of employment and to strike the interest requirement; seconded by Representative Sutter. The motion carried.

HOUSE BILL 2377 - Hearing and Action

James Todd, Kansas Firefighters Association and Richard Brock, Kansas Insurance Department, notified the Committee that passage of HB 2377 is necessary to correct the amount of monies that should have been sent to Representative Jenkins district. They said if corrections are not made, the Kansas Firemen's Association in that area will be forever shorted. Attachment 6.

Representative Long moved to report HB 2377 favorable for passage as amended; seconded by Representative Ott. The motion carried.

HOUSE BILL 2411 - Action

Representative Laird moved to amend HB 2411 to allow Regents' employees to take advantage of a tax shelter annuity during the two-year

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waiting period and to extend six months to one year in Lines 39-40; seconded by Representative Wisdom. The motion carried. Attachment 7.

Representative Laird moved to report HB 2411 favorable for passage as amended; seconded by Representative Wisdom. The motion carried.

HOUSE BILL 2498 - Action

Representative Justice moved to amend HB 2498 by striking lines that removed all controversy; seconded by Representative Sutter. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

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Please PRINT Name, Address, the organization you represent, and the Number of the Bill in which you are interested. Thank you.

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Thursday, March 5, 1987

HB 2499 - Relating to insured death and disability benefits for certain KPERS members.

Harold anderson, City Manager, Leaveneworth Ernie Mosher, League of Kansas Municipalities

Marshall Crowther, Executive Secretary, KPERS

HB 2500 - Concerning reduction of salaries of state officers and employees and the effect of retirement benefits thereof.

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TO:

House Committee on Pensions, Investments and Benefits

FROM:

E.A. Mosher, Executive Director

DATE:

March 5, 1987

SUBJECT:

HB 2499--Local Option Coverage Under KPERS Insured Death

and Disability Benefits

The League is in support of HB 2499. This position is based on a League convention-adopted policy provision and pursuant to actions of the League Governing Body and Committee on Public Personnel.

As Committee members know, the insured death and long-term disability benefits program under KPERS, pursuant to K.S.A. 74-4927, is financed by employer contributions of 0.6% of the member's compensation. It is part of the KPERS benefit program but is financed only by the employer.

Originally, this coverage was provided only to employees commencing with their regular KPERS coverage, i.e., after the completion of their first year of service. However, in 1979 (K.S.A. 74-4927c), it was extended to all state employees on their employment date, thus providing first day coverage for new state employees. However, the employees of local units do not receive this benefit.

In brief, HB 2499 would extend to all local employers the option of providing this first day coverage, for the first year of service. We emphasize that the local employer would make the decision to come within the provisions of HB 2499. We know that some cities want to extend this benefit and are ready to pay the 0.6% of compensation for the benefit of new employees. At the same time, we suspect many local units will not elect to participate, particularly where they may have many seasonal employees or a high turn-over rate for the first year. We think the local option is important.

We express appreciation to the KPERS staff in drafting the bill. We understand that it will not impose unreasonable administrative duties on KPERS. Further, we are aware of the provisions of subsections (3) and (4) which imposes certain duties on local employers which elect to take advantage of the proposed act.

We urge your favorable recommendation of HB 2499.

ATTACHMENT 2

HOUSE BILL No. 2500

By Committee on Pensions, Investments and Benefits

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Only AN ACT concerning reduction of salaries of state officers and employees; relating to effect on retirement benefits thereof.

0019 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

0030 after its publication in the statute book.

O020 Section 1. Any amount by which the salary of any officer or one one of the state is reduced pursuant to law or any amount one of the such officer or employee voluntarily agrees to reduce one of such officer or employee's salary shall continue to be included as one of compensation for all purposes of computing retirement and one of pension benefits earned by such salaried officer or employee as one of provided by the Kansas public employees retirement system, the one of the control of the con

and death and disability benefits as provided in article 26 of chapter 20 and article 49 of chapter 74 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated

(b) The provisions of subsection (a) shall not be applicable to salary reductions attributable to: (1) Voluntary demotions of employees in the classified service; (2) deferred compensation pursuant to the plan authorized by K.S.A. 75-5523 and amendments thereto; or (3) to salary reductions attributable to the cafeteria plan authorized by K.S.A. 1986 Supp. 75-6512 and amendments thereto.

for the period commencing on January 1, 1987, and ending on June 30, 1987,

(c) For the purposes of this section, "officer" and "employee" means any officer or employee of the state, any member of the legislature or any employee of an institution under the supervision of the board of regents.

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March 5, 1987

To Members of the Pensions. Investments and Benefits Committee:

My name is Basil Covey and I represent the Kansas Retired Teachers Association.

We support HB 2440 that provides for maintenance of the school employees' retirement program for USD 500. Kansas City, Kansas.

HB 2440 further provides that members of the Kansas City, Kansas local retirement plan will have their employee contributions "picked up" for federal income tax purpose. contributions so "picked up" shall be treated as employer contributions to determine the amount of federal income taxes to withhold from a participating school employee's compensation.

HB 2440 will serve the best interests of the members of the Kansas City, Kansas school district employees. The Kansas City Kansas school district is of some historical importance in that it was the first school district in Kansas to establish a retirement program for school employees.

HB 2440 serves to change one of the policies of long-standing and moves the school district into the modern era of manager-employee relations.

We urge your support of HB 2440.

Sincerely.

Chairman,

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Testimony Before the House Pensions, Investments and Benefits Committee on H. B. 2440

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Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools (USD No. 500)

March 5, 1987

Mister Chairman, Vice Chairman, members of the Pensions, Investments and Benefits Committee, the Kansas City, Kansas Public Schools appreciate the opportunity to testify today on House Bill No. 2440 concerning Unified School District No. 500, Wyandotte County relating to the maintenance of the school employees' retirement plan.

The Kansas City, Kansas School Employees' Retirement Plan originated September 1, 1939. Employees were offered the option to transfer to KPERS in September, 1974 and July, 1985.

Currently, there are two hundred forty-nine (249) retirees receiving monthly benefits. The average monthly benefits paid are \$133,597.42 and annual benefits paid are \$1,610,307.48. Twenty-eight (28) employees remain active and pay 6% of their gross wages to the Kansas City, Kansas School Retirement Plan. All other qualified employees are participating in KPERS with 4% of their gross wages.

We are here today to request support of House Bill 2440 in the following manner:

- 1. That the twenty-eight (28) active participants in the Kansas City, Kansas School Retirement Plan receive the same tax advantage as KPERS participants. We request that no federal or state taxes be withheld on their contributions.
- 2. It is our recommendation that lines 0058 and 0059 be deleted. The Kansas City, Kansas School Employees' Retirement Trust Account is funded by interest on

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invested Treasury Notes. Current and projected retirement benefits may exceed trust funds available if interest on all accounts is not deposited in the general trust fund account. The Kansas City, Kansas Retirement School Plan is scheduled to be phased out. All new employees must pay into KPERS. Therefore, no new participants can be added to the local plan.

3. Also, we would like to offer an additional amendment which removes the ninety (90) day limitation for employment with the Kansas City, Kansas Board of Education after retirement (Attachment 1). This amendment will be consistant with KPERS.

Support of this bill has no financial impact on KPERS or the state. It simply allows all Kansas City, Kansas Board of Education employees to receive the same benefits.

We strongly encourage your support of H. B. 2440 with these amendments.

ATTACHMENT 1

72-1767. Employees' retirement fund, certain cities between 120,000 and 200,000; annuity payment options; limitations on employment. No person shall be employed or continue in the employment of the board of education for any school service to which this act applies, after August thirty-first of the year in which he attains age seventy (70). Nor shall any person continue as a school employee after receiving the first installment of a school annuity, or while receiving a disability annuity provided Provided, by this act. however, That any school employee so retired may perform school service as a substitute employee, not to exceed ninety (90) days in any one (1) school year. No assessments shall be made against the salary of, nor service credit granted, any school employee person while thus employed. as a substitute.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas: Section 1. K.S.A. 40-1706 is hereby amended to read as fol-

lows: 40-1706. (a) On or before April 1 of each year, every 0024 firefighters relief association which holds funds received under the firefighters relief act shall submit to the commissioner of insurance a verified account showing in full the receipts and disbursements and general condition of such funds for the year ending on the preceding December 31. If such account or other 0029 information shows such funds are not being expended for the purposes authorized by the firefighters relief act, the commis-0031 sioner of insurance shall notify the county attorney of the county 0032 in which any such firefighters relief association is located and the county attorney shall institute proceedings to recover for the use of the firefighters relief association all moneys expended for 0035 purposes not in accordance with the provisions of the firefighters 0036 relief act. The commissioner of insurance shall hold any funds of such firefighters relief association until the commissioner is notified by the county attorney that such condition has been 0039 corrected.

(b) (1) All moneys received by the commissioner of insurance from the tax imposed by K.S.A. 40-1703 and amendments thereto shall be remitted to the state treasurer. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire 0044 amount thereof in the state treasury and shall be credited to the 0045 state firefighters relief fund which is hereby created in the state

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

For Consideration by Committee on Pensions, Investments and Benefits

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0046 treasury.

- 10047 (2) The state firefighters relief fund shall be administered by the commissioner of insurance. An amount equal to not more than the amount authorized for expenditure during the current fiscal year by appropriations enacted by the legislature may be set aside in the state firefighters relief fund and expended by the commissioner of insurance for the administrative expenses of the department of insurance under the firefighters relief act, subject to the provisions of appropriations acts.
- On July 1, 1984, the director of accounts and reports shall transfer all moneys in the firemen's relief fund to the state firefighters relief fund which is hereby established in the state treasury. On July 1, 1984, all liabilities of the firemen's relief fund and fund are hereby imposed on the state firefighters relief fund and the firemen's relief fund is hereby abolished.
- (4) The moneys collected under K.S.A. 40-1703 and amendments thereto for tax year 1983 shall be paid in accordance with the provisions of this section prior to its amendment by this act, except that, prior to making such payments, the amount authorized to be set aside for administrative expenses as provided by paragraph (2) of this subsection shall be set aside therefor and an amount determined in accordance with paragraph (2) of subsection (c) shall be paid to the Kansas state firefighters association, inc., to be used for the purposes specified by paragraph (2) of subsection (c).
- 0071 (c) Prior to August 1, 1985 1987, and each August 1 thereafter, 0072 except as provided in subsections (b) and subsection (d), of the 0073 total amount of moneys credited to the state firefighters relief 0074 fund as of July 1 of the same year.
- 0075 (1) An amount equal to 3% of such total amount shall be paid 0076 by the commissioner of insurance to the treasurer of the Kansas 0077 state firefighters association, inc., for fire prevention and fire 0078 extinguishment education and study
- 0079 (2) an amount equal to 5% of such total amount shall be paid 0080 by the commissioner of insurance to the Kansas state firefighters 0081 association, inc., which shall be set aside as a death benefit fund 0082 to provide such benefits as determined by the association in

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the amounts determined as prescribed in subsections (c)(1) through (c)(6) shall be paid as provided therein.

0083 accordance with the constitution and bylaws thereof, except the 0084 amount paid under this paragraph (2) subsection (c)(2) shall not 5085 be more than the lesser of \$100,000 or the result obtained by 0086 subtracting the balance in the death benefit fund of the associa-0087 tion on July 1 from \$100,000;]

(3) the amount of \$500 shall be paid by the commissioner of 0089 insurance to each firefighters relief association; and

(4) the remaining amount of the moneys credited to the state 0091 firefighters relief fund, after the amounts are paid under paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) of this subsection (e) subsections (c)(1), 0093 (c)(2) and (c)(3), shall be paid by the commissioner of insurance 0094 to firefighters relief associations so that the amount received by 0095 each firefighters relief association bears the same proportion to 0096 the total amount to be paid as the amount such firefighters relief 0097 association received from the amounts collected from the tax 0098 imposed by K.S.A. 40-1703 and amendments thereto for all of 0099 calendar year 1983, bears to the total amount paid to all fire-0100 fighters relief associations from the taxes collected for all of 0101 calendar year 1983, except that (A) subject to adjustments made 0102 to correct for errors in the payments distributed and as otherwise provided pursuant to this subsection (c)(4), adjustments 0104 made pursuant to subsection (c)(5) for firefighters relief associations that did not receive a payment from taxes paid for all of 0106 calendar year 1983 and adjustments pursuant to subsection (c)(6) for redeterminations based upon changed circumstances. The commissioner of insurance may make adjustments in the amounts of payments for the current year made under this 0110 subsection (c)(4) for errors in the payments distributed for the prior year, except that adjustments may be made in the pay-0112 ments to be distributed by August 1, 1987, for any errors in the 0113 payments distributed during the period from July 1, 1984, 0114 through July 1, 1987, and an adjustment shall be made in the 0115 payment to be distributed by August 1, 1987, for each fire-0116 fighters relief association which was in existence cluring calen-0117 dar year 1983 and which received a payment for calendar year 0118 1983 based on only part of the taxes received for calendar year 0119 1983, to reflect the total of the payments that would have been

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oreceived by such association during such period based on the taxes collected for all of calendar year 1983 reduced by the payments actually received during such period;

(5) [whenever] a firefighters relief association is to receive a 0124 payment under this paragraph (4) subsection (c)(4) but did not 0125 receive a payment from any of the taxes collected for calendar 0126 year 1983, the commissioner of insurance shall determine for the 0127 nonreceiving association, from such information as is made 0128 available to the commissioner by the nonreceiving association, 0129 the amount the nonreceiving association would most probably 0130 have received if it had actually received such a payment from the 0131 taxes collected for all of calendar year 1983, with appropriate 0132 adjustments based on payments to firefighters relief associations 0133 of fire departments providing fire protection services within 0134 geographic areas having similar populations and assessed tangi-0135 ble property valuation as the geographic area provided fire 0136 protection services by the fire department of each such nonre-0137 ceiving association, and upon making such determination, the 0138 commissioner of insurance shall include the amount so deter-0139 mined within the computations prescribed by this paragraph (4) 0140 subsection (c)(4) for payments hereunder, and (B) thereunder, 0141 and

(6) Gene or more lirelighters relief associations may apply to the commissioner of insurance for a redetermination of the proportionate amounts payable to all firelighters relief associations under this paragraph (4) subsection (c)(4) and, upon receipt of such application, the commissioner of insurance shall hold hearing and may redetermine such proportionate amounts based upon such information as is presented to or otherwise made available by the applicants to the commissioner and may make a finding of changed circumstances and. Upon making such finding, the commissioner of insurance may include such redetermination within the computations prescribed by this paragraph of subsection (c)(4) for payments hereunder, except that such applications may in subsequent years. Any increase or reduction in the amounts to be distributed as a result of a finding of changed circumstances by the commissioner shall be propor-

firefighters relief association during the period from August 1, 1984, through June 30, 1987, if such firefighters relief association had been in existence for all of calendar year 1983, reduced by the payments actually received by such firefighters relief association during the period from August 1, 1984, through June 30, 1987. For purposes of all payments under subsection (c)(4) after the adjusted payment distributed by August 1, 1987, such firefighters relief association shall be considered to have received for calendar year 1983, the amount it most probably would have received if it had been in existence for all of calendar year 1983, which shall be the amount having the same proportional relationship to 365 days as the amount actually received for calendar year 1983 has to the number of days that such firefighters relief association was in existence during calendar year 1983, subject adjustments to subsection (c)(6) for to pursuant redeterminations based upon changed circumstances.

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prior to October 1 of any year,

one joint hearing prior to December 1 of such year, at which all applicants shall be heard and may present information. The commissioner of insurance

- . The commissioner shall make such determination as follows:
- (A) One-half of the amount due shall be determined based upon the population figure provided by the association pursuant to administrative rules and regulations adopted by the commissioner. The determination of this 1/2 of the amount due shall be made in accordance with the following formula:
- (i) An association which received a payment from the taxes collected for all of calendar year 1983 and which has a population similar to that of the nonreceiving association shall be ascertained;
- (ii) the payment the comparable association received from taxes collected for all of calendar year 1983 shall be divided by two;
- (iii) the population of the area served by the nonreceiving association shall be divided by the population of the area served by the association to which the nonreceiving association is being compared, to produce an adjustment factor reflecting the variance in population size; and
- (iv) the amount received from taxes collected for all of calendar year 1983 by the association with the comparable population shall be multiplied by the population adjustment factor obtained in paragraph (iii) of this subsection (c)(5)(A).
- (B) The remaining 1/2 of the amount due shall be determined based upon the assessed tangible property valuation figure provided by the nonreceiving association pursuant to administrative rules and regulations adopted by the commissioner. The determination of the remaining 1/2 of the amount due shall be made in accordance with the following formula:
- (i) An association which received a payment from the taxes collected for all of calendar year 1983 and which has an assessed tangible property valuation similar to that of the nonreceiving association shall be ascertained;
- (ii) the payment the comparable association received from taxes collected for all of calendar year 1983 shall be divided by two;

- (iii) the assessed tangible property valuation of the area served by the nonreceiving association shall be divided by the assessed tangible property valuation of the area served by the association to which the nonreceiving association is being compared, to produce an adjustment factor reflecting the variance in assessed tangible property valuation; and
- (iv) the amount received from taxes collected for all of calendar year 1983 by the association with the comparable assessed tangible property valuation shall be multiplied by the valuation adjustment factor obtained in paragraph (iii) of this subsection (c)(5)(B).
- (C) The amount obtained in paragraph (iv) of subsection (c)(5)(A) shall be added to the amount obtained in paragraph (iv) of subsection (c)(5)(B) to determine the total amount the nonreceiving association most probably would have received if it had actually received a payment from the taxes collected for all of calendar year 1983. The amount a nonreceiving association most probably would have received if it had actually received a payment from taxes collected for all of calendar year 1983 shall be divided by the total amount paid to all firefighters relief associations from the taxes collected for all of calendar year 1983 to determine the proportionate amount due the nonreceiving association for the current and succeeding years and thereafter such association shall not be considered to be a nonreceiving association. The

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oiso tionately distributed among all firefighters relief associations. An application for redetermination shall not be made by such any firefighters relief associations association more often than once overy three years.

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- (d) Except as otherwise provided in this section, whenever any firefighters relief association fails to qualify for funds, as provided in the firefighters relief act, for a period of two consecutive years, the funds on deposit with such association shall be returned by the county attorney to the commissioner of insurance. The commissioner of insurance shall remit all such funds to the state treasurer. Upon receipt of any such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount thereof in the state treasury to the credit of the state firefighters relief fund. The commissioner of insurance shall pay such amount of funds to the large treasury to the credit of the state firefighters relief amount of funds to the large treasurer shall pay such amount of funds to the large treasurer than the large treasurer association, inc., for fire prevention and large treasurer extinguishment education and study.
- 0173 (e) When a firefighters relief association fails to qualify for 0174 payments under the firefighters relief act as a result of the 0175 territory which it serves being consolidated, merged or annexed 0176 with another governmental unit having a qualified firefighters 0177 relief association, the funds and obligations of such disqualified 0178 association shall be transferred to the surviving firefighters relief 0179 association and the disqualified association shall dissolve forth-0180 with under the existing laws of this state.
- (f) When any firefighter, the spouse of such firefighter or 182 those dependent upon any member of a disqualified association is receiving reasonable benefits from such association at the time of disqualification, the benefits shall be continued in accordance with the resolution of such disqualified association and shall be paid by the surviving association if the disqualification resulted from consolidation, merger or annexation and shall be paid by the county attorney if disqualification resulted from reasons other than consolidation, merger or annexation. Nothing in the firefighters relief act shall be construed as a bar to the lawful receipt of such benefits.
- 192 (g) The treasurer of a firefighters relief association shall give 193 bond for the safekeeping of funds received under the firefighters

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relief act and for faithful performance in such sum with such sureties as may be approved by the governing body of such city, township, county or fire district. All the moneys so received shall be set apart and used by the firefighters relief association of such cities, townships, counties or fire districts solely and entirely for the objects and purposes of the firefighters relief act and shall be paid to and distributed by the firefighters relief associations of such cities, townships, counties or fire districts under such provisions as shall be made by the governing body thereof. In all cases involving expenditures or payments in an amount of \$500 or more prior certification shall be obtained from the attorney of the governing body that such expenditure or payment complies with the requirements of the firefighters relief act.

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- (h) (1) The officers of a firefighters relief association may 0208 invest any amount, not to exceed 90% of all such moneys, in 0209 investments authorized by K.S.A. 12-1675 and amendments 0210 thereto in the manner prescribed therein or in purchasing bonds 0211 of the city, township, county or fire district in which such 0212 firefighters relief association is located. When such investments 0213 are not obtainable, United States government bonds may be 0214 purchased or any municipal bonds of this state, except that such 0215 funds shall not be invested in any such municipal bonds where 0216 the bonded indebtedness of the municipality is more than 15% of 0217 its total assessed valuation, as shown by the last assessment 0218 preceding such investment.
- 0219 (2) Such investment must be approved by the governing 0220 body of such city, township, county or fire district. It shall be the 0221 duty of the attorney of such governing body of such city, township, county or fire district to examine all such bonds as to their 0223 validity and report thereon in writing to the governing body and 0224 the firefighters relief association of such city, township, county 0225 or fire district, and no bonds shall be purchased by the firefighters relief association of such city, township, county or fire 0226 fighters relief association of such city, township, county or fire 0227 district until they have been approved and found valid by the 0228 attorney.

Sec. 2.3 K.S.A. 40-1706 is hereby repealed.

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9230 Sec. 3.4 This act shall take effect and be in force from and 9231 after its publication in the statute book.

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- Sec. 2. K.S.A. 40-1707 is hereby amended to read as follows: 40-1707. (a) Except as otherwise provided in the firefighters relief act, all moneys received by a firefighters relief association under the provisions of the firefighters relief act shall be held in trust and used as a fund:
- (1) For the relief of any member of the fire department of such city, township, county or fire district when injured or physically disabled in or by reason of the discharge of such member's duties as a firefighter;
- (2) for the payment of a death benefit when any member of such fire department is killed in the discharge of such member's duties as a firefighter, or who dies from the effect of injuries so received or from disease contracted by reason of such member's duties as a firefighter, to the beneficiary or beneficiaries as designated by the member or, in the event that no beneficiary has been designated to receive such death benefit, to the following persons in the following priority:
- (A) If there is a spouse and there are no natural or adopted children of the deceased member, the death benefit shall be for the spouse;
- (B) if there are one or more natural or adopted children and spouse of the deceased member, 1/2 of the death benefit shall be for the spouse and the remaining 1/2 of the death benefit shall be for the children, in equal shares thereof;
- (C) if there are one or more natural or adopted children and there is no spouse of the deceased member, the death benefit shall be for the children, in equal shares thereof;
- (D) if there is a father or mother, or both, and there are no natural or adopted children and no spouse of the deceased member, the death benefit shall be for the father or mother, or to both in equal shares thereof if there are both;
- (E) if there are one or more siblings and there is no father or mother or spouse and there are no natural or adopted children of the deceased member, the death benefit shall be for the siblings, in equal shares thereof; and
 - (F) if there are no siblings, no father or mother, no

natural or adopted children and no spouse of the deceased member, the death benefit shall be for the estate of the deceased member;

- (3) for the payment of the necessary funeral expenses of any member of such fire department when killed in the discharge of such duties as a firefighter, or in the case of death resulting from injuries so received or disease contracted by reason of such member's duties as a firefighter;
- (4) for the further purpose of paying a pension to members of full-paid fire departments who are unfit for service after having served for a period of not less than 20 years on with the department, such pension not to exceed 1/2 of the monthly salary at the date of retirement; or
- (5) for the purchase of insurance which would provide for any or all of the foregoing purposes for which such fund is authorized to be expended.
- In any city of the second class which maintains a fire and volunteer of both salaried consisting department firefighters, such moneys may be expended for the purchase of, or payment of premiums on, policies of life, accident, or accident and health insurance upon members of the fire department of such city, which policies may be owned either by the firefighters relief association of such city or by the individual members thereof but, before any premium is paid on such policies of insurance, the provisions thereof shall be approved by such firefighters relief association as suitable to carry out the objects for which such association was established.
- (c) (1) In any fire department consisting of volunteer firefighters, such moneys may be used to establish annuities-for such-firefighters-who-have an annuity for each firefighter who served for not less than 20 years on with such fire department and who have attended and fought not less than 75% of the fires which were attended by such fire department during such period of time and which the firefighter was available to attend, as verified by the governing body of such fire department, but such annuity shall not exceed the amount paid to fully paid members of

fire departments of comparable size to such volunteer department. In any full-paid or any volunteer fire department such moneys may be expended for the purchase of group term, group permanent or individual permanent life insurance contracts for members of such department. Any benefits or coverage accruing to individual members of the department under such policies shall be and shall remain the property of the firefighters relief association except as follows:

- (A) A member that has completed 10 years of service with the department and has been covered under such policy for a continuous period of not less than five years, a member who suffers a total and permanent disability or death, or a member who retires under the retirement plan in effect for the fire department, shall, upon termination of employment, be entitled to any benefits or coverage available to an individual member under the provisions of the contract; and
- (B) A member that has not fulfilled one of the requirements set forth in paragraph (A) of this subsection (c)(1) shall, upon termination of employment, be entitled to the same proportion of benefits or coverage available to an individual member as such member's individual premium contributions bear to the total premiums paid on the policy at the time of termination. Any additional coverage or benefits may be obtained by reimbursing the firefighters relief association an equitable and reasonable amount in accordance with procedures set forth in the bylaws of the association.
- (2) Prior to the purchase of any annuity contract for and on behalf of any volunteer firefighter, the provisions thereof shall be approved and the adequacy of the funds available for such purpose shall be established by such firefighters relief association.
- (d) The moneys paid by the commissioner of insurance to the Kansas state firefighters association, inc., as provided in subsection (c) of K.S.A. 40-1706 and amendments thereto, shall be used by the Kansas state firefighters association, inc., in

accordance with that statute and as may be regulated by such association in this state at the annual meetings of the Kansas state firefighters association, inc., which shall be held annually at places to be selected by such association within this state. The Kansas state firefighters association, inc., shall make an annual accounting to the commissioner of insurance of all moneys paid to such association as provided in K.S.A. 40-1706 and amendments thereto.

- (e) In the city of El Dorado, in Butler county, which city has by election established a firemen's pension fund under the provisions of K.S.A. 14-10a0l to 14-10a15, inclusive, and amendments thereto, the firefighters relief association of such city may, when the money and securities belonging to such association exceed \$35,000, grant from time to time sums not exceeding 1/2 the earnings of the fund and not exceeding 1/2 the yearly amount received from the commissioner of insurance under this act to the city to be credited to the firemen's pension fund of such city.
- (f) Any such firefighters relief association is hereby authorized to loan part or all of such funds to the city, township, county or fire district in which such association is located, to be used by such city, township, county or fire district in the improvement of its fire department and equipment thereof, and such city, township, county or fire district is hereby authorized to borrow the same and issue to the treasurer of such firefighters relief association its warrant therefor bearing interest payable semiannually, at a rate not to exceed 6% per annum.
- (g) The commissioner of insurance is hereby authorized to adopt such rules and regulations as are necessary to effect the purposes of the firefighters relief act.
- (h) All assets of any firefighters relief association, which is composed of members of a private fire department and which has ceased to provide fire protection services for an incorporated city, township, county or fire district, shall be

transferred to and shall become the property of the firefighters relief association for the fire department which is the immediate successor of such private fire department, after satisfaction of any outstanding obligations. If there is no firefighters relief association for the immediately succeeding fire department, such assets shall become the property of the Kansas state firefighters association, inc., as of the date such private fire department ceased to provide such fire protection services, after satisfaction of any outstanding obligations. The Kansas state firefighters association, inc. shall use all such assets for fire prevention and fire extinguishment education and study.

HOUSE BILL No. 2411

By Committee on Pensions, Investments and Benefits

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only AN ACT concerning retirement benefits for officers and employees of the state board of regents and institutions thereunder; relating to retirement annuities; amending K.S.A. 1986 Supp. 74-4925 and repealing the existing section; also repealing K.S.A. 1986 Supp. 74-4925c.

0022 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 1986 Supp. 74-4925 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-4925. (1) The state board of regents shall: (a) Assist all those members of the faculty and other persons 0026 who are employed by the state board of regents or by educational 0027 institutions under its management and who are in the unclas-0028 sified service under the Kansas civil service act as provided in 0029 subsection (1)(f) of K.S.A. 75-2935 and amendments thereto, in 0030 the purchase of retirement annuities for their service rendered 0031 after December 31, 1961. The state board of regents shall not 0032 assist any such person who is employed after December 31, 0033 1961, until such person has been employed for at least two years 0034 except that (i) the state board of regents may assist any newly 0035 employed person immediately if at the time of the commence-0036 ment of employment the person is covered by a valid retirement annuity contract issued by a company described in subsection (2) 0038 to which such person or such person's employer on such per-0039 son's behalf has been making contributions for at least six 0040 months, and (ii) all periods of employment with participating employers under when such person or such person's employer 0042 on such person's behalf actually made or could have made contributions to the Kansas public employees retirement system. 0044 shall be credited toward satisfaction of such two-year waiting 0045 period if served during the five years immediately preceding

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, including the period of employment with participating employers when such person is fulfilling the one-year service requirement prior to membership under the system as provided in K.S.A. 74-4911 and amendments thereto,

employment with the state board of regents or with an educa-10047 tional institution under its management in the unclassified ser-10048 vice under the Kansas civil service act as provided in subsection 10049 (1)(f) of K.S.A. 75-2935 and amendments thereto, in addition to 10050 such employment with the state board of regents or with an 10051 educational institution under its management. This act shall not 10052 apply to persons employed in such temporary and part-time 10053 positions designated by the state board of regents as exceptions 10054 hereto;

- (b) require such members of the faculty and others described no subsection (1)(a) which are so assisted by the state board of regents to contribute an amount toward the purchase of such retirement annuities of 5% of their salaries, such contributions to be made through payroll deductions;
- (c) contribute an amount toward the purchase of such retirement annuities equal to 7% of the total amount of the salaries on which such members of the faculty and others described in subsection (1)(a) contribute during such period for which the contribution of the state board of regents is made;
- (d) provide, under such rules and regulations as the state 0066 board of regents may adopt, for the retirement of any such member of the faculty or others described in subsection (1)(a) on 0068 account of age or condition of health, retirement of such member 0069 of the faculty or other person described in subsection (1)(a) on 0070 account of age to be not earlier than the 60th birthday and not 0071 later than the end of the academic year following the 70th 0072 birthday. Any person who retires under this section and who 0073 receives benefits from the Kansas public employees retirement 0074 system for prior service credit shall have such benefits calculated 0075 in accordance with the applicable provisions of K.S.A. 74-4914 0076 and 74-4915 and amendments thereto.
- 0077 (2) For the purposes of this section the state board of regents 0078 may contract with:
- 0079 (a) Any life insurance company authorized to do business in 0080 this state; or
- 0081 (b) any life insurance company organized and operated 0082 without profit to any private shareholder or individual exclu-

Any person may elect to take advantage of the tax sheltered annuity provisions of the internal revenue code of 1954, as amended, as provided in subsection (4) during the two-year waiting period provided in this section, except that the state board of regents, when purchasing a retirement annuity on such person's behalf, shall not provide a sum equal to 7% of the gross annual salary of such person as otherwise provided in subsection (4)

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sively for the purpose of aiding and strengthening educational institutions by issuing insurance and annuity contracts only to or for the benefit of such institution and individuals engaged in the services of such institutions, whether or not such company is authorized to do business in Kansas. No premium tax or income tax shall be due or payable on such annuity contract or contracts for such retirement programs issued by a company described in this subsection (2)(b), except that neither the purchase nor the issuance of such retirement annuities from or by a company described in this subsection (2)(b) shall constitute the effecting of a contract of insurance.

- (3) (a) Such member of the faculty or other person described in subsection (1)(a) shall also be a member of the Kansas public employees retirement system, but only for the purpose of grant-ing retirement benefits based on prior service only which was rendered prior to January 1, 1962, which shall be credited to the member as provided in subsection (1) of K.S.A. 74-4913 and amendments thereto, except that for the purpose of determining eligibility for a vested benefit, service by such a member of the faculty or other person after December 31, 1961, shall be construed to be credited service under subsection (2) of K.S.A. 74-4917 and amendments thereto.
- (b) Any member of the faculty or other person described in subsection (1)(a) who retires after 10 years of continuous service immediately preceding retirement shall be granted a retirement olds benefit based on prior service only which was rendered prior to January 1, 1962. Application for such benefit shall be in such of form and manner as the board shall prescribe.
- (4) For the purpose of establishing a procedure whereby the state board of regents and any member of the faculty or other person described in subsection (1)(a), subject to rules and regulations of the state board of regents, may take advantage of the "tax sheltered annuity" provisions of the internal revenue code of 1954 as amended, any member of the faculty or any other person described in subsection (1)(a) may request in writing that the state board of regents reduce such person's annual salary, as of the state board, in an amount equal to not less than 5% nor

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0120 more than the percentage allowed under section 403(b) of the 19121 internal revenue code of 1954 as amended, as designated by such 0122 member of the faculty or other person described in subsection 0123 (1)(a), of the gross amount of such annual salary. In the event of 0124 such request the faculty member or other person making such 0125 request shall not be required to make the contribution provided 0126 in subsection (1)(b), and the state board of regents shall provide a 0127 sum equal to 7% of the gross annual salary of the member of the 0128 faculty or other person and shall purchase for and on behalf of 0129 each member of the faculty or other person whose salary has 0130 been so reduced a retirement annuity contract or contracts, the 0131 annual premiums for which shall be equal to the sum of the 0132 amount of the salary reduction of the member of the faculty or 0133 other person and the amount paid by the state board of regents. 0134 Such retirement annuity contracts may be purchased by the state 0135 board of regents from companies described in subsection (2)(a) 0136 and subsection (2)(b) or from noninsurance companies who offer 0137 retirement plans that meet the requirements of section 403(b) of 0138 the internal revenue code of 1954 as amended, except that the state board of regents may require that the first 5% of the gross amount of such person's annual salary which is reduced under 0141 this subsection (4) and the amount equal to 7% of the gross 0142 amount of such person's annual salary which is provided by the 0143 state board of regents for the purchase of retirement annuity 0144 contracts under this subsection (4) shall be used to purchase such 0145 retirement annuity contracts from such company or companies as 0146 may be designated by the state board of regents for such pur-0147 poses. The director of accounts and reports is authorized to draw

0152 (5) (a) All employees who are described in subsection (1)(a) 0153 and who commence such employment on and after July 1, 1976, 0154 shall receive assistance under subsection (1) and shall be covol155 ered by a valid retirement annuity contract issued by a company of described in subsection (2).

warrants on the state treasurer upon the filing with the director of proper vouchers for the amount of the premium on the retirement annuity contract to be paid pursuant to the terms of such

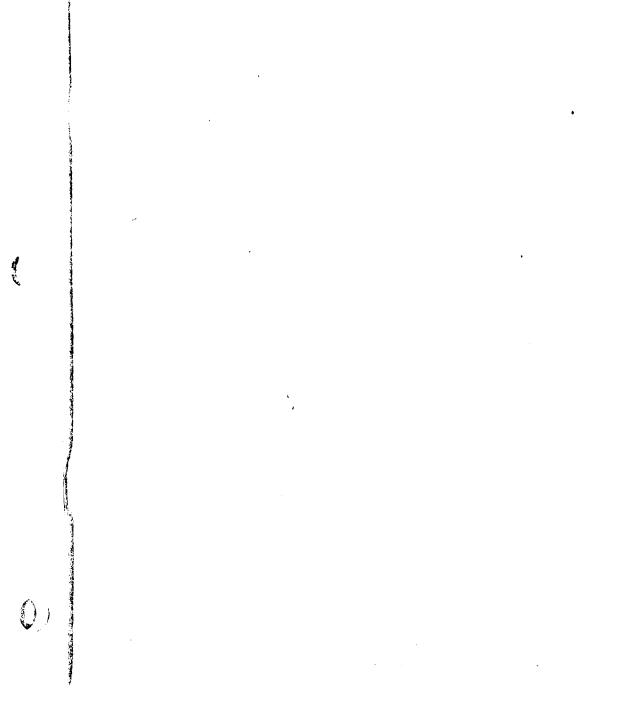
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- (b) All employees who are described in subsection (1)(a) and who are receiving participating service credit under the Kansas public employees retirement system after the effective date of this act and prior to July 1, 1976, shall file a written statement of election on or before July 1, 1976, with the board of trustees of the Kansas public employees retirement system to participate under the plan described in subsection (2) in lieu of receiving participating service credit under that system. Failure to file such written election shall be presumed to be an election not to participate in such plan and to continue receiving such participating service credit under that system. Such election, whether to participate in such plan or not to participate in such plan, shall be effective on August 18, 1976, and shall be irrevocable.
- (c) For each employee who elects under this subsection (5) to 0171 participate in a plan described in subsection (2), there shall be 0172 transferred on or after August 18, 1976, from the Kansas public 0173 employees retirement fund to such plan an amount equal to the 0174 sum of (i) the amount of the accumulated contributions which. 0175 have been credited to the account of such employee with the 0176 Kansas public employees retirement system plus (ii) an amount 0177 equal to that actually contributed by such employee to that 0178 system. All participating service credit in the Kansas public 0179 employees retirement system of each employee who elects under this subsection (5) to participate in a plan described in 0181 subsection (2) and who has moneys transferred to such plan 0182 under this subsection (5)(c), shall be forfeited and canceled and 0183 may not be purchased as credited service should such employee again become a member of that system under K.S.A. 74-4911 and 0185 amendments thereto. Nothing in this subsection (5) shall have 0186 the effect or be construed to have the effect of forfeiting and 0187 canceling any prior service credit under the Kansas public employees retirement system of any employee who has participat-0189 ing service credit thereunder forfeited and canceled under this 0190 subsection (5). All participating service credit that is forfeited 0191 and canceled under this subsection (5) shall be recognized for 0192 the purpose of determining a vested benefit as provided in 0193 subsection (3) and as provided in K.S.A. 74-4917 and amend-

10194 ments thereto if the employee again becomes a member of that 0195 system under K.S.A. 74-4911 and amendments thereto.

- (d) Any employees who are described in subsection (1)(a), 0197 who are employed prior to July 1, 1976, and who will not have 0198 completed one year of continuous service prior to July 1, 1976, 0199 shall elect in the manner prescribed in subsection (5)(b) to 0200 participate in a plan described in subsection (2) and such elec-0201 tion shall be irrevocable.
- (e) No employee who elects under subsection (5)(b) to par-0203 ticipate in the plan described in subsection (2) shall be subject to 0204 any waiting period prescribed by this section but shall partici-0205 pate and receive assistance under this section in such plan from and after the effective date of the election.
- (6) (a) All employees who are described in subsection (1)(a) and who did not have an election under subsection (5) and who 0209 are either receiving participating service credit or completing 0210 the one year of service prior to membership under K.S.A. 74-0211 4911 and amendments thereto under the Kansas public employ-0212 ees retirement system after the effective date of this act and prior 0213 to July 1, 1977, shall file a written statement of election on or 0214 before July 1, 1977, with the board of trustees of the Kansas public employees retirement system to participate under the 0216 plan described in subsection (2) in lieu of receiving participating 0217 service credit under that system. Failure to file such written 0218 election shall be presumed to be an election not to participate in such plan and to continue receiving such participating service 0220 credit under that system. Such election, whether to participate in such plan or not to participate in such plan, shall be effective on the first day of the payroll period coinciding with or following August 1, 1977, and shall be irrevocable. No employee who elects under this subsection (6) to participate in the plan described in subsection (2) shall be subject to any waiting period prescribed by this section but shall participate and receive assistance under this section in such plan from and after the effective date of the election.
- (b) For each employee who elects under this subsection (6) 0230 to participate in a plan described in subsection (2), there shall be



10231 transferred on or after the first day of the payroll period coincid-0232 ing with or following August 1, 1977, from the Kansas public 0233 employees retirement fund to such plan an amount equal to the 0234 sum of (i) the amount of the accumulated contributions which 0235 have been credited to the account of such employee with the 0236 Kansas public employees retirement system plus (ii) an amount equal to that actually contributed through payroll deductions by such employee to that system. All participating service credit in the Kansas public employees retirement system of each employee who elects under this subsection (6) to participate in a plan described in subsection (2) and who has moneys transferred 0242 to such plan under this subsection (6)(b) shall be forfeited and canceled and may not be purchased as credited service should such employee again become a member of that system under 0245 K.S.A. 74-4911 and amendments thereto. Nothing in this sub-0246 section (6) shall have the effect or be construed to have the effect of forfeiting and canceling any prior service credit under the 0248 Kansas public employees retirement system of any employee 0249 who has participating service credit thereunder forfeited and 0250 canceled under this subsection (6). All participating service credit that is forfeited and canceled under this subsection (6) 0252 shall be recognized for the purpose of determining a vested 0253 benefit as provided in subsection (3) and as provided in K.S.A. 0254 74-4917 and amendments thereto if the employee again becomes 0255 a member of that system under K.S.A. 74-4911 and amendments

(c) Any employees who are described in subsection (1)(a), who are employed prior to July 1, 1977, and who will not have completed one year of continuous service prior to July 1, 1977, shall elect in the manner prescribed in subsection (6)(a) to participate in a plan described in subsection (2) and such election shall be irrevocable.

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0263 (7) Any employee of the state board of regents or of an 0264 educational institution under its management, other than an 0265 elected official, who is receiving or is eligible for assistance by 0266 the state board of regents in the purchase of a retirement annuity 0267 under this section and who becomes ineligible for such assist-

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0268 ance because such employee's position is reclassified to a posi-0269 tion in the classified service under the Kansas civil service act or who becomes ineligible for such assistance because such em-6271 ployee transfers to a position in the classified service under the 0272 Kansas civil service act with the state board of regents or an 0273 educational institution under its management, shall become a 0274 member of the Kansas public employees retirement system in 0275 accordance with the provisions of subsection (5) of K.S.A. 74-0276 4911 and amendments thereto, unless such employee files a 0277 written election in the office of the Kansas public employees retirement system, in the form and manner prescribed by the 0279 board of trustees thereof, to remain eligible for assistance by the 0280 state board of regents under this section prior to the first day of 0281 the first complete payroll period occurring after the effective 0282 date of such reclassification or transfer. Failure to file such 0283 written election shall be presumed to be an election not to 0284 remain eligible for assistance by the state board of regents under 0285 this section and to become a member of the Kansas public employees retirement system under subsection (5) of K.S.A. 0287 74-4911 and amendments thereto. Such election, whether to 0288 remain eligible for such assistance or to become a member of 0289 such system, shall be effective as of the effective date of such reclassification or transfer and shall be irrevocable.

0291 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 1986 Supp. 74-4925 and 74-4925c are hereby 0292 repealed.

O293 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and O294 after its publication in the statute book.