Session of 2023

HOUSE BILL No. 2198

By Committee on Financial Institutions and Pensions

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AN ACT concerning retirement and pensions; relating to the Kansas police and firemen's retirement system; providing for membership affiliation for certain law enforcement officers and employees of the Kansas department of wildlife and parks; establishing employee and employer contributions.

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

Section 1. (a) (1) On July 1, 2023, the Kansas department of wildlife and parks shall be an eligible employer as defined in K.S.A. 74-4952, and amendments thereto, and shall affiliate with the Kansas police and firemen's retirement system established under the provisions of K.S.A. 74-4951 et seq., and amendments thereto, pursuant to the provisions of this section for membership in the system of officers and employees employed by the Kansas department of wildlife and parks who have successfully completed the required course of instruction for law enforcement officers approved by the Kansas law enforcement training center and are certified as a full-time police officer or law enforcement officer pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 74-5607a, and amendments thereto, and who are employed in the parks, public lands or law enforcement division. For purposes of such affiliation for membership in the system of such members, the Kansas department of wildlife and parks shall be considered a new participating employer. The Kansas department of wildlife and parks shall make application for affiliation with such system in the manner provided by K.S.A. 74-4954, and amendments thereto, to be effective on the July 1 next following application. The Kansas department of wildlife and parks shall affiliate for membership in the system of such officers and employees for participating service credit.

- (2) The Kansas department of wildlife and parks shall appropriate and pay a sum sufficient to satisfy any obligations as certified by the board of trustees of the retirement system based on an actuarial valuation of the cost of such affiliation, and the employer contributions of the Kansas department of wildlife and parks shall be as provided in K.S.A. 74-4967(1), and amendments thereto.
- (b) Each such officer and employee who is employed by the Kansas department of wildlife and parks on or after the entry date of the Kansas department of wildlife and parks into the Kansas police and firemen's

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service credited for purposes of computing retirement benefits pursuant to K.S.A. 74-4901 et seq., and amendments thereto.

- (g) Beginning with the first payment of compensation for services of such officer or employee after becoming a member of the Kansas police and firemen's retirement system, the employer shall deduct from the compensation of such member 7.15% as the employee contribution to the system. Such deductions shall be remitted, deposited and credited as provided in K.S.A. 74-4965, and amendments thereto.
- Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book:

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