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MEMORANDUM

To: House Health and Human Services

From: The Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: February 10, 2026

Subject: House Bill 2626 - Expanding veteran's preference in government employment to include current members of the national guard and such members' eligible spouses.

House Bill 2626, as introduced, amends K.S.A. 73-201 to expand the veteran's preference in government employment to include current members of the national guard and such members' eligible spouses.

Subsection (a) provides that veteran preference in government employment shall not apply to any current member of the Kansas army or air national guard or a current member of a unit of the reserve forces of the United States military.

Subsections (a)(4) and (a)(5) provide definitions for an eligible spouse and servicemember that are used throughout the bill.

Subsection (c) includes service members and eligible spouses for preference in initial employment and first promotion in the state government of Kansas, if competent to perform such services.

Subsection (e)(3) requires that a servicemember who qualifies for veteran's preference shall provide the hiring authority with proof of residency in Kansas and a certificate signed by the unit commander that such servicemember is in good standing in their respective unit and is stationed in Kansas.

Subsection (e)(4) requires that an eligible spouse who qualifies for veteran's preference shall provide the hiring authority with proof of residency in Kansas, proof of marriage to an eligible servicemember and a certificate signed by the unit commander that such servicemember is an active duty member of the military service and in good standing in their respective unit.

House Bill 2626, as introduced, would become effective upon publication in the statute book.