

## HOUSE BILL No. 2476

By Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

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1 AN ACT concerning health insurance; pertaining to continuation of health  
2 insurance for spouse and dependent children of employees of the  
3 department of corrections; amending K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 40-2140 and  
4 repealing the existing section.  
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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

7 Section 1. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 40-2140 is hereby amended to read as  
8 follows: 40-2140.(a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), whenever a  
9 state agency or municipality provides for the payment of premiums for any  
10 health benefit plan for law enforcement officers employed by such state  
11 agency or such municipality, the state agency or municipality shall pay  
12 premiums for the continuation of coverage under COBRA for the  
13 surviving spouse and eligible dependent children under the age of 26 years  
14 of a law enforcement officer who dies in the line of duty. Premiums for  
15 continuation of coverage under COBRA shall be paid for 18 months.

16 (2) Neither the state agency nor the municipality may be required to  
17 pay the premiums described in paragraph (1) for a surviving spouse:

18 (A) On or after the end of the 18<sup>th</sup> calendar month after the date of  
19 death of the deceased law enforcement officer;

20 (B) upon the remarriage of the deceased law enforcement officer's  
21 surviving spouse; or

22 (C) upon the deceased law enforcement officer's surviving spouse  
23 reaching the age of 65.

24 (b) For the purposes of this section:

25 (1) "Health benefit plan" shall have the meaning ascribed to such  
26 term in K.S.A. 40-4602, and amendments thereto.

27 (2) "Law enforcement officer" means an employee employed by:

28 (A) A law enforcement agency ~~and~~

29 ~~(A)~~—whose principal duties are engagement in the enforcement of law  
30 and maintenance of order within this state and its political subdivisions;  
31 and

32 ~~(B)~~—who is certified pursuant to the provisions of the Kansas law  
33 enforcement training act, K.S.A. 74-5601 et seq., and amendments  
34 thereto; or

35 (B) *the Kansas department of corrections.*

36 (3) "Municipality" means a city, county or township.

1       (4) "State agency" shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in  
2 K.S.A. 75-3701, and amendments thereto.

3       Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 40-2140 is hereby repealed.

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