

As Amended by House Committee

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HOUSE BILL No. 2448

By Representative Jennings

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1 AN ACT concerning retirement and pensions; relating to the Kansas public  
2 employees retirement system and systems thereunder; affiliation and  
3 membership **of certain employees** of the department of corrections  
4 **located at correctional institutions and juvenile correctional**  
5 **facilities** in the Kansas police and firemen's retirement system;  
6 employee and employer contributions.  
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8 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

9 Section 1. (a) On ~~July 1, 2018~~ **January 1, 2019**, the department of  
10 corrections shall be an eligible employer as defined in K.S.A. 74-4952,  
11 and amendments thereto, and shall affiliate on ~~July 1, 2018~~ **January 1,**  
12 **2019**, with the Kansas police and firemen's retirement system established  
13 under K.S.A. 74-4951 et seq., and amendments thereto.

14 (b) The division of the budget and the governor shall include in the  
15 budget and in the budget request for appropriations for personnel services,  
16 the amount required to satisfy the employer's obligation under this section  
17 as certified by the board of trustees of the system, and shall present the  
18 same to the legislature for allowance and appropriation. Upon affiliation,  
19 the department of corrections shall pay to the system a sum sufficient to  
20 satisfy such obligations as certified by the board.

21 (c) The determination of retirement, death or disability benefits shall  
22 be computed upon the basis of credited service, as used in K.S.A. 74-4951  
23 et seq., and amendments thereto, but shall include only participating  
24 service with the department of corrections, commencing on and after the  
25 effective date of affiliation by the department of corrections with the  
26 Kansas police and firemen's retirement system.

27 (d) Any rights or benefits accruing to any security officer employed  
28 by the department of corrections prior to the effective date of affiliation  
29 shall be determined pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 74-4901 et seq.,  
30 and amendments thereto. Any security officer who becomes a member  
31 pursuant to this section, who has a vested retirement benefit pursuant to  
32 K.S.A. 74-4917, and amendments thereto, and who terminates  
33 employment prior to attaining a vested benefit pursuant to K.S.A. 74-4963,  
34 and amendments thereto, may have such service credited for purposes of  
35 computing retirement benefits pursuant to K.S.A. 74-4901 et seq., and  
36 amendments thereto. **Notwithstanding any provision of K.S.A. 74-4901**

1 et seq., and amendments thereto, to the contrary, if a security officer  
2 has a vested retirement benefit pursuant to K.S.A. 74-4963, and  
3 amendments thereto, and a vested retirement benefit pursuant to  
4 K.S.A. 74-4917, and amendments thereto, and retires on or after such  
5 security officer's normal retirement date under K.S.A. 74-4957a, and  
6 amendments thereto, then such security officer shall also be deemed to  
7 have retired for the purposes of K.S.A. 74-4901 et seq., and  
8 amendments thereto, and shall be eligible for such vested retirement  
9 benefit pursuant to K.S.A. 74-4917, and amendments thereto.

10 (e) Every person who is employed as a security officer on or after the  
11 entry date of the department of corrections into the Kansas police and  
12 firemen's retirement system shall become a member of the Kansas police  
13 and firemen's retirement system.

14 (f) Except as otherwise provided by this act, any security officer  
15 employed by the department of corrections who becomes a member of the  
16 Kansas police and firemen's retirement system shall be subject to all the  
17 provisions of K.S.A. 74-4951 through 74-4970, and amendments thereto.

18 (g) Beginning with the first payment of compensation for services of  
19 a security officer after becoming a member of the Kansas police and  
20 firemen's retirement system, the employer shall deduct from the  
21 compensation of such member 7.15% as the employee contribution to the  
22 system. Such deductions shall be remitted, deposited and credited as  
23 provided in K.S.A. 74-4965, and amendments thereto.

24 (h) As used in this section, "security officer" means any person, as  
25 certified to the board by the secretary of corrections, who is employed on  
26 or after the effective date of this act as an employee of the department of  
27 corrections:

28 ~~(1) Who is in any position in a job class in the corrections officer~~  
29 ~~class series, including, but not limited to, corrections officer I, corrections~~  
30 ~~officer II, corrections supervisor I, corrections supervisor II and~~  
31 ~~corrections supervisor III, or in a position in the corrections counselor I,~~  
32 ~~corrections counselor II, unit team supervisor or corrections classification~~  
33 ~~administrator job class, as all such job classes are described on July 1,~~  
34 ~~2018, in the state job classification plan in effect for the classified service~~  
35 ~~under the Kansas civil service act or who is in a position in any successor~~  
36 ~~job class or classes that have been approved under K.S.A. 75-2938, and~~  
37 ~~amendments thereto, and who have substantially the same duties and~~  
38 ~~responsibilities thereof;~~

39 ~~(2) who is in any position in a job class in the juvenile services~~  
40 ~~corrections officer class series, including, but not limited to, corrections~~  
41 ~~manager I, corrections manager II, corrections manager III, juvenile~~  
42 ~~corrections officer I (A), juvenile corrections officer I (B), juvenile~~  
43 ~~corrections officer II, juvenile corrections officer III, special investigator~~

1 H, superintendent, training program manager, training technician and unit  
2 team manager, as all such job classes are described on July 1, 2018, in the  
3 state job classification plan in effect for the classified service under the  
4 Kansas civil service act or who is in a position in any successor job class  
5 or classes that have been approved under K.S.A. 75-2938, and  
6 amendments thereto, and who have substantially the same duties and  
7 responsibilities thereof;

8 **(3) Who is in any position in a job class in the corrections officer**  
9 **or juvenile services corrections officer class series, including, but not**  
10 **limited to, corrections officer I (A), corrections officer I (B),**  
11 **corrections officer II, corrections supervisor I, corrections supervisor**  
12 **II, corrections supervisor III, corrections counselor I, corrections**  
13 **counselor II, unit team supervisor, corrections classification**  
14 **administrator, juvenile corrections officer I (A), juvenile corrections**  
15 **officer I (B), captain, major, juvenile corrections officer II, juvenile**  
16 **corrections officer III, special investigator II, unit team manager, chief**  
17 **of security, EAI investigator or EAI investigator supervisor job class,**  
18 **as all such job classes are described on January 1, 2019, in the state**  
19 **job classification plan in effect for the classified service under the**  
20 **Kansas civil service act or who is in a position in any successor job**  
21 **class or classes that have been approved under K.S.A. 75-2938, and**  
22 **amendments thereto, and who have substantially the same duties and**  
23 **responsibilities thereof;**

24 **(2) who is promoted prior to or on or after July 1, 2018 January 1,**  
25 **2019, from a position in any job class under paragraph (1) to any position**  
26 **in any job class of warden or deputy warden of any correctional institution,**  
27 **the job class of work release supervisor, the job class of training officer,**  
28 **correctional institutions, or the job class of corrections administrator —**  
29 **security specialist training program manager, training technician,**  
30 **superintendent, deputy superintendent, corrections manager I,**  
31 **corrections manager II, staff development specialist, safety and health**  
32 **inspector or safety and health specialist, as such job classes are**  
33 **described on July 1, 2018 January 1, 2019, in the state job classification**  
34 **plan in effect for the classified service under the Kansas civil service act or**  
35 **to any successor job class or classes that are approved under K.S.A. 75-**  
36 **2938, and amendments thereto, and who have substantially the same duties**  
37 **and responsibilities, if the person was employed and had at least three**  
38 **consecutive years of service in any one or more positions in any one or**  
39 **more job classes described in paragraph (1) immediately preceding**  
40 **promotion to the position in a job class under this paragraph and is**  
41 **located at a correctional institution or a juvenile correctional facility;**

42 **(4) who is in any position for which the duties and responsibilities**  
43 **directly and primarily involve operation of power plant facilities within**

1 any correctional institution or juvenile correctional facility and involve  
2 regular contact with inmates or juvenile offenders;

3 (5) who is in any position for which the duties and responsibilities  
4 directly and primarily involve the operation of the correctional industries  
5 activity of the department of corrections within a correctional institution or  
6 juvenile correctional facility and involve regular contact with inmates or  
7 juvenile offenders;

8 (6) who is in any position for which the duties and responsibilities  
9 directly and primarily involve supervision of food service **or laundry**  
10 operations within any correctional institution or juvenile correctional  
11 facility and involve regular contact with inmates or juvenile offenders; or

12 (7) who is in any position for which the duties and responsibilities  
13 directly and primarily involve supervision of maintenance operations  
14 within any correctional institution or juvenile correctional facility and  
15 involve regular contact with inmates or juvenile offenders.

16 (i) As used in this section, references to the department of corrections  
17 include correctional institutions as defined by K.S.A. 75-5202, and  
18 amendments thereto, and juvenile correctional facilities as defined by  
19 K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 38-2302, and amendments thereto, unless the context  
20 requires otherwise.

21 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
22 publication in the statute book.