HOUSE BILL No. 2448

By Representative Jennings

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AN ACT concerning retirement and pensions; relating to the Kansas public employees retirement system and systems thereunder; affiliation and membership of the department of corrections in the Kansas police and firemen's retirement system; employee and employer contributions.

Be it enucted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas;

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

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

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

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

(e) Every person who is employed as a security officer on or after the entry date of the department of corrections into the Kansas police and

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firemen's retirement system shall become a member of the Kansas police and firemen's retirement system.

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

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

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

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(2) who is in any position in a job class in the juvenile services corrections officer class series, including, but not limited to, corrections manager I, corrections manager II, corrections manager III, juvenile corrections officer I (A), juvenile corrections officer I (B), juvenile corrections officer III, special investigator II, superintendent, training program manager, training technician and unit team manager, as all such job classes are described on July 1, 2018, in the state job classification plan in effect for the classified service under the Kansas civil service act or who is in a position in any successor job class or classes that have been approved under K.S.A. 75-2938, and amendments thereto, and who have substantially the same duties and responsibilities thereof;

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(3) who is promoted prior to or on or after July 1, 2018, from a position in any job class under paragraph (1) to any position in any job class of warden or deputy warden of any correctional institution, the job class of work release supervisor, the job class of training officer,

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correctional institutions, or the job class of corrections administrator — security specialist as such job classes are described on July-1, 2018, in the state job classification plan in effect for the classified service under the Kansas civil service act or to any successor job class or classes that are approved under K.S.A. 75-2938, and amendments thereto, and who have substantially the same duties and responsibilities, if the person was employed and had at least three consecutive years of service in any one or more positions in any one or more job classes described in paragraph (1) immediately preceding promotion to the position in a job class under this paragraph;

(4) who is in any position for which the duties and responsibilities directly and primarily involve operation of power plant facilities within any correctional institution or juvenile correctional facility and involve regular contact with inmates or juvenile offenders;

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

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

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

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

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

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