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HOUSE BILL No. 2342

By Representative Larkin (By Request)

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AN ACT concerning public officers and employees; relating to random drug testing of employees in safety sensitive positions.

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

Section 1. (a) The head of the department or agency which employs persons in safety sensitive positions in state government shall establish and implement a random drug testing program for such employees.

- (b) The head of the department or agency shall adopt such rules and regulations as necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.
- (c) No person shall be terminated solely due to positive results of a test administered as a part of a program authorized by this section if:
- The employee has not previously had a valid positive test result; and
- (2) the employee undergoes a drug evaluation and successfully completes any education or treatment program recommended as a result of the evaluation. Nothing herein shall be construed as prohibiting demotions, suspensions or termination pursuant to K.S.A. 75-2949e or 75-2949f, and amendments thereto.
- (d) Except in hearings before the state civil service board regarding disciplinary action taken against the employee, the results of any test administered as part of a program authorized by this section shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed publicly.
- (e) "Safety sensitive positions" means state law enforcement officers who are authorized to carry firearms and all persons employed within a correctional institution as defined in K.S.A. 21-3826, and amendments thereto, or a juvenile correctional facility, as defined in K.S.A. 38-1602, and amendments thereto.
- (f) The program established in this section shall be in addition to the program established in K.S.A. 75-4362, and amendments thereto.
- Sec. 2. (a) The head of the county or city law enforcement agency shall establish and implement a random drug testing program for such agency's safety sensitive positions.
- (b) The head of the agency shall adopt such policies as necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

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(c) No person shall be terminated solely due to positive results of a test administered as a part of a program authorized by this section if:

- (1) The employee has not previously had a valid positive test result; and
- (2) the employee undergoes a drug evaluation and successfully completes any education or treatment program recommended as a result of the evaluation. Nothing herein shall be construed as prohibiting demotions, suspensions or termination pursuant to county ordinances or city resolutions.
- (d) The results of any test administered as part of a program authorized by this section shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed publicly.
- (e) "Safety sensitive positions" means the county or city law enforcement officers who are authorized to carry firearms and all persons employed within a jail or lockup facility managed by the county or city.
- Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.