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**HOUSE BILL No. 2619** 

By Joint Committee on Pensions, Investments and Benefits

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AN ACT relating to tax sheltered annuities provided for employees of community colleges and school districts and deferred compensation accounts, annuities and plans provided for public employees; amending K.S.A. 72-8603 and 75-5524 and repealing the existing seetion sections.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 72-8603 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-8603. (a) The board of education of any school district or the board of trustees of any community junior college shall contract with any of its employees so requesting, upon request, for reductions in compensation and the contribution thereof for tax sheltered annuities accounts and annuities or deferred compensation plans as permitted under section 403(b) or section 457 of the United States internal revenue code, for the benefit of such employees. Any employee desiring to contract under the provisions of this section shall express his or her wishes in writing to his or her send written notice of such desire to such employee's employer within semiannual thirty-day periods in accordance with rules and regulations of such employer.

(b) The board of education of any school district and the board of trustees of any community college may contribute to an employee's tax sheltered annuity 403(b) account or annuity or 457 plan an amount to match the employee's contribution contracted for under subsection (a).

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 75-5524 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-5524. (a) The director is authorized to enter into a voluntary agreement with any employee whereby the director agrees to defer and deduct each payroll period a portion of the employee's salary or compensation from the state in accordance with the Kansas public employees deferred compensation plan. Such agreement may require each participant to pay a service charge to defray all or part of any significant costs incurred and to be recovered by the state pursuant to subsection (c) of K.S.A. 75-5523, and amendments thereto, as a result of the administration of this act. Pursuant to this act and such agreements the director is authorized 8 9

to deduct amounts authorized in such agreements from the salary or compensation of such employee each payroll period, as part of the system of regular payroll deduction. On and after July 1, 2002, pursuant to section 401(a) of the federal internal revenue code, the director may establish a qualified plan under which the state may contribute a specified amount, subject to appropriations, to the deferred compensation plan for state employees who have entered into a voluntary agreement with the director under this section.

- (b) The minimum amount and the maximum amount which may be deferred in any one payroll period shall be established by rules and regulations adopted under K.S.A. 75-5529, and amendments thereto.
- (c) The Kansas public employees deferred compensation plan shall exist and be in addition to, and shall not be a part of any retirement or pension system for employees. The state shall not be responsible for any loss incurred by an employee under the Kansas public employees deferred compensation plan established and approved pursuant to this act.
- (d) Any amount of the employee's salary or compensation that is deferred under such authorized agreement shall continue to be included as regular compensation for all purposes of computing retirement and pension benefits earned by any such employee, but any sum deferred or deducted shall not be subject to any state or local income taxes for the year in which such sum is earned but shall be subject to applicable state and local income taxes for the year in which such sum is received by the employee.
- (e) The director is hereby authorized to establish a deferred compensation clearing fund in the state treasury in which shall be placed temporarily all compensation deferred and, deducted or contributed in accordance with this act, as provided for in any agreement between an employee and the director.
  - Sec. 2. 3. K.S.A. 72-8603 is and 75-5524 are hereby repealed.
- Sec. 3. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.