SENATE BILL No. 428

By Senators Ostmeyer and D. Schmidt

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AN ACT relating to state employees; concerning veterans service representatives; relating to compensation; amending K.S.A. 46-235 and 73-1211 and repealing the existing sections.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 46-235 is hereby amended to read as follows: 46-235. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), no state officer or employee shall accept compensation for performance of official duties, other than that to which such person is entitled for such performance. No person shall pay or offer to pay any state officer or employee any compensation for performance of official duties, except a state officer or employee performing official duties in making payments to state officers and employees. The receipt of wages or salary from an individual's non-state employer during a period of service as a state officer or employee shall not be construed as compensation for performance of official duties.

(b) Veteran service representatives of the Kansas commission on veterans affairs may receive a monthly stipend from any veterans' service organization in addition to their full-time compensation from the Kansas commission on veterans affairs for the performance of duties for such veterans' service organization that are similar to the duties performed for the Kansas commission on veterans affairs.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 73-1211 is hereby amended to read as follows: 73-1211. All claims filed with the federal veterans' administration by the Kansas veterans' commission on veterans affairs shall be prosecuted by an accredited representative of one of the participating congressionally chartered 501 C (19) veterans' organizations whose membership represents at least 10% of the current veterans population in Kansas. No employee of any veterans' organization shall participate in or receive any funds hereinafter appropriated or made available to the Kansas veterans' commission on veterans affairs unless such employing veterans' organization shall prosecute any and all claims to the federal veterans' administration that are referred to them or their employees by the Kansas veterans' commission on veterans affairs. It shall be the responsibility of the veterans' organization to determine if an individual is acceptable for accreditation as a veterans' service representative and a representative of

- the veterans' organization, selected by the veterans' organization, shall 1 attend all interviews of prospective employees for positions of veterans' 3 service representatives located in the veterans' organization's offices. The employing veterans' organizations may, at its discretion, utilize the serv-4 ices of such employees for the organization's educational, training and outreach programs for a maximum of 30 days per fiscal year for one employee designated by the veterans' organization as its department service officer and 15 days for all other employees. Such employees may accept 8 9 supplemental payments from the employing veterans' organization for services performed on behalf of the organization. 10
- 11 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 46-235 and 73-1211 are hereby repealed.
- Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Kansas register.