SENATE BILL No. 393

By Committee on Ways and Means

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AN ACT concerning retirement and pensions; relating to the Kansas public employees retirement system and systems thereunder; postretirement benefit increase for certain retirants, employer contributions; making and concerning appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008; amending K.S.A. 2006 Supp. 74-4920, as amended by section 17 of 2007 Senate Bill No. 362, and repealing the existing section.

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

New Section 1. (a) The retirement benefit, pension or annuity payments accruing after June 30, 2007, to each retirant shall be increased by an amount equal to the sum of \$.50 per month for each year of credited service and \$.75 per month for each year since the retirant's retirement. For the purpose of determining years of credited service and years of retirement, as provided in this section, a remainder of six months or more shall be rounded to a whole year and a remainder of less than six months shall be disregarded. Such increased payment shall be paid by the retirement system to the retirant.

- (b) As used in this section: (1) "Retirant" means: (A) Any person who is a member of a retirement system, and who retired prior to July 1, 2006;
- (B) any person who is a special member of a retirement system, and who retired prior to July 1, 2006; and
- (C) any person who is a joint annuitant or beneficiary of any member described in clause (A) or any special member described in clause (B); and
- (2) "retirement system" means the Kansas public employees retirement system, the Kansas police and firemen's retirement system, the state school retirement system and the retirement system for judges.
- Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2006 Supp. 74-4920, as amended by section 17 of 2007 Senate Bill No. 362, is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-4920. (1) (a) Upon the basis of each annual actuarial valuation and appraisal as provided for in subsection (3)(a) of K.S.A. 74-4908 and amendments thereto, the board shall certify, on or before July 15 of each year, to the division of the budget in the case of the state and to the agent for each other participating employer an actuarially determined estimate of the rate of contribution which will be required, together with all accumulated

 contributions and other assets of the system, to be paid by each such participating employer to pay all liabilities which shall exist or accrue under the system, including amortization of the actuarial accrued liability as determined by the board. The board shall determine the actuarial cost method to be used in annual actuarial valuations, to determine the employer contribution rates that shall be certified by the board. Such certified rate of contribution, amortization methods and periods and actuarial cost method shall be based on the standards set forth in subsection (3)(a) of K.S.A. 74-4908 and amendments thereto and shall not be based on any other purpose outside of the needs of the system.

- (b) (I) For employers affiliating on and after January 1, 1999, upon the basis of an annual actuarial valuation and appraisal of the system conducted in the manner provided for in K.S.A. 74-4908 and amendments thereto, the board shall certify, on or before July 15 of each year to each such employer an actuarially determined estimate of the rate of contribution which shall be required to be paid by each such employer to pay all of the liabilities which shall accrue under the system from and after the entry date as determined by the board, upon recommendation of the actuary. Such rate shall be termed the employer's participating service contribution and shall be uniform for all participating employers. Such additional liability shall be amortized as determined by the board. For all participating employers described in this section, the board shall determine the actuarial cost method to be used in annual actuarial valuations to determine the employer contribution rates that shall be certified by the board.
- (ii) The board shall determine for each such employer separately an amount sufficient to amortize all liabilities for prior service costs which shall have accrued at the time of entry into the system. On the basis of such determination the board shall annually certify to each such employer separately an actuarially determined estimate of the rate of contribution which shall be required to be paid by that employer to pay all of the liabilities for such prior service costs. Such rate shall be termed the employer's prior service contribution.
- (2) The division of the budget and the governor shall include in the budget and in the budget request for appropriations for personal services the sum required to satisfy the state's obligation under this act as certified by the board and shall present the same to the legislature for allowance and appropriation.
- (3) Each other participating employer shall appropriate and pay to the system a sum sufficient to satisfy the obligation under this act as certified by the board.
- (4) Each participating employer is hereby authorized to pay the employer's contribution from the same fund that the compensation for which

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such contribution is made is paid from or from any other funds available to it for such purpose. Each political subdivision, other than an instrumentality of the state, which is by law authorized to levy taxes for other purposes, may levy annually at the time of its levy of taxes, a tax which may be in addition to all other taxes authorized by law for the purpose of making its contributions under this act and, in the case of cities and counties, to pay a portion of the principal and interest on bonds issued under the authority of K.S.A. 12-1774 and amendments thereto by cities located in the county, which tax, together with any other fund available, shall be sufficient to enable it to make such contribution. In lieu of levying the tax authorized in this subsection, any taxing subdivision may pay such costs from any employee benefits contribution fund established pursuant to K.S.A. 12-16,102 and amendments thereto. Each participating employer which is not by law authorized to levy taxes as described above, but which prepares a budget for its expenses for the ensuing year and presents the same to a governing body which is authorized by law to levy taxes as described above, may include in its budget an amount sufficient to make its contributions under this act which may be in addition to all other taxes authorized by law. Such governing body to which the budget is submitted for approval, may levy a tax sufficient to allow the participating employer to make its contributions under this act, which tax, together with any other fund available, shall be sufficient to enable the participating employer to make the contributions required by this act.

- (5) (a) The rate of contribution certified to a participating employer as provided in this section shall apply during the fiscal year of the participating employer which begins in the second calendar year following the year of the actuarial valuation.
- (b) (I) Except as specifically provided in this section, for fiscal years commencing in calendar year 1996 and in each subsequent calendar year, the rate of contribution certified to the state of Kansas shall in no event exceed the state's contribution rate for the immediately preceding fiscal year by more than 0.2% of the amount of compensation upon which members contribute during the period.
- (ii) Except as specifically provided in this subsection, for the fiscal years commencing in the following calendar years, the rate of contribution certified to the state of Kansas and to the participating employers under K.S.A. 74-4931, and amendments thereto shall in no event exceed the state's contribution rate for the immediately preceding fiscal year by more than the following amounts expressed as a percentage of compensation upon which members contribute during the period: (A) For the fiscal year commencing in calendar year 2005, an amount not to exceed more than 0.4% of the amount of the immediately preceding fiscal year; (B) for the fiscal year commencing in calendar year 2006, an amount not to

exceed more than 0.5% of the amount of the immediately preceding fiscal year; and (C) for the fiscal year commencing in calendar year 2007 and in each subsequent calendar year, an amount not to exceed more than 0.6% of the amount of the immediately preceding fiscal year.

- (iii) Except as specifically provided in this section, for fiscal years commencing in calendar year 1997 and in each subsequent calendar year, the rate of contribution certified to participating employers other than the state of Kansas shall in no event exceed such participating employer's contribution rate for the immediately preceding fiscal year by more than 0.15% of the amount of compensation upon which members contribute during the period.
- (iv) Except as specifically provided in this subsection, for the fiscal years commencing in the following calendar years, the rate of contribution certified to participating employers other than the state of Kansas shall in no event exceed the contribution rate for such employers for the immediately preceding fiscal year by more than the following amounts expressed as a percentage of compensation upon which members contribute during the period: (A) For the fiscal year commencing in calendar year 2006, an amount not to exceed more than 0.4% of the amount of the immediately preceding fiscal year; (B) for the fiscal year commencing in calendar year 2007, an amount not to exceed more than 0.5% of the amount of the immediately preceding fiscal year; and (C) for the fiscal year commencing in calendar year 2008 and in each subsequent calendar year, an amount not to exceed more than 0.6% of the amount of the immediately preceding fiscal year.
- (v) As part of the annual actuarial valuation, there shall be a separate employer rate of contribution calculated for the state of Kansas, a separate employer rate of contribution calculated for participating employers under K.S.A. 74-4931 and amendments thereto, a combined employer rate of contribution calculated for the state of Kansas and participating employers under K.S.A. 74-4931, and amendments thereto, and a separate employer rate of contribution calculated for all other participating employers.
- (vi) There shall be a separate employer rate of contribution certified to the state of Kansas. There shall be a separate employer rate of contribution certified to participating employers under K.S.A. 74-4931, and amendments thereto. There shall be a separate employer rate of contribution certified to all other participating employers.
- (vii) If the combined employer rate of contribution calculated for the state of Kansas and participating employers under K.S.A. 74-4931, and amendments thereto, is greater than the separate employer rate of contribution for the state of Kansas, the difference in the two rates applied to the actual payroll of the state of Kansas for the applicable fiscal year

shall be calculated. This amount shall be certified by the board as additional employer contributions for the participating employers under K.S.A. 74-4931, and amendments thereto, to the division of budget and governor who shall include in the budget each year thereafter provisions for the transfer from the state general fund of sufficient sums to satisfy this obligation. This amount shall be distributed through the same pro-cedure as followed for the employer contribution payments under K.S.A. 74-4939 and K.S.A. 74-4939a, and amendments thereto, and then remit-ted by the participating employers to the Kansas public employees retirement system for deposit as additional employer contributions to the retirement benefit accumulation reserve for the participating employers under K.S.A. 74-4931, and amendments thereto.

- (6) The actuarial cost of any legislation enacted in the 1994 session of the Kansas legislature will be included in the June 30, 1994, actuarial valuation in determining contribution rates for participating employers.
- (7) The actuarial cost of the provisions of K.S.A. 74-4950i will be included in the June 30, 1998, actuarial valuation in determining contribution rates for participating employers. The actuarial accrued liability incurred for the provisions of K.S.A. 74-4950i shall be amortized over 15 years.
- (8) Except as otherwise provided by law, the actuarial cost of any legislation enacted by the Kansas legislature, except the actuarial cost of K.S.A. 74-49,114a, and amendments thereto, shall be in addition to the employer contribution rates certified for the employer contribution rate in the fiscal year immediately following such enactment.
- (9) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (8), the actuarial cost of the provisions of K.S.A. 74-49,109 et seq., and amendments thereto shall be first reflected in employer contribution rates effective with the first day of the first payroll period for the fiscal year 2005. The actuarial accrued liability incurred for the provisions of K.S.A. 74-49,109 et seq., and amendments thereto shall be amortized over 10 years.
- (10) The cost of the postretirement benefit payment provided pursuant to the provisions of section 16 of 2007 Senate Bill No. 362, and section 1, and amendments thereto, for retirants other than local retirants as described in subsection (11) or insured disability benefit recipients shall be paid in the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2007.
- (11) The actuarial accrued liability incurred for the provisions of section 16 of 2007 Senate Bill No. 362, and section 1, and amendments thereto, for the KPERS local group and retirants who were employees of local employers which affiliated with the Kansas police and firemen's retirement system shall be amortized over 10 years.
- (12) The board with the advice of the actuary may fix the contribution rates for participating employers joining the system after one year from

 the first entry date or for employers who exercise the option contained in K.S.A. 74-4912 and amendments thereto at rates different from the rate fixed for employers joining within one year of the first entry date.

- (13) For employers affiliating on and after January 1, 1999, the rates of contribution certified to the participating employer as provided in this section shall apply during the fiscal year immediately following such certification, but the rate of contribution during the first year following the employer's entry date shall be equal to 7% of the amount of compensation on which members contribute during the year. Any amount of such first year's contribution which may be in excess of the necessary current service contribution shall be credited by the board to the respective employer's prior service liability.
- (14) Employer contributions shall in no way be limited by any other act which now or in the future establishes or limits the compensation of any member.
- (15) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, each participating employer shall remit quarterly, or as the board may otherwise provide, all employee deductions and required employer contributions to the executive director for credit to the Kansas public employees retirement fund within three days after the end of the period covered by the remittance by electronic funds transfer. Remittances of such deductions and contributions received after such date are delinquent. Delinquent payments due under this subsection shall be subject to interest at the rate established for interest on judgments under subsection (a) of K.S.A. 16-204 and amendments thereto. At the request of the board, delinquent payments which are due or interest owed on such payments, or both, may be deducted from any other moneys payable to such employer by any department or agency of the state.

Sec. 3.

KANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

- (a) There is appropriated for the above agency from the state general fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, the following: Reimbursement for postretirement benefit payments \$80,000,000 Provided, That all moneys in the reimbursement for postretirement benefit payments account shall be paid into the Kansas public employees retirement fund on July 1, 2007, or as soon thereafter as moneys are available therefor, for the purpose of reimbursing the Kansas public employees retirement fund for the postretirement benefit payment for re-
- tirants, other than local retirants, pursuant to section 1 of this act. Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2006 Supp. 79-4920, as amended by section 17 of 2007 Senate Bill No. 362, is hereby repealed.
- Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.