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HOUSE BILL No. 2673

By Committee on Appropriations

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AN ACT concerning retirement and pensions; relating to the Kansas public employees retirement system; regarding employment after retirement for licensed professional nurses and licensed practical nurses at state institutions; [purchase of service credit;] [postretirement benefit adjustment, lottery revenue fund;] amending K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 74-4914 [and 74-8768] and repealing the existing section [sections].

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 74-4914 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-4914. (1) The normal retirement date for a member of the system shall be the first day of the month coinciding with or following termination of employment with any participating employer not followed by employment with any participating employer within 30 days and the attainment of age 65 or, commencing July 1, 1993, age 62 with the completion of 10 years of credited service or the first day of the month coinciding with or following the date that the total of the number of years of credited service and the number of years of attained age of the member is equal to or more than 85. In no event shall a normal retirement date for a member be before six months after the entry date of the participating employer by whom such member is employed. A member may retire on the normal retirement date or on the first day of any month thereafter upon the filing with the office of the retirement system of an application in such form and manner as the board shall prescribe. Nothing herein shall prevent any person, member or retirant from being employed, appointed or elected as an employee, appointee, officer or member of the legislature. Elected officers may retire from the system on any date on or after the attainment of the normal retirement date, but no retirement benefits payable under this act shall be paid until the member has terminated such member's office.

- (2) No retirant shall make contributions to the system or receive service credit for any service after the date of retirement.
- (3) Any member who is an employee of an affiliating employer pursuant to K.S.A. 74-4954b and amendments thereto and has not withdrawn

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such member's accumulated contributions from the Kansas police and firemen's retirement system may retire before such member's normal retirement date on the first day of any month coinciding with or following the attainment of age 55.

- (4) Any member may retire before such member's normal retirement date on the first day of any month coinciding with or following termination of employment with any participating employer not followed by employment with any participating employer within 30 days and the attainment of age 55 with the completion of 10 years of credited service, but in no event before six months after the entry date, upon the filing with the office of the retirement system of an application for retirement in such form and manner as the board shall prescribe.
- (5) On or after July 1, 2006, for any retirant who is first employed or appointed in or to any position or office by a participating employer other than a participating employer for which such retirant was employed or appointed during the final two years of such retirant's participation, such participating employer shall pay to the system the actuarially determined employer contribution and the statutorily prescribed employee contribution based on the retirant's compensation during any such period of employment or appointment. If a retirant who retired on or after July 1, 1988, is employed or appointed in or to any position or office for which compensation for service is paid in an amount equal to \$15,000 or more, or commencing in calendar year [years] 2006 [and 2007], and all calendar years thereafter, [an amount equal to] \$20,000 or more in any one such calendar year, or commencing in calendar year 2008, and all calendar years thereafter, an amount equal to \$25,000 or more in any one such calendar year], by any participating employer for which such retirant was employed or appointed during the final two years of such retirant's participation, such retirant shall not receive any retirement benefit for any month for which such retirant serves in such position or office. The participating employer shall report to the system within 30 days of when the compensation paid to the retirant is equal to or exceeds any limitation provided by this section. Any retirant employed by a participating employer shall not make contributions nor receive additional credit under such system for such service except as provided by this section. Upon request of the executive director of the system, the secretary of revenue shall provide such information as may be needed by the executive director to carry out the provisions of this act. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to retirants employed as substitute teachers or officers, employees or appointees of the legislature. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to members of the legislature prior to January 8, 2000. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any other elected officials prior to the term of office of such elected official

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which commences on or after July 1, 2000. The provisions of this subsection shall apply to any other elected official on and after the term of office of such other elected official which commences on or after July 1, 2000. Except as otherwise provided, commencing January 8, 2001, the provisions of this subsection shall apply to members of the legislature. For determination of the amount of compensation paid pursuant to this subsection, for members of the legislature, compensation shall include any amount paid as provided pursuant to subsections (a), (b), (c) and (d) of K.S.A. 46-137a, and amendments thereto, or pursuant to K.S.A. 46-137b, and amendments thereto. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, when a member of the legislature is paid an amount of compensation of \$15,000 or more, or commencing in calendar year [years] 2006 [and 2007], and all calendar years thereafter, [an amount equal to] \$20,000 or more in any one calendar year[, or commencing in calendar year 2008, and all calendar years thereafter, an amount equal to \$25,000 or more in any one such calendar year], the member may continue to receive any amount provided in subsections (b) and (d) of K.S.A. 46-137a, and amendments thereto, and still be entitled to receive such member's retirement benefit. Commencing July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2008, the provisions of this subsection shall not apply to retirants who either retired under the provisions of subsection (1), or, if they retired under the provisions of subsection (4), were retired more than 30 days prior to the effective date of this act and are licensed professional nurses or licensed practical nurses employed by the state of Kansas at the Osawatomie state hospital, Rainbow mental health facility, Larned state hospital, Parsons state hospital and training center, Kansas neurological institute in an institution as defined in subsection (b) of K.S.A. 76-12a01 or subsection (f) of K.S.A. 38-2302, the Kansas soldiers' home or the Kansas veterans' home. The participating employer of such retirant shall pay to the system the actuarially determined employer contribution based on the retirant's compensation during any such period of employment.

(6) For purposes of this section, any employee of a local governmental unit which has its own pension plan who becomes an employee of a participating employer as a result of a merger or consolidation of services provided by local governmental units, which occurred on January 1, 1994, may count service with such local governmental unit in determining whether such employee has met the years of credited service requirements contained in this section.

[New Sec. 2. Any member of the Kansas public employees retirement system may purchase up to two years of participating service credit for service as approved, directly related journeyman experience above the apprenticeship as required by K.A.R. 91-1-9

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prior to the revocation of such regulation on May 1, 1982, or K.A.R. 91-1-39 prior to the revocation of such regulation on June 30, 2003, for day trade, personal service and public service teachers which commenced on or after January 1, 1962. Such purchase of participating service credit shall be made in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 74-49,123, and amendments thereto. The benefit for each such period of service purchased by the member shall be equal to 1.75% of the final average salary of any such member. Such member may purchase such participating service credit by submitting proof of such service acceptable to the board of trustees and by making application therefor prior to the date of retirement of such member for such purchase and to have such member's employee contributions deducted from such member's compensation at an additional rate of contribution, in addition to the employee's rate of contribution as provided in K.S.A. 74-4919, and amendments thereto, based upon the member's attained age at the time of purchase and using actuarial assumptions and tables in use by the retirement system at such time of purchase for such periods of service. Such additional rate of contribution shall commence at the beginning of the quarter following the date upon which such member made application for such purchase and shall remain in effect until all of the full quarters of such service have been purchased. In lieu of the deduction of employee contributions as provided in this section, any such member may purchase such participating service credit by means of a single lump-sum payment in an amount equal to the then present value of benefits being purchased as determined by the actuary using the member's attained age at the time of purchase, annual compensation at the time of purchase and the actuarial assumptions and tables currently in use by the system. The lump-sum payment shall be made immediately upon being notified of the amount due under this purchase method. The provisions of this section shall be part of and supplemental to the provisions of K.S.A. 74-4901 et seq., and amendments thereto.]

[New Sec. 3. (a) The retirement benefit, pension or annuity payments accruing after June 30, 2008, to each retirant shall be increased by an amount equal to 3.0% of the retirement benefit, pension or annuity payment in effect on July 1, 2008, from the retirant's retirement system and shall be paid by such retirement system to the retirant during such period.

- (b) As used in this section:
- [(1) "Retirant" means (A) any person who is a member or special member of a retirement system and who retired prior to July

1, 2007, and (B) any person who is a joint annuitant or beneficiary of any member described in clause (A).

- [(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. 4. K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 74-8768 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-8768. [(a) There is hereby created the expanded lottery act revenues fund in the state treasury. All expenditures and transfers from such fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts. All moneys credited to such fund shall be expended or transferred only for the purposes of payment of the postretirement benefit payment for members of the Kansas public employees retirement system as provided by subsection (b), reduction of state debt, state infrastructure improvements and reduction of local ad valorem tax in the same manner as provided for allocation of amounts in the local ad valorem tax reduction fund.
- [(b) On or before the 15th day of each calendar month prior to August, 2009, and each year thereafter, the director of accounts and reports shall transfer from the expanded lottery act revenues fund to the Kansas public employees retirement fund an amount equal to 30% of all moneys credited to the expanded lottery act revenues fund during the preceding month. Moneys transferred pursuant to this subsection shall be used only to pay the postretirement benefit payment as provided in section 2, and amendments thereto.]
- 26 Sec. 2 [5]. K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 74-4914 is [and 74-8768 are] hereby 27 repealed.
- Sec. 3 [6]. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.