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HOUSE BILL No. 2257

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9 AN ACT concerning labor and employment; relating to compensatory 10 time off; family time flexibility agreements. 11 12 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

- Section 1. (a) An employee may receive, in lieu of monetary overtime compensation, compensatory time off at a rate not less than one and onehalf hours for each hour of employment for which overtime compensation is required pursuant to K.S.A. 44-1204, and amendments thereto.
- For purposes of this section, the term "employee" does not include an employee of a public agency.
- An employer may provide compensatory time to an employee under subsection (a) only if such time is provided in accordance with:
- Applicable provisions of a collective bargaining agreement between the employer and the labor organization which has been certified or recognized as the representative of the employee under applicable law; or
- in the case of an employee who is not represented by a labor organization which has been certified or recognized as the representative of such employees under applicable law, an agreement arrived at between the employer and the employee before the performance of the work and affirmed by a written and signed family-time flexibility agreement in which:
- The employer has offered and the employee has chosen to receive compensatory time in lieu of monetary overtime compensation; and
- the employee has entered into the agreement knowingly and voluntarily and not as a condition of employment.
- No employee may receive or agree to receive compensatory time off unless the employee has worked at least 1,000 hours for the employee's employer during a period of continuous employment with the employer in the 12-month period before the date of the family-time flexibility agreement or receipt of compensatory time off.
- An employee may accrue not more than 160 hours of compensatory time.
- An employer which provides compensatory time under a familytime flexibility agreement to an employee shall not directly or indirectly

intimidate, threaten, coerce or attempt to intimidate, threaten or coerce any employee for the purpose of:

- (1) Interfering with such employee's rights under this act to request or not request compensatory time off in lieu of payment of monetary overtime compensation for overtime hours; or
- (2) requiring any employee to use such compensatory time.
- (g) An employee who has accrued compensatory time off authorized to be provided under subsections (a) and (c) shall, upon the voluntary or involuntary termination of employment, be paid for the unused compensatory time in accordance with subsection (h).
- (h) (1) If compensation is to be paid to an employee for accrued compensatory time off, such compensation shall be paid at a rate of compensation not less than:
- (A) The regular rate received by such employee when the compensatory time was earned; or
- (B) the final regular rate received by such employee, whichever is higher.
- (2) Any payment owed to an employee under this subsection for unused compensatory time shall be considered unpaid overtime compensation.
- (i) An employee who has accrued compensatory time off authorized to be provided under subsection (c) and who has requested the use of such compensatory time, shall be permitted by the employee's employer to use such time within a reasonable period after making the request if the use of compensatory time does not unduly disrupt the operations of the employer.
- Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.