

SENATE BILL No. 124

By Committee on Transportation

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9 AN ACT concerning retirement and pensions; relating to the Kansas po-
10 lice and firemen's retirement system; affiliation by Kansas department
11 of wildlife and parks; membership of certain officers and employees;
12 employer and employee contributions.
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14 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

15 Section 1. (a) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of K.S.A. 74-4971
16 and amendments thereto, on or after the effective date of this act, the
17 department of wildlife and parks shall affiliate with the Kansas police and
18 firemen's retirement system established under the provisions of K.S.A.
19 74-4951 et seq., and amendments thereto, pursuant to the provisions of
20 this act for membership in the system of officers and employees employed
21 by the department of wildlife and parks who have successfully completed
22 the required course of instruction for law enforcement officers approved
23 by the Kansas law enforcement training center and are certified pursuant
24 to the provisions of K.S.A. 74-5607a, and amendments thereto, and who
25 are employed in a position which such certification is required. For pur-
26 poses of such affiliation for membership in the system of such members,
27 the department of wildlife and parks shall be considered a new partici-
28 pating employer. The department of wildlife and parks shall make appli-
29 cation for affiliation with such system in the manner provided by K.S.A.
30 74-4954, and amendments thereto, to be effective on July 1, next follow-
31 ing application. The department of wildlife and parks shall affiliate for
32 membership in the system of such officers and employees for participat-
33 ing service credit.

34 (2) The department of wildlife and parks shall appropriate and pay a
35 sum sufficient to satisfy any obligations as certified by the board of trus-
36 tees of the retirement system based on an actuarial valuation of the cost
37 of such affiliation and the employer contributions of the department of
38 wildlife and parks shall be as provided in subsection (1) of K.S.A. 74-
39 4967, and amendments thereto.

40 (b) (1) Each such officer and employee employed by the department
41 of wildlife and parks on the date of affiliation, may become a member of
42 the Kansas police and firemen's retirement system on the first day of the
43 payroll period of such member, coinciding with or following the entry

1 date of the department of wildlife and parks as provided in this section,
2 only by filing with the board of trustees of the system, on or before the
3 entry date of the department of wildlife and parks as provided in this
4 section, a written election to become a member of the system. Failure to
5 file such written election shall be presumed to be an election not to
6 become a member of the system. Such election, whether to become or
7 not to become a member, shall be irrevocable.

8 (2) Each such officer and employee who is on an authorized leave of
9 absence or is in the military service on the entry date of the department
10 of wildlife and parks as provided in this section may become a member
11 of the Kansas police and firemen's retirement system on the first day of
12 the first payroll period of such member, coinciding with such member's
13 return to active employment and payroll of the department of wildlife
14 and parks, only by filing with the board of trustees of the system within
15 10 days after such return to active employment a written election to be-
16 come a member of the system. Failure to file such written election shall
17 be presumed to be an election not to become a member of the system.
18 Such election, whether to become a member or not to become a member,
19 shall be irrevocable.

20 (c) Each such officer and employee who is employed by the depart-
21 ment of wildlife and parks on or after the entry date of the department
22 of wildlife and parks into the Kansas police and firemen's retirement
23 system as provided in this section shall become a member of the Kansas
24 police and firemen's retirement system on the first day of such
25 employment.

26 (d) If the department of wildlife and parks affiliates as provided in
27 this act and each such officer and employee who elects to become a
28 member as provided in this act, the department of wildlife and parks and
29 each such officer and employee shall be subject to the provisions of K.S.A.
30 74-4951 et seq., and amendments thereto, as applicable.

31 (e) The division of the budget and the governor shall include in the
32 budget and in the budget request for appropriations for personnel serv-
33 ices the amount required to satisfy the employer's obligation under this
34 act as certified by the board of trustees of the system, and shall present
35 the same to the legislature for allowance and appropriations.

36 (f) The determination of retirement, death or disability benefits shall
37 be computed upon the basis of "credited service" as used in K.S.A. 74-
38 4951 et seq., and amendments thereto, but shall include only participating
39 service with the person's participating employer, commencing on and
40 after the effective date of affiliation by the participating employer with
41 the Kansas police and firemen's retirement system.

42 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
43 publication in the statute book.