HOUSE BILL No. 2716

By Select Committee on KPERS

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AN ACT concerning the Kansas public employees retirement system; relating to computation of benefits for certain state officers and employees placed on furlough; amending K.S.A. 74-49,115 and repealing the existing section.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 74-49,115 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-49,115. (a) On and after the effective date of this act, when the compensation for any officer or employee of the state, who retires, becomes disabled or dies during the period commencing on the effective date of this act and ending June 30, 2007, is reduced pursuant to law, when such officer or employee voluntarily agrees to reduce such officer or employee's compensation, or when any officer or employee of the state designated by the state agency which employs such officer or employee to receive the benefits provided in this section is placed on a furlough without pay and such officer or employee has attained 20 or more years of credited service and retires on or after normal retirement date of such officer or employee, the amount of compensation that would have been paid if the rate of compensation had not been reduced or if the officer or employee had not been placed on the furlough shall continue to be included as compensation for all purposes of computing retirement and pension benefits and death and disability benefits as provided in article 26 of chapter 20 and article 49 of chapter 74 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated earned by such officer or employee as provided by the Kansas public employees retirement system, the Kansas police and firemen's retirement system and the retirement system for judges. The state agency which places such officer or employee on furlough shall pay and remit required employer and employee contributions to the system pursuant to the state payroll system during the period such officer or employee is placed on furlough. Subject to the approval of the secretary of administration, the director of accounts and reports shall prescribe procedures for the payment and remittance of employer and employee contributions by the state agency employing such employees. The board shall administer the provisions of this section, with the cooperation of the director of personnel services, including, but not limited to, the compilation of records of furlough plans

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1 in effect by state agencies and officers or employees who have been placed
2 on furlough.

- (b) The provisions of subsection (a) shall not be applicable to compensation reductions attributable to: (1) Voluntary demotions of employees in the classified service; (2) deferred compensation pursuant to the plan authorized by K.S.A. 75-5523 and amendments thereto; or (3) to compensation reductions attributable to the cafeteria plan authorized by K.S.A. 75-6512 and amendments thereto.
- 9 (c) For the purposes of this section, "officer" and "employee" means any officer or employee of the state, any member or employee of the legislature or any employee of an institution under the supervision of the board of regents who are members of the Kansas public employees retirement system, the Kansas police and firemen's retirement system or the retirement system for judges.
- 15 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 74-49,115 is hereby repealed.
- Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Kansas register.