HOUSE BILL No. 2730

By Select Committee on KPERS

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AN ACT concerning retirement and pensions; relating to the Kansas public employees retirement system; retirement of certain state officers and employees; health care benefit payments; reduction in F.T.E. position for certain state agencies.

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

Section 1. Subject to the provisions of this act, any officer or employee of the state who is 62 years of age or older and who retires on or after the normal retirement date of such officer or employee pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 74-4914, and amendments thereto, from the Kansas public employees retirement system shall be entitled to a health care benefit payment by the state as provided in this section. The state shall pay to the Kansas state employees health care commission on behalf of each such retirant the total cost of participation for member only coverage in the state health care benefits program under K.S.A. 75-6501 et seq., and amendments thereto, at the same times during the year as the cost of participation would be payable by such retirant for a period of three years from the date of retirement and continuation of coverage of such retirant in such program. No more than 500 retirants shall be entitled to the health care benefits provided by this act, as certified by the executive secretary of the Kansas public employees retirement system. The executive secretary shall provide the governor or legislative coordinating council notice of the name, employing state agency and retirement date of each retirant who is entitled to health care benefit payments pursuant to this act and such other information that may be prescribed by the governor or legislative coordinating council. Upon receipt of each notice regarding a retirant employed by a state agency in the executive branch, the governor shall direct the secretary of administration to reduce by one the number of F.T.E. positions authorized for the state agency that employed the retirant who is entitled to health care benefit payments pursuant to this act and reduce the expenditure authority of such state agency in an amount attributable to the amount of unused salary and employerpaid benefits attributable to the retirant's job position. Upon receipt of each notice regarding a retirant employed by a state agency in the legislative branch, the legislative coordinating council shall reduce by one the

- number of F.T.E. positions for the state agency that employed the retirant and reduce the expenditure authority of such state agency in an amount attributable to the retirant's job position. The executive secretary shall administer the provisions of this act. No retirant shall first qualify for health care benefits under this act after June 30, 2013.
- 6 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.