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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 47

As Amended by Senate Committee of the Whole

Brief*

The bill, as amended, would suspend employer contributions for the Death and Long-Term Disability Benefits plan administered by the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERS) for the period of April 1, 2003, to June 30, 2004. The bill would be effective upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

Background

The Governor proposed a moratorium for the fourth quarter in FY 2003 and for four quarters in FY 2004 on payments by KPERS participating employers who provide for death and disability coverage of public employees. This bill, as amended by the Senate Committee of the Whole, would implement all five quarters of the moratorium.

The fiscal note indicates that savings of \$6,123,070 million for the state will result in FY 2003, including \$5,265,070 million in State General Fund and \$858,000 in special revenue fund expenditures. In addition, local units of government will save an estimated \$1.59 million, according to KPERS. FY 2004 savings for the state will total an estimated \$21,144,360 from all funds, with \$17,758,360 in State General Fund and \$3,386,000 in special revenue funds. In addition, local units of government will save an estimated \$6.6 million, according to KPERS.

The bill as introduced was effective for only the fourth quarter of FY 2003, with a concluding moratorium date of June 30, 2003. The Senate Committee of the Whole amendment changed that date to June 30, 2004. The Senate Committee on Ways and Means had changed the

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publication from Kansas Statutes to *Kansas Register* in order to implement the bill before July 1, 2003.