

HB 323 -- KANSAS CITY POLICE AND CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

SPONSOR: Johnson (47)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Retirement by a vote of 7 to 0.

This bill recodifies the laws regarding the Police Retirement System of Kansas City and the Civilian Employees' Retirement System of the Police Department of Kansas City. The provisions of law regarding the police plan and the civilian employees' plan are replaced with new sections to remove outdated language and practices making the plan provisions easier to understand. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Adds a definition for "consultant";
- (2) Removes the requirement that the purchase of prior military service had to be completed during the first two years of service;
- (3) Removes the reference to hospitalization and medical care costs pertaining to supplemental benefit payments received;
- (4) Clarifies that any member who is convicted of a felony prior to separation from active service will not be entitled to any benefit from this retirement system except the return of the member's accumulated contributions; and
- (5) Adds a provision to allow civilian employees to purchase creditable prior service, any time prior to retirement, provided they have a minimum of three years of prior service.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2006, FY 2007, and FY 2008.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will clarify the provisions of the retirement plan in a more orderly and logical progression, replace outdated language and practices, and make the plan provisions easier to understand. Since the plans were put in place in 1945, there have been 18 amendments to the police retirement plan and 12 amendments to the civilian plan.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Johnson (47); and Police Retirement System of Kansas City.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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