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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Kelly and members of the House Financial Institutions and Pensions Committee

From: David Wiese, Assistant Revisor

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Subject: **SB 15; Amending the definition of "service-connected" in the Kansas police and firemen's retirement system.**

Senate Bill No. 15 was introduced by the Joint Committee on Pensions, Investments and Benefits as part of the committee's recommendations during the 2018 interim. It is the Senate companion of HB 2031 that this committee previously heard and worked. The bill as introduced amended the definition of "service-connected" in the Kansas police and firemen's retirement system (KP&F) to include contraction of a bloodborne pathogen and to include specific cancers of the brain, skin, digestive system, hematological system and genitourinary system.

The Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance amended the bill by striking the requirements for testing for cancer and bloodborne pathogens and the reporting requirements for exposure to a bloodborne pathogen and added a definition of "bloodborne pathogen" as any disease that is present in human blood and is designated as infectious or contagious by the secretary of health and environment through rules and regulations. On page 4, in line 43, the statutory citation by which such rules and regulations are adopted is incorrect in the bill. The citation should read *K.S.A. 65-128* instead of K.S.A. 65-158.

The Senate Committee amendment also restored current law requiring a cancer to be a type that may, in general, result from exposure to heat, radiation or a known carcinogen. The introduced version of the bill had stricken such requirement. The amendment also added the specific list of cancers referenced above, but the amended version of the bill does not limit service-connected cancer to only those specific cancers.