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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Senate Standing Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance

From: Eileen Ma, Assistant Revisor of Statutes

Date: February 6, 2019

Subject: Bill Brief for SB 15

SB 15 amends K.S.A. 74-4952, pertaining to the Kansas Police and Fireman's retirement system. The bill was introduced by the Joint Committee on Pensions and Benefits. SB 15 amends the definition of "service-connected" for purposes of the determination of death and disability benefits.

SB would add a bloodborne pathogen, cancer of the brain, skin, digestive system, hematological system and genitourinary system to the list of service-connected causes of death and disability. For a bloodborne pathogen to be found to be a service-connected cause of a member's death or disability, all of the conditions listed on page 3, line 40 through page 4, line 6 must be satisfied.

For cancer of the brain, skin, digestive system, hematological system or genitourinary system to be found a service-connected cause of a member's death or disability, the member must have undergone a physical examination at the time of employment that did not reveal substantial evidence of such a cancer that preexisted the member's employment as a policeman or fireman.

The bill would become effective upon publication in the statute book.