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SENATE BILL No. 121

By Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance

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AN ACT concerning retirement and pensions; relating to the Kansas police and firemen's retirement system; affiliation and membership of certain local adult and juvenile corrections employees.

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

Section 1. (a) As used in this section, "detention deputy," "corrections officer," "detention officer" or "jailer" means an employee assigned to a jail, adult detention center, juvenile detention center or other local adult or juvenile correctional facility whose principal duties are engagement in maintaining security and control of the facility, monitoring both preconviction and postconviction inmate or prisoner behaviors and activities, enforcing the facility rules and guidelines, and who is specifically designated, appointed, commissioned or styled by the governing body of the participating employer and certifies to the retirement system as such.

- (b) For the purposes of any affiliation under subsection (c), whenever the word "policeman" is used in article 49 of chapter 74 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, it shall be construed to include "detention deputy," "corrections officer," "detention officer" or "jailer" as defined by subsection (a).
- (c) Any political subdivision of the state providing such services as defined by subsection (a), as an eligible employer under the Kansas police and firemen's retirement system, may make application or supplemental application to affiliate with the Kansas police and firemen's retirement system *for future service* in accordance with and subject to K.S.A. 74-4954, and amendments thereto, with regard to coverage of detention deputies, corrections officers, detention officers or jailers under such system.
- (d) Notwithstanding any provision of K.S.A. 74-4901 et seq., and amendments thereto, to the contrary, if a detention deputy, corrections officer, detention officer or jailer has a vested retirement benefit pursuant to K.S.A. 74-4963, and amendments thereto, and a vested retirement benefit pursuant to K.S.A. 74-4917, and amendments thereto, and retires on or after such detention deputy's, corrections officer's, detention officer's or jailer's normal retirement date under K.S.A. 74-4957a, and amendments thereto, then such detention deputy, corrections officer, detention officer or

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jailer shall also be deemed to have retired for the purposes of K.S.A. 74-4901 et seq., and amendments thereto, and shall be eligible for such vested retirement benefit pursuant to K.S.A. 74-4917, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.