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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Committee on Financial Institutions and Insurance
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: March 7, 2023
Subject: Bill Brief, HB 2284

HB 2284 amends K.S.A. 40-1709, pertaining to continuation of firefighter health insurance.

Under current law, whenever a municipality pays for the health insurance for its firefighters, it is required to pay for the premiums for the continuation of coverage under COBRA for the surviving spouse and eligible dependent children under the age of 26 of a firefighter who dies in the line of duty for 18 months. Paragraph (2) provides the conditions under which the municipality is not required to for the COBRA premiums.

HB 2284 would add "fire district" to the definition of "municipality," to allow such entities to become covered by the statute.

Additionally, we have struck the term "postsecondary educational institution" because it is not used in the bill and updated the definition of "health benefit plan" to conform to current drafting standards.

The House Committee of the Whole unanimously passed HB 2284 on February 21, 2023.