

74-4915b. Retirement benefits for certain members of the legislature; exceptions; service credit; reporting requirements of participating employers. (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any member who is a member of the legislature who is also employed by another participating employer of the Kansas public employees retirement system other than the legislature and is an eligible employee as defined in K.S.A. 74-4902, and amendments thereto, may retire from service from such other participating employer and may continue to serve as a member of the legislature, except that, commencing January 8, 2001, such member of the legislature shall not receive any retirement benefit for any month for which such member of the legislature serves when compensation as provided in subsection (e) is paid in an amount equal to \$15,000 or more, or commencing in calendar year 2006, and all calendar years thereafter, \$20,000 or more in any one such calendar year. Such member's retirement benefit shall be based on the final average salary of such member for service prior to service as a member of the legislature.

(b) No such member who is a member of the legislature who retires as provided in subsection (a) and who continues to serve as a member of the legislature shall accrue any additional service credit for such service as a member of the legislature or be entitled to any benefit provided in K.S.A. 74-4916 or 74-4927, and amendments thereto.

(c) When such member who is a member of the legislature retires as a member of the legislature, such member's final average salary shall be recalculated to include legislative compensation, if such inclusion of such compensation increases such member's final average salary, of the member up to the time of retirement from the participating employer other than the legislature as provided in subsection (a).

(d) No such member who is a member of the legislature shall accrue any additional retirement benefits for the period of time between the date the member retired from the participating employer other than the legislature and the date such member retires as a member of the legislature.

(e) The participating employer shall report to the system within 30 days of when the compensation paid to the retiree is equal to or exceeds any limitation provided in subsection (a). Upon request of the executive director of the system, the secretary of revenue shall provide such information as may be needed by the executive director to carry out the provisions of this section. For determination of the amount of legislative compensation, as provided in subsection (a) and this subsection, for members of the legislature, compensation shall include any amount paid as provided pursuant to subsections (a), (b), (c) and (d) of K.S.A. 46-137a, and amendments thereto, or pursuant to K.S.A. 46-137b, and amendments thereto. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, when a member of the legislature is paid an amount of compensation of \$15,000 or more, or commencing in calendar year 2006, and all calendar years thereafter, \$20,000 or more in any one calendar year, the member may continue to receive any amount provided in subsections (b) and (d) of K.S.A. 46-137a, and amendments thereto, and still be entitled to receive such member's retirement benefit.

(f) The provisions of this section are intended to further the public policy of encouraging persons to serve in elective public office by permitting a member of the system, who is a member through employment with a participating employer in a nonelected position and who holds an elected office as a member of the legislature and who is also a member of the system for such elected office, to retire under the system from such nonelected employment and to continue serving in such elected public office.

(g) The words and phrases used in this section have the meanings respectively ascribed thereto by K.S.A. 74-4902, and amendments thereto, unless a different meaning is plainly required by the context.

(h) The provisions of this section shall be effective on and after July 1, 2000.

History: L. 2000, ch. 152, § 38; L. 2001, ch. 209, § 12; L. 2006, ch. 143, § 10; July 1.