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HOUSE BILL No. 2623

By Representative Jones

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AN ACT concerning retirement and pensions; relating to the Kansas public 1 2 employees retirement system; excluding certain noncovered 3 employees; amending K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 74-4932 and repealing the 4 existing section. 5 6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:* 7 Section 1. K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 74-4932 is hereby amended to read as 8 follows: 74-4932. As used in this act, unless the context otherwise 9 requires: 10 (1)"Accumulated contributions" means the sum of all contributions 11 by a member to the system which shall be credited to such member's 12 account, with interest allowed thereon, plus such member's contributions 13 transferred from the school employees savings fund of the state school 14 retirement system; 15 (2) "compensation" means the same as defined in subsection (9) of K.S.A. 74-4902(9), and amendments thereto; 16 (3) "school year" means the twelve-month period beginning 17 18 September 1 and ending August 31; 19 (4) "employee" means any employee of a participating employer 20 which is an eligible employer, as specified in K.S.A. 74-4931, and 21 amendments thereto, whose employment is not seasonal or temporary and 22 whose employment requires at least 630 hours of work per year or 3.5 23 hours of work per day for at least 180 days or any employee who is 24 concurrently employed by two or more eligible employers, as specified in 25 K.S.A. 74-4931, and amendments thereto, whose combined employment is 26 not seasonal or temporary and whose combined employment requires at 27 least 630 hours of work per year or 3.5 hours of work per day for at least 28 180 days. Employee shall not include: 29 (a) Any employee who is covered by or eligible for or who will 30 become eligible for retirement benefits under any retirement plan or 31 system provided by K.S.A. 74-4925, and amendments thereto; 32 (b) any employee who is a contributing member of the United States 33 civil service retirement system; 34 (c) any employee or class of employees specifically exempt by law, 35 except those persons who were formerly employees of one or more of the 36 participating employers which are eligible employers as specified in

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K.S.A. 74-4931, and amendments thereto, who are covered by and have
 contributions on deposit with the state school retirement system and who
 have not retired under that system on the day next preceding entry date;

4 (d) any employee who on entry date is covered by or eligible for or 5 will become eligible for retirement benefits under a separate retirement 6 system authorized or established under K.S.A. 72-1758-to through 72-7 1769,-inclusive, and amendments thereto, or K.S.A. 72-6780, and 8 amendments thereto, except that this paragraph (d) shall not include any 9 employee, who before September 1, 1974, elects to become a member of the Kansas public employees retirement system as provided in K.S.A. 74-10 4935a, and amendments thereto; or 11

12 (e) on and after July 1, 1975, no person who is otherwise eligible for membership in the Kansas public employees retirement system shall be 13 barred from such membership by reason of coverage by, eligibility for or 14 future eligibility for a retirement annuity under the provisions of K.S.A. 15 16 74-4925, and amendments thereto. However, no person shall receive 17 service credit under the Kansas public employees retirement system for 18 any period of service for which benefits accrue or are granted under a 19 retirement annuity plan under the provisions of K.S.A. 74-4925, and 20 amendments thereto: or

(f) any employee who takes a leave of absence, except in the case of
 military service, and is not currently working for an eligible employer in a
 covered position with the Kansas public employees retirement system that
 meets the requirements of subsection (4).

(5) "executive director" means the managing officer of the system as
defined in subsection (16) of K.S.A. 74-4902(16), and amendments
thereto;

(6) "military service" means the same as defined in-subsection (22) of
K.S.A. 74-4902(22), and amendments thereto, and includes such service
when followed by return to employment with the same or another
participating employer on or before the beginning of the next school year
following discharge or separation from such military service;

(7) "normal retirement date" means the same as defined in-subsection
 (23) of K.S.A. 74-4902(23), and amendments thereto, as modified by
 subsection (1) of K.S.A. 74-4937(1), and amendments thereto;

(8) "school employment" means the employment of a member when
employed by an eligible employer as specified in any of subsection (1), (2)
or (3) of K.S.A. 74-4931(1), (2) or (3), and amendments thereto; and

(9) "USERRA" means the same as defined in subsection (34) of
K.S.A. 74-4902(35), and amendments thereto.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 74-4932 is hereby repealed.

42 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its 43 publication in the statute book.