March 6, 2019

The Honorable Carolyn McGinn, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Statehouse, Room 545-S
Topeka, Kansas  66612

Dear Senator McGinn:

SUBJECT:  Fiscal Note for SB 210 by Senate Committee on Ways and Means

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 210 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 210 would create a new Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERS) membership rule for employees employed in direct support positions at community mental health centers and community facilities for people with intellectual disabilities. Employees would become members of KPERS on the first day of the payroll period coinciding with or following the completion of a two-year period of training. Under current law, employees hired into KPERS-eligible positions become members on the first day of employment.

KPERS estimates the fiscal effect on the KPERS State/School Group and future employer contribution rates would be negligible. KPERS notes that the bill does not add or eliminate members from KPERS; it delays the membership of one group of employees. Adding new membership rules for a group of members would require KPERS to modify its information technology system and change publications and educational materials. The agency estimates the costs associated with these adjustments could be absorbed within existing resources. Any fiscal effect associated with SB 210 is not reflected in The FY 2020 Governor’s Budget Report.

Sincerely,

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Director of the Budget

cc: Jarod Waltner, KPERS