

SESSION OF 2019

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 210

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Ways and Means

Brief*

SB 210 would delay the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERs) membership eligibility by two years for employees employed in direct support positions in Community Developmental Disability Organizations. Under the bill, an employee would become a member of KPERs on the first day of the payroll period coinciding with or following completion of a two-year training period.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Ways and Means.

In the Senate Committee hearing, the Executive Director of KPERs provided neutral testimony on the bill, explaining employees affected by the bill would be eligible to purchase service for the two-year training period after becoming a member. Representatives from Big Lakes Development Center, Inc., and Starkey, Inc., provided proponent testimony, stating, due to the high turnover and short-term employment length of employees, this bill would allow the organizations to save time in processing paperwork and costs that could be redirected to making wages and benefits more competitive.

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by Arrowhead West, Inc.; Developmental Services of Northwest

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

Kansas, Inc.; Interhab; Multi Community Diversified Services;
and Twin Valley Developmental Services, Inc.

No opponent testimony was provided.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, KPERS estimates the impact on future employer contribution rates to the KPERS-Local Group would be negligible. KPERS indicates the bill would require the agency to modify its information technology system and change publications and education materials. However, the costs associated with these changes can be absorbed within existing resources. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2020 Governor's Budget Report*.