

HOUSE BILL No. 2466

By Representative Grant

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1 AN ACT concerning retirement and benefits; relating to the retirement of
2 certain state officers and employees; election of health care benefit
3 payments or lump-sum payment.
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. (a) Subject to the provisions of this act, an officer or
7 employee of the executive branch of the state whose retirement date
8 pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 74-4914, and amendments thereto, is
9 on or after January 10, 2011, and before August 2, 2011, shall be eligible
10 to elect either:

11 (1) To continue group health insurance at the same rate and plan in
12 which such retirant was enrolled at the date of retirement. A retirant
13 electing to receive group health insurance shall receive up to 60 months of
14 coverage, if receiving member-only coverage, or until such retirant reaches
15 the age of 65, whichever occurs sooner. A retirant shall receive up to 42
16 months of coverage, if such retirant is receiving member-plus-dependent
17 coverage, or until such retirant reaches the age of 65, whichever occurs
18 sooner; or

19 (2) To receive a one-time, lump-sum payment of \$6,500. Such lump-
20 sum payment shall not be included for the purposes of calculating final
21 average salary under K.S.A. 74-4902, and amendments thereto.

22 (b) Retirants covered under K.S.A. 74-4914a through 74-4914e, and
23 amendments thereto, retirants under the Kansas police and firemen's
24 retirement system, K.S.A. 74-4951 et seq., and amendments thereto,
25 retirants from the Kansas department of labor whose positions are not
26 funded by the state general fund or fee funds and retirants who had
27 previously retired from the state of Kansas before January 10, 2011, shall
28 not be eligible to participate in the election.

29 (c) The secretary of administration shall administer the provisions of
30 this act. Elections made pursuant to this act shall be made on a form and in
31 a manner prescribed by the secretary. Any eligible retirant shall inform the
32 secretary of such retirant's election option within 90 days of the effective
33 date of this act. Any retirant who fails to make an election within the 90-
34 day period shall forfeit any rights to either option. An election under this
35 act, is a one-time irrevocable election.

36 (d) A retirant who makes an election under this act shall not be

1 eligible to return to employment with the state of Kansas for five years
2 from the date of such election, including, as a contractor, unless otherwise
3 authorized by the governor or the governor's designee. This restriction
4 shall not apply to elected positions.

5 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
6 publication in the Kansas register.

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