

HB 1643 -- Police Military Leave

Sponsor: Johnson (47)

This bill changes the laws regarding military leave for Kansas City police officers and civilian employees. The bill requires members of the Kansas City Police Retirement System and the Kansas City Police Civilian Employees Retirement System who are on leave of absence due to military service in which the United States has declared war, a compulsory draft, or the combat mobilization of any units of the military reserves to be entitled to service credit for the time spent in the military service. During the military service, members are not required to pay any member contributions into the retirement system.

If it becomes necessary for the years of the service to be included in the calculation of the member's compensation, the member will be deemed to have received the same compensation throughout the period of service as the member's base annual salary immediately prior to the commencement of the leave of absence.

The bill also specifies that eligible members who are absent because of the military leave are entitled to federal employment and re-employment rights.