

SB 1055 -- CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

SPONSOR: Bartle (Johnson, 47)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Local Government by a vote of 17 to 0.

This bill requires the Retirement Board of the Kansas City Police Civilian Employees' Retirement System to appoint any member as a special consultant if they meet specific criteria which include:

- (1) A retirement status effective on or before August 28, 2003;
- (2) Receiving retirement benefits; and
- (3) Having applied to the board.

The bill also requires a funeral benefit of \$1,000 to be paid in addition to all other benefits for this member. Proper proof of death is required before the benefit is paid.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2005, FY 2006, and FY 2007.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will allow retired members of the retirement system to become special consultants and provide equity between recently retired members and previously retired members by allowing both to receive a funeral benefit.

Testifying for the bill was Senator Bartle.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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