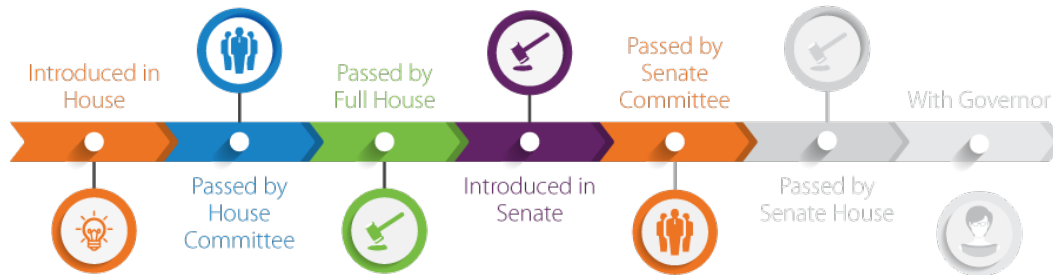


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House Bill 2198: KP&F Coverage for Wildlife & Parks Officers

Where It's At



Quick Look

HB 2198 adds the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks as an eligible employer in the Kansas Police and Firemen’s Retirement System (KP&F) and makes certain law enforcement positions eligible for KP&F membership.

Hearings

- February 20 – House Financial Institutions and Pensions
- February 20 – Passed House Committee
- February 23 – Passed Full House 118-3
- March 8 – Senate Financial Institutions and Insurance
- March 15 – Passed Senate Committee

The Fine Print

Currently, all employees at the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) are KPERS members. Those hired since January 1, 2015, are KPERS 3 members.

HB 2198 allows KDWP to move certain law enforcement positions from KPERS coverage to KP&F coverage for future service. KP&F is a traditional defined benefit plan with a higher multiplier and younger retirement age requirements than KPERS. Key differences between KPERS and KP&F include:

	KPERS 3	KP&F
Vesting period	5 years	15 years
Member contribution	6%	7.15%
Benefit multiplier*	N/A	2.5%
Employer contribution	12.57% in FY 2024	22.86% in FY 2024

*A cash balance plan does not have a benefit multiplier. Annuity benefits are based on accrued balances in notional accounts during the member’s career.

Under HB 2198, members moved to KP&F are still eligible for the KPERS benefits they have already earned when they are vested. If members vest in KPERS but do not vest in KP&F, HB 2198 allows them to use KP&F service to calculate their KPERS benefit.