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Lt. Governor Kinder Signs Compensation Bills for KC Police, Civilian Employees

KANSAS CITY - Lt. Governor Peter Kinder today signed three pieces of legislation that will increase benefits for officers and civilian employees of the Kansas City Police Department.

“This legislation will benefit the men and women who have dedicated themselves to serving the people of Kansas City,” said Lt. Governor Kinder. “Although we cannot fully reward their bravery and courage with these bills, it is important that we ensure the best possible benefits for those who protect us everyday.”

Senate Bill 980, sponsored by Senator Luann Ridgeway, requires members of the Police Retirement System of Kansas City and the Civilian Employees' Retirement System of the Police Department of Kansas City to be in active service in order to be eligible for certain duty-related or non duty-related disability retirement benefits.

House Bill 1710, sponsored by Representative Tim Flook, also requires members of the Police Retirement System of Kansas City and the Civilian Employees' Retirement System of the Police Department of Kansas City to be in active service in order to be eligible for certain duty-related or non duty-related disability retirement benefits.

Lt. Governor Kinder also signed Senate Bill 801, sponsored by Senator Ridgeway, which increases the maximum amount of compensation which the Kansas City Police Board of Commissioners may pay officers. This legislation does not mandate a pay raise, but rather increases the maximum allowable salary for officers. This will be a valuable resource in recruiting and retaining officers.

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