

State of Kansas
Department of Administration

Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Administrative Regulations

June 29, 2017

A public hearing will be conducted on Wednesday, August 30, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 509 of the Landon State Office Building, 900 S.W. Jackson, Topeka, Kansas to consider the adoption of proposed amendments to rules and regulations of the Office of Personnel Services, Department of Administration, on a permanent basis.

This 60-day notice of the public hearing shall constitute a public comment period for the purpose of receiving written public comments on the proposed rules and regulations. All interested parties may submit written comments prior to the hearing to the Office of Personnel Services, Landon State Office Building, 900 S.W. Jackson, Room 401-N, Topeka, Kansas 66612-1300 or by email to Kraig.Knowlton@ks.gov. All interested parties will be given a reasonable opportunity to present their views orally regarding the adoption of the proposed regulations during the public hearing. In order to provide all parties an opportunity to present their views, it may be necessary to request that each participant limit any oral presentation to five minutes.

Any individual with a disability may request an accommodation in order to participate in the public hearing and may request the proposed regulations and economic impact statements in an accessible format. Requests for accommodation to participate in the hearing should be made at least five working days in advance of the hearing by contacting John Yeary at (785) 296-2033 (or TYY 1-800-766-3777). The main entrance to the Landon State Office Building is accessible. Handicapped parking is available in metered spaces in front of the building on the east and west sides of Jackson Street as well as the north and south sides of 9th Street between Jackson and Kansas Avenue.

Copies of the proposed regulation and the Economic Impact Statement for the proposed regulations can be viewed at the following website:

<http://admin.ks.gov/offices/personnel-services/agency-information>

Summaries of the proposed regulation follows.

K.A.R. 1-9-7b – Military leave: voluntary or involuntary service with reserve component of the armed forces. K.A.R. 1-9-7b is an existing regulation that provides for leave for State employees who are members of a reserve component of the military. The primary amendments to this regulation increase the number of days of annual paid military leave available to such employees and expand the type of duty for which such leave can be used. Additional amendments clarify that this leave is available to benefits-eligible State employees in both classified and unclassified positions as well as procedures regarding the requests for such leave. The proposed amendments will potentially result in agencies granting more days of military leave with pay than they are currently required to pay. However, the additional impact of the proposed amendment is more accurately identified as a potential loss of unplanned savings as opposed to an increase in expenditures since employee salaries are budgeted on an annual basis.