**Chapter 75: State Departments; Public Officers And Employees  Article 29: Civil Service**

**Statute 75-2925: Purpose of act.** The general purpose of this act is to establish a system of personnel administration that meets the social, economic and program needs of the people of the state of Kansas as these needs now or in the future may be established. This system shall provide means to recruit, select, develop and maintain an effective and responsible work force and shall include policies and procedures for employee hiring and advancement, training and career development, job classification, salary administration, retirement, fringe benefits, discipline, discharge and other related activities. All personnel administration actions regarding employees in the state classified service shall be made without regard to race, national origin or ancestry, religion, political affiliation, or other non-merit factors. Personnel administration actions shall be based on merit principles and fitness to perform the work required and shall provide fair and equal opportunity for public service.

"Nonmerit reason" means any reason specifically based on: (1) Race, national origin or ancestry, religion or political affiliation; (2) sex or age where sex or age does not constitute a bona fide occupational qualification necessary to proper and efficient administration; or (3) disabilities which are qualified disabilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Pub.L. 101-36, and amendments thereto, and which do not prevent the individual from performing the position's essential functions, with or without reasonable accommodation.

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