



EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Monday, June 17, 2024
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

9:30 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the minutes of the April 25, 2024, meeting

BILL DRAFT ACTUARIAL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

9:35 a.m. Committee consideration and receipt of technical comments, actuarial information, and comments by interested persons relating to bill drafts, over which the committee took jurisdiction, which affect, actuarially or otherwise, the retirement programs of state employees or employees of any political subdivision, and health and retiree health plans of state employees or employees of any political subdivision pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 54-35-02.4:

- **Bill Draft No. 129** [[25.0129.01000](#)], which revises eligibility requirements for Teachers' Fund for Retirement (TFFR) benefits
- **Bill Draft No. 143** [[25.0143.01000](#)], which provides for a state employee compensation adjustment and transfer to TFFR for a cost-of-living adjustment
- **Bill Draft No. 40** [[25.0040.01000](#)], which expands participation in the public safety retirement plan to include correctional officers employed by a governmental unit
- **Bill Draft No. 41** [[25.0041.01000](#)], which revises the definition of correctional officer and expands eligibility for the public safety retirement plan to include dispatchers and emergency medical services personnel
- **Bill Draft No. 45** [[25.0045.01000](#)], which expands eligibility for the public safety retirement plan to include correctional officers employed by a governmental unit, dispatchers, and medical services personnel, and limits application
- **Bill Draft No. 134** [[25.0134.01000](#)], which revises the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) definition of correctional officer
- **Bill Draft No. 68** [[25.0068.01000](#)], which provides for health benefit plans to include any amount paid by an enrollee, or on behalf of an enrollee, when calculating an enrollee's overall contribution to an out-of-pocket maximum or cost-sharing requirement for a prescription drug
- **Bill Draft No. 75** [[25.0075.02000](#)], which provides PERS health benefits coverage may not impose cost-sharing requirements for diagnostic or supplemental breast examination services
- **Bill Draft No. 84** [[25.0084.01000](#)], which provides for medical assistance coverage to include payment for applied behavioral analysis

12:00 noon Recess

1:00 p.m. Continuation of committee consideration and receipt of technical comments, actuarial information, and comments by interested persons relating to bill drafts pursuant to

Section 54-35-02.4:

- **Bill Draft No. 69** [[25.0069.02000](#)], which provides for PERS health benefits coverage of fertility treatment
- **Bill Draft No. 70** [[25.0070.03000](#)], which provides for PERS health benefits coverage of fertility preservation services
- **Bill Draft No. 115** [[25.0115.01000](#)], which revises the PERS definition of firefighter
- **Bill Draft No. 116** [[25.0116.01000](#)], which provides for PERS to determine manner of payment of administrative expenses for the deferred compensation plan and for a continuing appropriation
- **Bill Draft No. 117** [[25.0117.01000](#)], which provides for a change in the computation of final average salary for the Highway Patrol Troopers' retirement system and PERS retirement benefits
- **Bill Draft No. 118** [[25.0118.01000](#)], which provides for health benefit plans to include benefits for insulin drug and medical supplies for insulin dosing and administration
- **Bill Draft No. 119** [[25.0119.01000](#)], which changes PERS eligibility requirements for disability retirement benefits
- **Bill Draft No. 120** [[25.0120.01000](#)], which provides for a transfer to the Highway Patrol Troopers' retirement system fund to increase the funded liability

3:00 p.m. Recess

- 3:15 p.m.
- **Bill Draft No. 121** [[25.0121.01000](#)], which provides for PERS administrative changes
 - **Bill Draft No. 124** [[25.0124.01000](#)], which provides step therapy protocol limitations for an associated condition of metastatic cancer
 - **Bill Draft No. 138** [[25.0138.01000](#)], which provides for step therapy protocol exceptions
 - **Bill Draft No. 142** [[25.0142.01000](#)], which provides PERS health benefits coverage for state employees and retirees must be compliant with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

4:15 p.m. Adjourn

A livestream of the meeting will be available to the public at: <https://video.ndlegis.gov>.

Committee Members

Representatives: Austen Schauer (Chairman), Josh Boschee, Clayton Fegley, Patrick Hatlestad, Jorin Johnson, Jim Kasper, Corey Mock

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