

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

Tentative Agenda

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 27, 2010
Harvest Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the minutes of the previous meeting

9:05 a.m. Review of legislative measures and proposals submitted to the Employee Benefits Programs Committee affecting public employees retirement programs and health and retiree health plans

TEACHERS' FUND FOR RETIREMENT (TFFR)

- Bill No. 54 Employee and employer contribution requirements, eligibility for normal unreduced retirement benefits, eligibility for early reduced retirement benefits, eligibility for disability benefits, and retiree reemployment under TFFR (TFFR)
- Bill No. 55 Employee and employer contribution requirements, eligibility for normal unreduced retirement benefits, eligibility for early reduced retirement benefits, eligibility for disability benefits, and retiree reemployment under TFFR, and an appropriation (TFFR)
- Bill No. 56 Definitions of beneficiary and salary, incorporation of federal law changes, and modification of death and beneficiary provisions under TFFR (TFFR)
- Bill No. 2 Defined contribution plan for new teachers (Representative Wald)
- Bill No. 39 Eligibility for and determination of benefits under TFFR (Representative Drovdal)
- Bill No. 40 Determination of benefits under TFFR (Representative Drovdal)

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PERS)

- Bill No. 51 Increased employee contributions under the Highway Patrolmen's retirement plan and PERS (PERS)
- Bill No. 52 Increased employer and temporary employee contributions under the Highway Patrolmen's retirement plan and PERS (PERS)
- Bill No. 53 Increased employer and employee contributions under the Highway Patrolmen's retirement plan and PERS (PERS)
- Bill No. 59 Special annuity purchases in the alternate retirement program for University System employees, surviving spouse payment options under the Highway Patrolmen's retirement plan, calculation of member service credit under the Highway Patrolmen's retirement plan, election of members to the PERS Board, calculation of normal retirement date for peace officers and correctional officers under PERS, payment of member account balances under PERS, purchase of sick leave credit under PERS, spousal elections to participate in the uniform group insurance program, reporting of employer pickups under the defined contribution retirement plan, and Internal Revenue Code compliance under the Highway Patrolmen's retirement plan and PERS (PERS)

Bill No. 2 Defined contribution plan for new state employees (Representative Wald)

UNIFORM GROUP INSURANCE PROGRAM

Bill No. 60 Subgroups under the uniform group insurance program (PERS)

Bill No. 1 Retiree health benefits for members of the Legislative Assembly (Senator Mathern)

Bill No. 9 Public Employees Retirement System medical benefits coverage for autism spectrum disorders (Senators Nelson and Wardner)

Bill No. 36 Expansion of the uniform group insurance program to allow participation by permanent and temporary employees of private sector employers and by certain other individuals who are otherwise without health insurance coverage (Senator Mathern)

Bill No. 38 Powers and duties of the Department of Human Services (Senator Mathern)

12:00 noon Luncheon recess

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

1:00 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Sparb Collins, Executive Director, Public Employees Retirement System, concerning the long-term funding and experience study of PERS

2:00 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Collins of information concerning the uniform group health insurance program

2:30 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Collins concerning the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010

3:00 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives

3:15 p.m. Adjourn

NOTE: The committee may take a 15- to 20-minute break in the morning.

Committee Members

Representatives Bette B. Grande (Chairman), David Drovdal, Ralph Metcalf, Francis J. Wald, Lisa Wolf
Senators Ray Holmberg, Ralph L. Kilzer, Karen K. Krebsbach, Carolyn Nelson

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