

HCS HB 1882 -- PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLANS

SPONSOR: Leara

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on Retirement by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill changes the laws regarding the administrative requirements of public employee retirement plans. In its main provisions, the bill:

- (1) Allows the Joint Committee on Public Employee Retirement (JCPER) to request public employee retirement systems not complying with information requests to testify before the committee regarding such non-compliance;
- (2) Modifies the notification requirement for periodic cost-of-living increases (COLA's) to those providing new or additional payments beyond the prior year plan provisions;
- (3) Changes the due date of JCPER's annual report from January 15th of each year to no later than the date of the first quarterly annual meeting;
- (4) Modifies the definition of "substantial proposed change" to include the closing or freezing of a current defined benefit plan for the purposes of Sections 105.665, 105.670, 105.675, and 105.685, RSMo;
- (5) Requires each plan to forward the required actuarial valuation to the committee within 60 days after completion or adoption;
- (6) Requires all public employee retirement plans, except for the Missouri Local Government Employees' Retirement System (LAGERS), to provide a cost statement on proposed changes to plan benefits including the estimated annual cost in dollars; the plan's current actuarial value of assets, market value of assets, actuarial accrued liability, and funded ratio; and a projection of at least 10 years of the current plan provisions compared to the proposed change;
- (7) Requires LAGERS projection to include a prospective schedule of at least 10 years containing current and proposed provision estimated employer contributions as a percent of payroll and estimated annual dollars, and the resulting difference, and the estimated difference between the actuarial accrued liability and actuarial value of assets for each scenario;
- (8) Revises the provisions regarding the education requirements of

board members; and

(9) Requires all plans to develop a procurement action plan for utilization of minority and women money managers, brokers, and investment counselors and to report progress annually to the committee and the Governor's Minority Advocacy Commission.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill makes modifications to the administrative requirements of public employment retirement plans.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Leara.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.