

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

Tentative Agenda

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 18, 2014
Harvest Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the minutes of the June 5, 2014, meeting

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION BONUS REPORT

9:05 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Kenneth I. Purdy, Human Resource Management Services, Office of Management and Budget, of a report on the implementation, progress, and bonuses provided by state agency programs to provide bonuses to recruit or retain employees in hard-to-fill positions
Committee discussion

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

9:20 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Doug Anderson, Arthur J. Gallagher & Co., of an actuarial audit of the Public Employee Retirement System (PERS) retirement plans and review of projections of year closing
Committee discussion

10:20 a.m. Break

BILL DRAFTS

10:35 a.m. Technical comments, public input, and committee discussion and directives on public employees benefits bills

Public Employees Retirement System

Bill Draft No. 136 updates references to the Internal Revenue Code and modifies the Highway Patrolmen's retirement plans and the PERS retirement benefits, health insurance plans, life insurance benefits, and employee assistance benefits coverage [15.0136.01000]

Bill Draft No. 137 increases employer and employee contributions under the PERS defined benefit and defined contribution plans, decreases employee contributions under PERS for peace officers employed by the Bureau of Criminal Investigation, and provides benefit changes for employees first enrolled after December 31, 2015 [15.0137.01000]

Bill Draft No. 79 provides a health insurance mandate to provide parity in reimbursement for telemedicine services and provides for a cost-benefit analysis report [15.0079.02000]

Bill Draft No. 117 provides a health insurance mandate to provide parity in coverage of cancer treatment medications [15.0117.02000]

Bill Draft No. 43 provides a three-month opportunity for employees in the defined contribution plan to opt to participate in the defined benefit plan [15.0043.01000]

Teachers' Fund for Retirement

Bill Draft No. 140 updates references to the Internal Revenue Code [15.0140.01000]

State Investment Board

Bill Draft No. 135 modifies investment policies for and funds under the management of the State Investment Board [15.0135.01000]

Adjutant General

Bill Draft No. 139 revises the retirement contribution law for National Guard security officers and repeals the law relating to National Guard firefighters [15.0139.01000]

12:00 noon Luncheon recess

NOTE: The committee may work through lunch or may break late for lunch; therefore, the afternoon times on the agenda are subject to change

1:00 p.m. Continuation of bill drafts agenda item

1:45 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Sparb Collins, Executive Director, Public Employees Retirement System, on the uniform group insurance program actuarial projections for the 2015-17 biennium

Committee discussion

2:00 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members

Senators: Dick Dever (Chairman), Spencer Berry, Ralph Kilzer, Karen K. Krebsbach, David O'Connell, Connie Triplett

Representatives: Randy Boehning, Roger Brabandt, Jason Dockter, Jessica Haak, Scott Louser, Kenton Onstad, Don Vigesaa

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