

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

Tentative Agenda

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 28, 2016
Harvest Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 10:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the minutes of the October 27, 2015, meeting
- 10:05 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) regarding the status of health and retirement programs, including:
- Health insurance claims experience to date during the 2015-17 biennium
 - Anticipated health insurance premium cost for the 2017-19 biennium
 - Activities and timeline for preparing the health insurance plan for the 2017-19 biennium
 - The number of individuals who transferred from the defined contribution to the defined benefit plan pursuant to Senate Bill No. 2015 and the effect on the funded status of the defined benefit plan
- 10:35 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Retirement and Investment Office regarding:
- The status of the Teachers' Fund for Retirement (TFFR) program
 - The investment climate
 - The current status of PERS and TFFR investments
- 11:05 a.m. Committee review of bill drafts that may affect the PERS retirement programs and health and retiree health plans in accordance with North Dakota Century Code Section 54-35-02.4. The committee will consider the following bill drafts:

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Bill Draft No. 118 decreases employee contributions under PERS for peace officers employed by the Bureau of Criminal Investigation and security officers employed by the National Guard and makes other technical adjustments

Bill Draft No. 119 increases employer and employee contributions under the PERS defined benefit and defined contribution plans

Bill Draft No. 120 provides for individual and group health insurance coverage of telehealth services

Bill Draft No. 18 provides for individuals employed by nonprofit organizations to participate in the PERS uniform group insurance program

Bill Draft No. 109 provides for firefighters employed by political subdivisions to join the public employees retirement system

SUPREME COURT

Bill Draft No. 117 provides for judges taking disability retirement under Section 54-52-17 to elect to continue participating in the uniform group insurance program

Comments by interested persons

12:30 p.m. Luncheon recess

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

1:30 p.m. Committee discussion regarding retirement and health insurance programs and consideration of assuming jurisdiction of the bills reviewed

2:00 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives

2:30 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members

Senators: Karen K. Krebsbach (Chairman), Dick Dever, Ralph Kilzer, Carolyn C. Nelson, Erin Oban, Nicole Poolman

Representatives: Pamela Anderson, Randy Boehning, Jason Dockter, Jessica Haak, Gary Kreidt, Vernon Laning, Kenton Onstad

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