

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2023

That the House recede from its amendments as printed on pages 1366 and 1367 of the Senate Journal and pages 1535-1537 of the House Journal and that engrossed Senate Bill No. 2023 be amended as follows:

Page 1, line 2, remove "to the legislative assembly"

Page 1, replace lines 12 through 17 with:

"Salaries and wages	\$6,316,169	\$336,435	\$6,652,604
Operating expenses	2,692,221	(208,629)	2,483,592
Capital assets	0	190,000	190,000
Contingencies	250,000	0	250,000
Total special funds	\$9,258,390	\$317,806	\$9,576,196
Full-time equivalent positions	34.50	0.00	34.50"

Page 2, after line 11, insert:

"SECTION 4. PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM - HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL BENEFITS COVERAGE - REPORT. During the 2019-21 biennium, the public employees retirement system board shall solicit and receive bids for the 2021-23 biennium hospital benefits coverage and medical benefits coverage for state employees under section 54-52.1-04. The request for proposal must include an option for coverage through a self-insurance plan. The board shall report to the majority and minority leaders of the House and Senate and the chairmen of the appropriations committees, or their designees, when bids are received during the biennium beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2021. The report must provide comparative information and the board's evaluation of the bids received, including information on the self-insurance option."

Renumber accordingly

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT:

Senate Bill No. 2023 - Public Employees Retirement System - Conference Committee Action

	Base Budget	Senate Version	Conference Committee Changes	Conference Committee Version	House Version	Comparison to House
Salaries and wages	\$6,316,169	\$6,666,052	(\$13,448)	\$6,652,604	\$6,442,668	\$209,936
Operating expenses	2,692,221	2,483,592		2,483,592	2,456,912	26,680
Capital assets		190,000		190,000	190,000	
Contingencies	250,000	250,000		250,000	250,000	
Total all funds	\$9,258,390	\$9,589,644	(\$13,448)	\$9,576,196	\$9,339,580	\$236,616
Less estimated income	9,258,390	9,589,644	(13,448)	9,576,196	9,339,580	236,616
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	34.50	34.50	0.00	34.50	33.50	1.00

Department 192 - Public Employees Retirement System - Detail of Conference Committee Changes

	Reduces Funding for Temporary Salaries ¹	Adjusts Funding for Salary and Benefit Increases ²	Total Conference Committee Changes
Salaries and wages	(\$28,804)	\$15,356	(\$13,448)
Operating expenses			
Capital assets			
Contingencies			
Total all funds	(\$28,804)	\$15,356	(\$13,448)
Less estimated income	(28,804)	15,356	(13,448)
General fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00

¹ Funding for temporary salaries is reduced by \$28,804 from other funds. The House reduced funding for temporary salaries by \$89,402. The Senate did not reduce funding for temporary salaries.

² Funding is adjusted to provide employee salary increases of 2 percent on July 1, 2019, with a minimum monthly increase of \$120 and a maximum monthly increase of \$200, and 2.5 percent on July 1, 2020, the same as the House version. The Senate provided funding for a 2 percent salary increase on July 1, 2019, and a 3 percent salary increase on July 1, 2020.

The House removed funding for 1 FTE position and related operating expenses. The Conference Committee did not remove any FTE positions, the same as the Senate version.

A section is added requiring the Public Employees Retirement System Board to solicit and receive bids for the state employees health insurance plan and report to legislative leadership regarding the bids. The House included a section requiring the board to report to and receive input from the 67th Legislative Assembly prior to entering a contract for the health insurance plan for the 2021-23 biennium. The Senate did not include this section.