

Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement

Senator Julie Rosen, Chair

Tuesday, March 22, 2022 – 5:00 p.m.

REMOTE HEARING*

AGENDA

1. Approval of [March 15, 2022](#), meeting minutes.

2. [HF 4139 \(Olson, L., Murphy, Nelson, M.\)](#): PERA; Excludes from PERA coverage employees of the Duluth Transit Authority who are covered by a Teamsters pension plan.
 - Amendment [H4139-1A](#)Staff: Susan Lenczewski, Executive Director, Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement ([STAFF SUMMARY](#))
Testifiers: Nancy Brown, Procurement Manager, Duluth Transit Authority ([DTA Presentation](#))
Rod Fournier, General Manager, Duluth Transit Authority
Doug Anderson, Executive Director, Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA)

3. Bills previously laid over and ready for approval for inclusion in the omnibus pension and retirement bill:
 - a. [SF 2591 \(Osmeck\)](#); [HF 2964 \(Hertaus\)](#): MSRS; Permits the survivor of a deceased state employee to purchase service credit to receive an annuity death benefit.
Staff: Chad Burkitt, Analyst, LCPR ([STAFF SUMMARY](#))

 - b. [SF 2614 \(Anderson\)](#); [HF 2690 \(Lueck\)](#): MSRS; Authorizes purchases of service credit for military service similar to the PERA provisions for service credit purchases that are not federally protected.
Staff: Ms. Lenczewski ([STAFF SUMMARY](#))

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- c. [SF 3499 \(Rarick\)](#); [HF 3704 \(Sundin\)](#): MSRS Correctional; Authorizes the transfer of service credit from the MSRS General Plan to the MSRS Correctional Plan upon payment by an eligible member.
Staff: Mr. Burkitt ([STAFF SUMMARY](#))
- d. [SF 3556 \(Frentz\)](#); [HF 3671 \(Frederick\)](#): MSRS Correctional; Adds Residential Program Lead to the list of positions at the Department of Human Services (DHS) that are covered by the MSRS Correctional Plan.
• [Amendment S3556-1A](#)
• [Amendment S3556-2A](#)
Staff: Mr. Burkitt ([STAFF SUMMARY](#))
- e. [SF 3872 \(Draheim\)](#); [HF 4186 \(Pfarr\)](#): MSRS Correctional; Adds Dental Hygienist to the list of positions at the Department of Human Services (DHS) that are covered by the Minnesota State Retirement System (MSRS) Correctional Plan.
• [Amendment S3872-1A](#)
Staff: Mr. Burkitt ([STAFF SUMMARY](#))
- f. [SF 2810 \(Benson\)](#); [HF 3266 \(Bahr\)](#): PERA; Restores segmented annuities to members who have breaks in public employment.
Staff: Mr. Burkitt ([STAFF SUMMARY](#))
- g. [SF 2913 \(Bigham\)](#); [HF 4012 \(Masin\)](#): Teacher plans; Suspends earnings limitation on retired teachers who return to teaching, under Teachers Retirement Association (TRA) and St. Paul Teachers Retirement Fund Association (SPTRFA).
Staff: Mr. Burkitt ([STAFF SUMMARY](#))
- h. [SF 3048 \(Duckworth\)](#); [HF 2610 \(Rasmusson\)](#), as amended ([draft engrossment](#)): Requires volunteer firefighters relief association special fund assets to be invested with the State Board of Investment.
• [Amendment S3048-2A](#)
Staff: Mr. Burkitt ([STAFF SUMMARY](#))
Testifier: BJ Jungmann, Burnsville Fire Chief ([letter](#))
- i. [SF 3540 \(Rosen\)](#); [HF 4017 \(Nelson, M.\)](#): State Auditor's Volunteer Fire Relief Association Working Group bill.
• [Amendment S3540-2A](#)
Staff: Ms. Lenczewski ([STAFF SUMMARY](#))
Testifiers: State Auditor Julie Blaha
Rose Hennessy-Allen, Pension Director, Office of the State Auditor
Eric Bullen, Fire Chief, City of Albertville
Aaron Johnston, Asst. Fire Chief and Relief Association Treasurer, Coon Rapids

- j. [SF 3402 \(Bigham\)](#); [HF 3777 \(Huot\)](#), as amended ([draft engrossment](#)): PERA Statewide Volunteer Firefighter Plan; Adds vesting alternatives, removes pension reduction firefighters who retire during the first five years of joining the plan, modifies procedures for joining the plan.

Staff: Ms. Lenczewski ([STAFF SUMMARY](#))

- k. [SF 2546 \(Pappas\)](#), as amended ([draft engrossment](#)): All plans; Authorizes advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) to provide disability assessments.

- [Amendment S2546-2A](#)

Staff: Ms. Lenczewski ([STAFF SUMMARY](#))

- l. [SF 3542 \(Rosen\)](#); [HF 4018 \(Nelson, M.\)](#): State Board of Investment; Makes administrative and technical changes clarifying the classification of SBI professional employees.

- [Amendment S3542-1A](#)

Staff: Mr. Burkitt ([STAFF SUMMARY](#))

- m. [SF 1547 \(Jasinski\)](#), [the first engrossment](#), as amended by the Senate Labor and Industry Policy Committee on 2/24/2022; [HF 1577 \(Koznick\)](#), as introduced: Requires the Department of Labor and Industry to study adequacy of workers compensation, disability and pension benefits for police officers.

Staff: Ms. Lenczewski ([STAFF SUMMARY](#))

Available for questions: Ethan Landy, General Counsel, Dept. of Labor and Industry

4. 2022 Omnibus Pension and Retirement Bill, will be delete-everything amendment S3540-DE1.

- [Amendment S3540-3A](#), technical clarifications and corrections.

Staff: Mr. Burkitt ([AMENDMENT SUMMARY](#))

- **Staff authorization** to make any necessary technical corrections.
- **Final action** on the 2022 omnibus pension and retirement bill.