

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** No fiscal impact

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**Action:** Without Recommendation as to Passage and Be Referred to the Committee on Rules  
**Vote:** 5 - 0 - 0  
**Yeas:** Avakian, Beyer, Gordly, Monroe, Prozanski  
**Nays:** 0  
**Exc.:** 0  
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**Meeting Dates:** 5/21, 5/30

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Expands existing exemption for retired Public Employee Retirement System members who are employed as teachers or administrators for education service districts in counties with population under 35,000 without loss of Public Employee Retirement System (PERS) benefits. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Providing an exception for speech pathologists
- Providing an exception for community college districts
- “Double-dipping” concerns

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** Approximately 870 public employers participate in Public Employees Retirement System (PERS), covering about 95 percent of state, school, and local government employees. The general rule is that a retired public employee receiving PERS payments may work no more than 1,040 hours per calendar year to continue eligibility for full benefits. However, there are many exceptions, such as police departments of fewer than 15,000 people. Exceptions are given based on the difficulty to fill the positions.

Currently, an education service district (ESD) may hire a retired public employee as a teacher or as an administrator if the retired member is employed by an education service district that has its administrative office located in a county of not more than 35,000 people. HB 2585 A changes the language to “employed by an education service district with primary work duties performed in a county with a population of not more than 35,000 inhabitants.”