

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 5 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Avakian, Beyer, Gordly, Monroe, Prozanski

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 2/21, 4/23, 4/30

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows retired nurses to work as instructors for a public employer without loss of Public Employee Retirement System (PERS) benefits. Allows retired members of PERS to work as instructors for the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training without loss of public employee retirement benefits. Provisions expire in eight years.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Shortage of nursing instructors
- Double –dipping concept

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Adds instructors for the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training to the exemption. Adds an eight year sunset to the bill.

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. SB 342A adds registered nurses who are employed as full time nursing instructors by public employers and instructors working for Department of Public Safety Standards and Training to this list.