

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Nathanson
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Nelson

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Bill

Vote: 17 – 4 – 1

House

Yeas: Buckley, C. Edwards, D. Edwards, Galizio, Jenson, Kotek, Nathanson, Shields, G. Smith

Nays: Garrard, Gilman, Richardson

Exc:

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Carter, Girod, Johnson, Monroe, Nelson, Verger, Walker

Nays: Whitsett

Exc: Winters

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Meeting Date: 6/22, 6/23

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Permits an eligible member of the Public Employee Retirement System (PERS) who participates in governmental deferred compensation plan or tax sheltered annuity, to use pre-tax income to purchase forfeited creditable service or other available retirement credit in PERS. Permits trustee-to-trustee transfer of moneys from eligible retirement plan to PERS. Limits uses of transferred moneys. Becomes operative September 1, 2011.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Eligible members can already purchase waiting time forfeited creditable service
- Provides additional option for certain purchases

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Many PERS participants have gaps in their service history from an initial probationary period or forfeited service times. Currently, eligible PERS members may fill gaps in their PERS service by paying into the system. SB 399 A would permit eligible members to do so with pre-tax dollars from deferred compensation or tax sheltered annuity.