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This report consists of a selection of pensions and retirement bills introduced in the 50 state legislatures from the beginning of 2009 until March 4, 2009. The goal of the report is to convey a sense of the major issues under consideration in the legislatures, not to report every bill. Bills that would affect a narrow class of active or retired employees and housekeeping legislation have been excluded. Bills that affect specific local government retirement plans have been included only when the local system is very large (for example, Chicago public employees) or when the bill addresses all the systems in a state. More attention has been given legislation that affects large groups of system members (like teachers or general state employees) than bills that affect small groups (like forest wardens or lifeguards). The existence of bills

identical or similar to those itemized below has been noted as a way of indicating a topic of broad concern in a given legislature.

The legislation is arranged by topic. It should be noted that few pension and retirement bills had been introduced in the legislatures of Massachusetts and Pennsylvania by the time this report was compiled.

This document is based on a search of the NCSL Bill Information Service, which NCSL provides in partnership with State Net as a service to legislators and legislative staff. A number of the State Net bill summaries have been augmented with information drawn directly from state legislatures' bill information services.

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AR H 1230	<p>AUTHOR: OVERBEY [D] TITLE: Public Employees Retirement Systems INTRODUCED: 01/26/2009 LOCATION: Joint Committee on Public Retirement and Social Security Programs</p>
<p>Adjusts or to increase as necessary the number of members on the boards of the Arkansas public employees' retirement systems.</p>	
AR S 139	<p>AUTHOR: FARIS [D] TITLE: Fiduciary Duties INTRODUCED: 01/22/2009 ENACTED: 02/09/2009 ACT: 79</p>
<p>Concerns the fiduciary duties of the trustees of the state-supported retirement systems; requires representatives from the state-supported retirement systems to appear before the legislative review committee in certain situations; relates to investment directives.</p>	
IN H 1048	<p>AUTHOR: NIEZGODSKI [D] TITLE: Public Employee Retirement INTRODUCED: 01/07/2009 LOCATION: Senate Pensions and Labor Committee</p>
<p>Adds a police officer or firefighter as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund.</p>	
IL H 3722 ALSO S 1656	<p>SPONSOR: BURNS [D] TITLE: Illinois Governmental Ethics Act INTRODUCED: 02/25/2009 LOCATION: House State Government Administration Committee</p>
<p>Amends the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act. Requires members of the board of any pension fund or retirement system established under the Illinois Pension Code to file a statement of economic interests. Amends the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act. Includes appointed or elected commissioners, trustees, directors, or board members of a board of a State agency, including the boards found in the Illinois Pension Code, in the definition of "employee". Amends the Illinois Pension Code.</p>	
IL S 1292	<p>SPONSOR: MARTINEZ [D] TITLE: Illinois Pension Code INTRODUCED: 02/10/2009 LOCATION: Senate Second Reading</p>
<p>Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Requires each retirement system to establish a policy with the goal of increasing the racial, ethnic, and gender diversity of its fiduciaries, update the goals annually, and submit a report to the Governor and General Assembly by September 1 of each year.</p>	

KY H 380	<p>SPONSOR: CHERRY [D] TITLE: Retirement INTRODUCED: 02/10/2009 LOCATION: SENATE</p>	<p>Requires that two of the three Governor appointees to the Kentucky Retirement Systems board of trustees possess ten years of investment experience and to define investment experience, and to prohibit systems' employees from serving as a member of the board, establishes a five member investment committee for the Kentucky Retirement Systems.</p>
MI H 4076	<p>SPONSOR: VALENTINE [D] TITLE: Retirement Board INTRODUCED: 01/22/2009</p>	<p>Modifies membership eligibility for retirement board.</p>
NE L 205	<p>AUTHOR: NORDQUIST [NP] TITLE: Educational and Ethics Training INTRODUCED: 01/12/2009 LOCATION: Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee</p>	<p>Requires educational and ethics training for board members of certain retirement systems.</p>
NH H 289	<p>AUTHOR: KAEN [D] TITLE: Financial and Business Management INTRODUCED: 01/08/2009 LOCATION: House Executive Departments and Administration Committee</p>	<p>Removes current requirements and procedures for appointment to the board of trustees of the New Hampshire retirement system and adds the requirement that all appointed board members shall have experience in finance, business, or investment.</p>
NM H 573	<p>AUTHOR: HEATON [D] TITLE: Retirement of Public Employees INTRODUCED: 02/03/2009 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: House Education Committee</p>	<p>Relates to the retirement of public employees; amends the educational retirement act to require financial training for board members.</p>
NM S 451	<p>AUTHOR: INGLE [R] TITLE: Public Employees INTRODUCED: 02/03/2009 LOCATION: Senate Judiciary Committee</p>	<p>Relates to public employees; restricts gifts to candidates for the public employees retirement board; makes certain contributions to candidates for the public employees retirement board unlawful; makes certain expenditures of contributions by candidates for the public employees retirement board unlawful; provides for penalties and criminal enforcement.</p>

TX H 2144

AUTHOR: GUTIERREZ [D]
TITLE: Teacher Retirement System
INTRODUCED: 03/02/2009
LOCATION: HOUSE

Relates to the composition of the board of trustees of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.
Would add an additional appointed teacher and an additional employee of an institution of higher education to the board.

This section focuses on policy toward COLAs, not the COLAs themselves.

HI H 962
ALSO S 408

AUTHOR: MANAHAN [D]
TITLE: Post Retirement Allowance Increase
INTRODUCED: 01/26/2009
LOCATION: House Labor and Public Employment Committee

Increases the post retirement allowance to three per cent for retirants who have been retired for at least ten years; appropriates funds for the post retirement allowance increase.

HI H 1290

AUTHOR: RHOADS [D]
TITLE: Employees' Retirement System and Appropriation
INTRODUCED: 01/26/2009
LOCATION: House Labor and Public Employment Committee

Beginning in FY 2009-2010 and every 5 years thereafter, provides for lump sum payments for retirees at least 75 years of age who have been in retirement at least 20 years as of 6/30/2009; makes appropriation.

KS S 96

AUTHOR: JOINT PENSIONS, INVESTMENTS AND BENEFITS
TITLE: Public Employee Retirement Act
INTRODUCED: 01/26/2009
LOCATION: Senate Ways and Means Committee

Concerns retirement and pensions; relates to the Public Employees Retirement Act of 2009; provides permanent annual cost-of-living adjustment for certain retirants, member contributions.

IL S 1561

SPONSOR: FORBY [D]
TITLE: State Employees
INTRODUCED: 02/18/2009
LOCATION: Senate Pensions and Investments Committee

Amends the General Assembly, State Employees, State Universities, Downstate Teachers, and Judges Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Declares it to be the public policy of this State and the intention of the General Assembly to protect annuitants against significant decreases in the purchasing power of retirement and survivor's annuities. Directs the Systems to review and report on significant changes in purchasing power.

NY S 1809
ALSO S 1816

SPONSOR: LANZA [R]
TITLE: Cost of Living Adjustments
INTRODUCED: 02/09/2009
LOCATION: Senate Civil Service and Pensions Committee

Provides cost-of-living adjustments; further provides that effective the first day of September, 2009, the cost-of-living percentage shall equal one hundred percent of the annual inflation.

OK S 1143
ALSO S 860

AUTHOR: ALDRIDGE [R]
TITLE: Public Retirement Systems
INTRODUCED: 02/02/2009
LOCATION: Senate Retirement and Insurance Committee

Provides for 2% annual COLAs for members of the various Oklahoma state retirement systems, and provides that the legislature may suspend the COLAs by resolution when fiscal conditions make suspension imperative.

AR S 127

AUTHOR: FARIS [D]
TITLE: Retirement System Tier Two Benefit Plan
INTRODUCED: 01/22/2009
LOCATION: Joint Committee on Public Retirement and Social Security Programs

Creates a deferred option plan for members of the state police retirement system's tier two benefit plan.

OCA A 125

AUTHOR: DE LEON [D]
TITLE: Retirement: California Employee Savings Program
INTRODUCED: 01/15/2009
LOCATION: Assembly Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security Committee

Creates the California Employee Savings Program, which would be operative only upon a specified appropriation to the annual Budget Act or if sufficient funds are made available. Requires the board of Administration of the PERS to offer one or more individual retirement accounts or defined benefits plan.

IN H 1510

AUTHOR: GIAQUINTA [D]
TITLE: State Deferred Compensation Plan
INTRODUCED: 01/14/2009

Provides that, after June 30, 2009, all state employees are automatically enrolled in the state deferred compensation plan with a contribution equal to the maximum amount the state matches, unless the employee notifies the state that the employee does not want to enroll in the plan.

NV A 198

AUTHOR: SEGERBLOM [D]
TITLE: Deferred Savings Option Program
INTRODUCED: 02/19/2009
LOCATION: Assembly Government Affairs Committee

Creates the Deferred Savings Option Program within the Public Employees' Retirement System.

OH H 30

SPONSOR: COMBS [R]
TITLE: Employees Retirement System Members
INTRODUCED: 02/18/2009
LOCATION: House Finance & Appropriations Committee

Requires an analysis of each proposed retirement incentive plan for Public Employees Retirement System members and to prohibit a member who participates in such a retirement incentive plan from being re-employed by the same employer.

VA S 466

AUTHOR: MILLERY [D]
TITLE: Port Authority Employee Retirement Plans
INTRODUCED: 01/09/2008
ENACTED: 03/12/2008
CHAPTER: 621

Authorizes the Port Authority to provide that employees who are eligible to participate in the deferred compensation plan sponsored by the Authority shall be enrolled automatically in such plan, unless such employee elects not to participate; provides the amount of the deferral under the enrollment and the group of employees shall be set by the Board of the Authority; provides that the employees are afforded an opportunity to increase or decrease the amount of deferral.

WV S 417

SPONSOR: FOSTER [D]
TITLE: Voluntary Employee Retirement Accounts Program
INTRODUCED: 03/02/2009
LOCATION: Senate Pensions Committee

Establishes Voluntary Employee Retirement Accounts Program.

AK H 45ALSO H 5, 92,
S 37, S 81

AUTHOR: GARA [D]
TITLE: Investments In Sudan
INTRODUCED: 01/20/2009
LAST AMEND: 02/25/2009
LOCATION: House State Affairs Committee

Relates to certain investments of the Alaska permanent fund, the state's retirement systems, the State of Alaska Supplemental Annuity Plan, and the deferred compensation program for state employees in companies that do business in Sudan, and restricting those investments.

CA ACR 4

AUTHOR: ANDERSON [R]
TITLE: University of California: Divestment from Iran
INTRODUCED: 12/02/2008
LOCATION: ASSEMBLY

Calls upon the University of California to implement the California Public Divest from Iran Act, which prohibits the investment of public employee retirement funds in foreign companies with business activities in Iran.

GA H 41

AUTHOR: MITCHELL [D]
TITLE: Retirement And Pensions
INTRODUCED: 01/12/2009
LOCATION: HOUSE

Relates to general provisions relative to retirement and pensions; provides that no public retirement system shall invest funds in companies producing songs using certain racist or obscene lyrics; provides for divestiture of such investments; provides for related matters; repeals conflicting laws.

GA H 99

ALSO S 171

AUTHOR: BROOKS [D]
TITLE: Republic Of Sudan
INTRODUCED: 01/16/2009
LOCATION: House Retirement Committee

Relates to general provisions relative to retirement and pensions; provides that no public retirement system shall invest funds in public obligations of companies doing business with or in the Republic of Sudan; provides for divestiture of such investments; provides for an effective date and automatic repeal; repeals conflicting laws.

HI H 913

AUTHOR: WARD [R]
TITLE: Employee Retirement System
INTRODUCED: 01/26/2009
LOCATION: House Labor and Public Employment Committee

Requires employees retirement system to divest itself of investments in companies that invest in or do business with the Islamic Republic of Iran; allows reinvestment; provides exemptions; requires reporting; authorizes enforcement by Attorney General; sets conditions for repeal.

IN H 1547

ALSO S 562

AUTHOR: NIEZGODSKI [D]
TITLE: Divestment Of Public Pension Investments
INTRODUCED: 01/16/2009
LAST AMEND: 01/29/2009
LOCATION: Senate Pensions and Labor Committee

Requires the public employees' retirement fund and the state teachers' retirement fund to contact companies with certain business activities in states that sponsor terror and request that the companies cease those business activities; prohibits PERF and TRF from investing in companies that are unresponsive to the requests; requires PERF and TRF to sell or transfer any investments in a company that is unresponsive.

MS H 116

AUTHOR: BONDURANT [D]
TITLE: Retirement
INTRODUCED: 01/06/2009
DISPOSITION: Failed

Relates to retirement; prohibit Public Employees Retirement System from holding equity investments in companies with business ties in certain countries.

NH H 475

AUTHOR: BETTENCOURT [R]
TITLE: State Funds
INTRODUCED: 01/08/2009
LOCATION: House Executive Departments and Administration Committee

Prohibits the state treasurer, the state retirement system, and the judicial retirement plan from investing in the energy sectors of countries that have been identified by the United States Department of State as state sponsors of terrorism.

NY A 1548ALSO A 3516,
A 3806, A 5977,
S 2612

SPONSOR: WRIGHT [D]
TITLE: Investment of Public Employee Retirement Funds
INTRODUCED: 01/07/2009
LOCATION: ASSEMBLY

Prohibits the investment of public employee retirement funds in companies doing business with the Republic of Sudan or its instrumentalities; requires divestiture of currently invested funds.

NY S 1219

SPONSOR: THOMPSON A [D]
TITLE: Comptroller Investment Reports
INTRODUCED: 01/28/2009
LOCATION: Senate Civil Service and Pensions Committee

Requires comptroller to report investments of the common retirement fund in entertainment investments; includes companies or individuals involved in film, television or music.

TN H 1836
ALSO S 1975

AUTHOR: KELSEY [R]
TITLE: Treasurer State
INTRODUCED: 02/24/2009
LOCATION: House Finance, Ways and Means Committee

Relates to state treasurer; requires treasurer to divest any holdings of the Tennessee consolidated retirement system in securities issued by companies that have substantial current operations in nations determined by the United States department of state to be state-sponsors of terrorism.

TX S 450

AUTHOR: PATRICK DA [R]
TITLE: Retirement System Fund Investments
INTRODUCED: 01/13/2009
LOCATION: Senate State Affairs Committee

Relates to prohibiting the investment of retirement system funds in certain private business entities doing business in Iran.

UT H 211

AUTHOR: FISHER J [R]
TITLE: Divestment of Certain Retirement Investments
INTRODUCED: 01/26/2009
LOCATION: Senate Retirement and Independent Entities Committee

Provides certain definitions; requires the Utah State Retirement Office to identify those companies with business operations in Iran's petroleum sector in which the Utah State Retirement fund has direct holdings, and to make and update a list of all identified scrutinized companies on an annual basis; requires the board to send a written notice informing scrutinized companies: with inactive business operation to encourage the company to continue to refrain from initiating active business operations in Iran.

VA H 556
DIED IN
COMMITTEE
ALSO H 1460,
H 2357, others

AUTHOR: VALENTINE [D]
TITLE: Virginia Retirement System
INTRODUCED: 01/09/2008
DISPOSITION: Failed

Requires the Virginia Retirement System, under certain circumstances, to divest itself of investments in companies meeting certain criteria gauged to be related to the genocide in the Darfur region of Sudan.

AZ S 1350

AUTHOR: GOULD [R]
TITLE: Retirement System Incentive Program
INTRODUCED: 02/02/2009
LOCATION: SENATE

Concerns the Retirement System; relates to termination incentive program requirements.

IL H 3809

SPONSOR: COLVIN [D]
TITLE: Chicago Teachers Pension
INTRODUCED: 02/25/2009
LOCATION: House Executive Committee

Amends the Chicago Teachers Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Allows the employer to authorize by resolution an early retirement without discount program for specified periods beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2015. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement.

ME H 232

AUTHOR: SCHATZ [D]
TITLE: Public Employees Retirement
INTRODUCED: 01/29/2009
LOCATION: Joint Committee on Labor

Concerns the Public Employees Retirement System; reduces the early retirement reduction factor from 6% to 3% for employees who were already employed in a position that is covered under the State Employee and Teacher Retirement Program, the Legislative Retirement Program or the Judicial Retirement Program from a certain date; concerns employees without the option to retire.

PA H 30

ALSO H 31, S 52,
S 130

AUTHOR: DALEY [D]
TITLE: Early Retirement Benefits Eligibility
INTRODUCED: 02/18/2009
LOCATION: House State Government Committee

Amends the Education Code. Further provides for eligibility for early retirement benefits according to the Rule of 80; effective only until July 1 2009.

AZ H 2325 ALSO S 1207	<p>AUTHOR: BOONE [R]</p> <p>TITLE: Elected Officials Retirement Plan</p> <p>INTRODUCED: 01/16/2009</p> <p>LOCATION: House Consent</p> <p>Concerns the Elected Officials Retirement Plan.</p>
CO S 66	<p>SPONSOR: TOCHTROP [D]</p> <p>TITLE: Merger State Defined Contributions</p> <p>INTRODUCED: 01/12/2009</p> <p>LOCATION: House Finance Committee</p> <p>Legislative Audit Committee. Merges the state of Colorado public officials' and employees' defined contribution plan (state DC plan) into the defined contribution plan of the Public Employees' Retirement Association (PERA DC plan) as of a specified date. States that participants in the state DC plan become members of the PERA DC plan and that individual participant accounts in the state DC plan become individual participant accounts in the PERA DC plan.</p>
IN H 1105	<p>AUTHOR: TINCHER [D]</p> <p>TITLE: Vesting For Local Elected Officials</p> <p>INTRODUCED: 01/13/2009</p> <p>LOCATION: House Ways and Means Committee</p> <p>Reduces from ten years to eight years the period required for an elected official of a county, city, town, or township to vest in the public employees' retirement fund.</p>
MI H 4133 ALSO H 4194	<p>SPONSOR: CALLEY [R]</p> <p>TITLE: Health Care Benefits</p> <p>INTRODUCED: 02/04/2009</p> <p>LOCATION: House Government Operations Committee</p> <p>Eliminates retirement health care benefits for legislators.</p>
MI S 132	<p>SPONSOR: KUIPERS [R]</p> <p>TITLE: Executive Retirement</p> <p>INTRODUCED: 01/29/2009</p> <p>LOCATION: Senate Government Operations and Reform Committee</p> <p>Provides graded retirement premium for governor and lieutenant governor.</p>
MI S 133	<p>SPONSOR: KUIPERS [R]</p> <p>TITLE: Legislator Retirement</p> <p>INTRODUCED: 01/29/2009</p> <p>LOCATION: Senate Government Operations and Reform Committee</p> <p>Provides graded retirement premium for legislators.</p>

MO H 491

SPONSOR: SCHAD [R]
TITLE: Elected Officials
INTRODUCED: 01/29/2009
LOCATION: House Retirement

Allows persons employed by elected officials or members of the General Assembly to use accrued annual leave to extend their service time for retirement purposes.

NJ A 232

SIMILAR A 407

SIMILAR S 273

SPONSOR: BRAMNICK [R]
TITLE: Public Employees Retirement System
INTRODUCED: 01/08/2008
LOCATION: Assembly State Government Committee

Eliminates membership in the legislative part of Public Employees' Retirement System for future members of the Legislature.

NJ S 162

SPONSOR: ALLEN [R]
TITLE: Public Employees Retirement System
INTRODUCED: 01/08/2008
LOCATION: Senate State Government Committee

Makes membership in Public Employees' Retirement System optional for all elected officials and certain appointed officials.

NM S 675

AUTHOR: GRIEGO P [D]
TITLE: Legislator Retirement Age
INTRODUCED: 02/19/2009
LOCATION: Senate Rules Committee

Relates to public finance; raises state legislator retirement age and credited service requirements; revises the method for calculating the pension payable pursuant to State Legislator Member Coverage Plan 2.

OK S 562

AUTHOR: ANDERSON [R]
TITLE: The Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System
INTRODUCED: 02/02/2009

Relates to the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System; relates to elected officials retirement; provides exception; allows a temporary opportunity for elected officials to elect to make maximum contribution under certain conditions.

WV H 2105

SPONSOR: HUTCHINS [D]
TITLE: State Retirement System
INTRODUCED: 02/11/2009
LOCATION: House Pensions and Retirement Committee

Relates to prohibiting legislators from enrolling in the state retirement system.

CT H 6163

INTRODUCER: ROY [D]
TITLE: Forfeiture of Pensions by State Employees
INTRODUCED: 01/27/2009
LOCATION: Joint Committee on Judiciary

Concerns the forfeiture of pensions and other state benefits by certain state employees; prevents the state from having to support those state employees who use their position to commit a criminal act.

HI H 784

ALSO S 666

AUTHOR: BELATTI [D]
TITLE: Constitutional Amendment and Employees' Retirement
INTRODUCED: 01/23/2009
DISPOSITION: Failed

Proposes a constitutional amendment to article XVI, section 2 of the state constitution to authorize the legislature to allow the judiciary to reduce the pension benefits of any member of the employees' retirement system who is convicted of a felony related to the member's employment with the State or any political subdivision.

IL H 377

SPONSOR: FARNHAM [D]
TITLE: Illinois Pension Code
INTRODUCED: 01/29/2009
LOCATION: House Third Reading

Amends the General Assembly Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that none of the retirement benefits provided in the Article shall be paid to any person who is impeached by the House of Representatives and convicted and removed from office by the Senate. Provides that all participants in service or entering service after the effective date shall be deemed to have consented to the provisions as a condition of participation in the retirement system.

IL S 1584

SPONSOR: RADOGNO [R]
TITLE: General Assembly Article
INTRODUCED: 02/19/2009
LOCATION: Senate Committee on Assignments Committee

Amends the General Assembly Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that none of the retirement benefits provided in the Article shall be paid to any person who is impeached by the House of Representatives and convicted and removed from office by the Senate.

MI HJR 13

STATE ID: HJR M
SPONSOR: Meltzer [R]
TITLE: Public Employee Pension
INTRODUCED: 02/18/2009
LOCATION: House Government Operations Committee

Allows public employee pension forfeiture for certain offenses.

NJ A 289
 ALSO: A 1444,
 1480, 1716,
 1717, 2636,
 S 686, NJS 1666
 AND OTHERS

SPONSOR: RUMPF [R]
TITLE: Public Employee's Pension Contributions
INTRODUCED: 01/08/2008
LAST AMEND: 11/13/2008
LOCATION: ASSEMBLY

Allows judgment for restitution of stolen public funds to be levied against convicted employee's pension contributions.

NM S 261

AUTHOR: BEFFORT [R]
TITLE: Retirement Benefits
INTRODUCED: 01/27/2009
LOCATION: Senate Judiciary Committee

Relates to retirement benefits; provides for the forfeiture of certain rights and benefits under the state retirement systems upon the conviction for certain crimes.

NY A 1057
 ALSO A 1542,
 3176, S 1733

SPONSOR: SAYWARD [R]
TITLE: Elected Public Officers Convicted of Felonies
INTRODUCED: 01/07/2009
LOCATION: Assembly Governmental Operations Committee

Provides that any elected public officer who is convicted of a felony pursuant to Article 195 and Article 200 of the Penal Law shall have all benefits abolished, including but not limited to salary and retirement.

OK H 1385
 ALSO H 2175,
 S899

AUTHOR: OSBORN [R]
TITLE: Public Officers
INTRODUCED: 02/02/2009
LOCATION: HOUSE

Relates to public officers; relates to forfeiture of office or employment and forfeiture of benefits; provides for forfeiture of retirement benefits based upon certain plea or conviction of felony; provides for applicability of forfeiture provisions after termination of office or employment; provides for applicability of forfeiture provisions after retirement; provides an effective date.

TN H 2349

AUTHOR: DENNIS [R]
TITLE: Pensions and Retirement Benefits
INTRODUCED: 02/26/2009
LOCATION: HOUSE

Relates to pensions and retirement benefits; requires forfeiture of access to health insurance benefits by any member of the general assembly convicted of a felony involving public office.

VA H 695
DIED IN
COMMITTEE

AUTHOR: **ARMSTRONG [D]**
TITLE: **Retirement Systems and Felonies**
INTRODUCED: **01/09/2008**
LAST AMEND: **02/07/2008**
DISPOSITION: **Failed**

Provides that a member of any of the retirement programs administered by the Virginia Retirement System forfeits his retirement benefits upon conviction of a felony that arises out of misconduct in any position covered under the retirement programs.

GA H 371	<p>AUTHOR: EHRHART [R] TITLE: Public Retirement Systems Investment Authority Law INTRODUCED: 02/11/2009 LOCATION: HOUSE</p>
<p>Relates to the "Public Retirement Systems Investment Authority Law,"; provides for an increase in allowable retirement system fund investment in equities to 75 percent; changes the definition of the term "large retirement system" for purposes of enhanced investment authority; repeals conflicting laws.</p>	
HI H 480	<p>AUTHOR: WARD [R] TITLE: Hawaii Innovation Investment Fund INTRODUCED: 01/23/2009 LOCATION: House Economic Revitalization, Business and Military Affairs Committee</p>
<p>Establishes the Hawaii Innovation Investment Fund, a professionally managed fund of funds, and allows the Employee Retirement System to invest moderate amounts in Hawaii venture capital.</p>	
IL H 829	<p>SPONSOR: MAY [D] TITLE: Illinois Pension Code INTRODUCED: 02/09/2009 LOCATION: House Executive Committee</p>
<p>Amends the Illinois Pension Code. In provisions concerning permitted investments for pension funds with net assets of \$5,000,000 or more, increases the amount of net assets that the pension fund must have for the provisions to apply from \$5,000,000 or more to \$10,000,000 or more, removes provisions requiring that securities are of a corporation created or existing under the laws of the United States or any state, district, or territory thereof.</p>	
IL H 2557	<p>SPONSOR: BRADLEY J [D] TITLE: Illinois Pension Code INTRODUCED: 02/20/2009 LOCATION: House Personnel and Pensions Committee</p>
<p>Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that it is the public policy of the State of Illinois to encourage the pension funds, and any State agency investing funds on behalf of pension funds, to promote the economy of Illinois through the use of economic opportunity investments to the greatest extent feasible within the bounds of financial and fiduciary prudence. Provides that each pension fund, except pension funds created under the Downstate Police.</p>	
MD H 448 ALSO MD S 178	<p>AUTHOR: GRIFFITH [D] TITLE: State Retirement and Pension System INTRODUCED: 02/04/2009 LOCATION: House Appropriations Committee</p>
<p>Increases the current fee cap for externally managed investment assets from 0.3% to 0.5% of a specified determination of market value for the State Retirement and Pension System.</p>	

MD S 1018	<p>AUTHOR: GARAGIOLA [D] TITLE: State Retirement and Pension System INTRODUCED: 03/04/2009 LOCATION: SENATE</p>	<p>Requires the Board of Trustees of the State Retirement and Pension System to invest in qualified technology or bioscience businesses the greater of 0.5% of the assets of the several systems, or \$20,000,000.</p>
NJ S 2552 ALSO NJA 3817	<p>SPONSOR: SWEENEY [D] TITLE: Investment Vehicles INTRODUCED: 02/02/2009 LOCATION: SENATE</p>	<p>Extends range of investment vehicles in which Director of the Division of Investment and State Investment Council may invest moneys in the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund and State pension funds.</p>
NY A 4684 SIMILAR A 5036	<p>SPONSOR: EDDINGTON [D] TITLE: The Crime of Defrauding a Public Pension Plan INTRODUCED: 02/05/2009 LOCATION: Assembly Codes Committee</p>	<p>Establishes the crime of defrauding a public pension plan and makes such crime a class E felony; requires the administrative component of the proposed school district budget to include all compensation, salaries and benefits under existing employment contracts; establishes reporting committees to review every contract between the district and any employee, bargaining unit, administrator and superintendent negotiated.</p>
NY S 2329	<p>SPONSOR: PDAVAN [R] TITLE: Investments By the Comptroller INTRODUCED: 02/18/2009 LOCATION: Senate Finance Committee</p>	<p>Relates to investments by the comptroller; requires the comptroller to comply with provisions of the executive law relating to participation by minority and women owned businesses in awarding contracts for investment services for the common retirement fund; creates commission to investigate investment practices of the comptroller's office and appropriates \$500,000 therefore.</p>
TN H 392 ALSO S 1812	<p>AUTHOR: FINCHER [D] TITLE: Criminal Offenses INTRODUCED: 02/09/2009 LOCATION: House Judiciary Committee</p>	<p>Relates to criminal offenses; establishes criminal offense punishable as theft for intentionally mishandling pension funds; establishes civil cause of action against violator for reimbursement of funds and profits associated with such activity.</p>

TX H 360
ALSO S 908

AUTHOR: KUEMPEL [R]
TITLE: Municipal Retirement System and Assets in Trust
INTRODUCED: 01/13/2009
LOCATION: House Pensions, Investments & Financial Services Committee
 Relates to the crediting and charging of investment gains and losses on the assets held in trust by the Texas Municipal Retirement System and providing a guaranteed minimum credit to employee accounts.

TX H 2060

AUTHOR: GALLEGO [D]
TITLE: Public Retirement System Annual Reports
INTRODUCED: 02/27/2009
LOCATION: HOUSE
 Relates to annual reporting of women and minority participation in the management and investment of the assets of public retirement systems.

WA H 1543
ALSO S 5304

AUTHOR: CROUSE [R]
TITLE: Salary Increase
INTRODUCED: 01/23/2009
LOCATION: HOUSE
 Lowers the general salary increase assumption for the actuarial funding of certain public retirement systems; lowers the general salary increase assumption from 4.5 percent to 4.25 percent for the actuarial funding of the public employees' retirement system, the teachers' retirement system, plan 1 of the law enforcement officers' and firefighters' retirement system, the school employees' retirement system, the public safety employees' retirement system.

WA H 1544
ALSO S 5310

AUTHOR: CROUSE [R]
TITLE: State Actuaries
INTRODUCED: 01/23/2009
LOCATION: Senate Ways and Means Committee
 Addresses the state actuary's recommendations for assumptions used in the actuarial funding of the state retirement systems; authorizes the state actuary to consider the demographic components of total salary growth and make recommendations to the pension funding council concerning any changes to the demographic assumptions within total salary growth, when making recommendations regarding the general salary increase assumption.

WA S 6046

AUTHOR: ZARELLI [R]
TITLE: State Retirement System
INTRODUCED: 02/18/2009
LOCATION: Senate Ways and Means Committee
 Preserving the fully funded status of certain closed plans within the state retirement systems; directs the state actuary to report the funded status of each plan on market value basis, using the ratio of the market value of assets to the market value of liabilities; directs the state investment board to establish investment policies and procedures designed to preserve the fully funded status of the plan and to maximize return at a prudent level of risk.

AR H 1155

AUTHOR: OVERBEY [D]
TITLE: Employer Contributions and State Retirement
INTRODUCED: 01/22/2009
LOCATION: Joint Committee on Public Retirement and Social Security Programs

Evaluates the employer contributions to the Arkansas state highway employee's retirement system and to adjust the employer contributions as necessary.

AR S 186

AUTHOR: JEFFRESS G [D]
TITLE: Police and Fire Retirement System
INTRODUCED: 01/26/2009
ENACTED: 02/26/2009
ACT: 259

Amends the premium tax allocations so that a local plan that consolidates with the Arkansas local police and fire retirement system continues to receive the same premium tax dollar amount and other income.

CO S 205

SPONSOR: TAPIA [D]
TITLE: State Assistance to Old Hire FPPA Plans
INTRODUCED: 02/16/2009
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Postponed Indefinitely

FY 08-09 Budget Balancing Bill. For the 2008-09, 2009-10, and 2010-11 state fiscal years, eliminates the state's annual contribution to the fire and police pension association (FPPA) to assist in amortizing the unfunded accrued liability of old hire pension plans. Resumes the state's annual contribution to the FPPA beginning in the 2011-12 state fiscal year, and extends such annual contribution through the 2014-15 state fiscal year.

CT S 375

INTRODUCER: CALIGIURI [R]
TITLE: Municipal Pension Solvency Program
INTRODUCED: 01/22/2009
LOCATION: Joint Committee on Planning and Development

Authorizes bonds of the state for loans to municipalities for employee pension funds; provides funding to implement the municipal pension solvency program.

FL S 1832

AUTHOR: GOVERNMENTAL OVERSIGHT & ACCOUNTABILITY
TITLE: Retirement
INTRODUCED: 03/03/2009
LOCATION: Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability

Relates to retirement; revises the payroll contribution rates for the membership classes of the Florida Retirement System for the state fiscal years.

GA S 176

AUTHOR: HEATH [R]
TITLE: Retirement
INTRODUCED: 02/19/2009
LOCATION: SENATE

Be entitled an Act; amends Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Public Retirement Systems Standards Law,"; provides that on and after July 1, 2010, any increase in the actuarial accrued unfunded liability to a public retirement system which occurs as a result of the enactment of legislation shall be fully funded in the year in which such legislation becomes effective; provides for related matters; repeals conflicting laws.

IL S 2296

SPONSOR: LAUZEN [R]
TITLE: General Obligation Bond Act
INTRODUCED: 02/20/2009
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Senate Committee on Assignments Committee

Amends the General Obligation Bond Act. Authorizes an additional \$10,000,000,000 for making contributions to the State Employees', Teachers', State Universities, Judges, and General Assembly Retirement Systems.

MD H 977

ALSO S 592

AUTHOR: GRIFFITH [D]
TITLE: State Retirement and Pension System
INTRODUCED: 02/13/2009
LOCATION: House Appropriations Committee

Prohibits the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System from using forfeitures of benefits by a member or former member of the several systems to pay benefit increases, but requiring use of the forfeitures to reduce employer contributions.

MD H 1046

ALSO MD S 710

AUTHOR: SCHUH [R]
TITLE: State Retirement and Pension System
INTRODUCED: 02/13/2009
LOCATION: House Appropriations Committee

Provides for the calculation of a payment of a portion of the employer contributions for local school board employees and community college employees who are members of the Teachers' Retirement System or the Teachers' Pension System; requires counties to pay a portion of the employer contributions for local school board employees and community college employees who are members of the Teachers' Retirement System or the Teachers' Pension System.

NE L 366

ALSO L 424, 425

AUTHOR: PANKONIN [NP]
TITLE: Employees Retirement Act
INTRODUCED: 01/16/2009
LOCATION: Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee

Increases the mandatory contribution rate under the State Employees Retirement Act.

NJ A 3688

ALSO NJ S 14

SPONSOR: **CRYAN [D]**
TITLE: **Public Employees' Retirement System**
INTRODUCED: **01/26/2009**
LOCATION: **ASSEMBLY**

Adjusts local employers' contributions to Public Employees' Retirement System and PFRS for State fiscal years 2009 through 2011.

NJ A 3752

SPONSOR: **VAS [D]**
TITLE: **School Districts to Issue Bonds for Retirement**
INTRODUCED: **02/09/2009**
LOCATION: **Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee**

Permits counties, municipalities, and school districts to issue bonds to pay a portion of Public Employees' Retirement System and PFRS liability and other purposes under certain conditions for up to three budget years.

NJ ACR 204

ALSO SCR 53, 94

IDENTICAL: **NJ SCR 53**
SPONSOR: **O'Scanlon [R]**
TITLE: **Public Employee Pension System Standards**
INTRODUCED: **12/08/2008**
LOCATION: **Assembly State Government Committee**

Proposes amendment to State Constitution to establish standards that ensure public employee pension systems are financially sound; requires public pension systems to use actuarial standards established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board; requires employers to make actuarially-sound payments to State-administered retirement systems; prohibits early retirement incentive programs for public employees that negatively impact a retirement system.

NJ S 7

ALSO S 14,

NJ A 3688

SPONSOR: **CODEY [D]**
TITLE: **Local Employers' Retirement Contributions**
INTRODUCED: **12/11/2008**
LOCATION: **SENATE**

Adjusts local employers' contributions to certain State administered retirement systems.

NM H 854

AUTHOR: **SAAVEDRA [D]**
TITLE: **Retirement of Public Employees**
INTRODUCED: **02/19/2009**
LOCATION: **Senate Public Affairs Committee**

Relates to the retirement of public employees; provides a temporary increase in the employee contribution rates and a corresponding temporary decrease in the employer contribution rates.

NM HJM 45

AUTHOR: VARELA [D]
TITLE: Public Employees Retirement Plans
INTRODUCED: 02/05/2009
LOCATION: Senate Rules Committee

Requests the retirement board of the public employees retirement association and the educational retirement board to prepare solvency plans and recommendations to ensure that the retirement plans will be fully sufficient to protect current and future retirees.

OK S 397

AUTHOR: CRAIN [R]
TITLE: Counties And County Officers
INTRODUCED: 02/02/2009
LOCATION: HOUSE

Relates to counties and county officers; relate to contributions to county retirement systems; modifies amount of employer contribution; provides an effective date; declares an emergency.

OK S 904

ALSO S 1016

AUTHOR: MAZZEI [R]
TITLE: Public Finance
INTRODUCED: 02/02/2009
LOCATION: SENATE

Relates to public finance; relate to the Oklahoma Pension Legislation Actuarial Analysis Act; adds and modifying definitions; modifies date; eliminates certain requirement relating to employer contributions; provides an effective date; declares an emergency. Provides that legislation modifying retirement plans must include funding of the alteration.

OK SJR 43

AUTHOR: CORN [D]
TITLE: Secretary of State
INTRODUCED: 02/02/2009
LOCATION: Senate Appropriations Committee

Directs the Secretary of State to refer to the people for their approval or rejection a proposed amendment to Section 23 of Article X of the Oklahoma Constitution; modifies amount of General Revenue Funds available for appropriation by the Legislature; directs a portion of the General Revenue Fund to the State Pension Systems Reserve Fund; specifies condition when certain monies will be available for appropriation; provides ballot title; directs filing.

OK S 1249

AUTHOR: JOHNSON M [R]
TITLE: Teachers Retirement System Of Oklahoma
INTRODUCED: 02/02/2009
LOCATION: Senate Retirement and Insurance Committee

Relates to the Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma; relate to apportionment of sales, use and income taxes; modifies apportionment of sales, use and income taxes.

PA HR 31

AUTHOR: YUDICHAK [D]
TITLE: Excessive Tax Increase Limitation
INTRODUCED: 01/30/2009
LOCATION: House Finance Committee

(Concurrent Resolution) Directs the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study of the State Employees' Retirement System and the Public School Employees' Retirement System and to make recommendations directed at ensuring solvency of each pension system and at limiting excessive tax increases on State and local taxpayers.

CO S 66

SPONSOR: TOCHTROP [D]
TITLE: Merger State Defined Contributions
INTRODUCED: 01/12/2009
LAST AMEND: 02/20/2009
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: House Finance Committee

Merges the state of Colorado public officials' and employees' defined contribution plan (state DC plan) into the defined contribution plan of the Public Employees' Retirement Association (PERA DC plan) as of a specified date. States that participants in the state DC plan become members of the PERA DC plan and that individual participant accounts in the state DC plan become individual participant accounts in the PERA DC plan.

IN S 535

AUTHOR: KRUSE [R]
TITLE: Indiana Public Retirement System
INTRODUCED: 01/15/2009
LAST AMEND: 02/12/2009
LOCATION: House Labor and Employment Committee

Establishes the Indiana public retirement system to administer and manage the following: (1) the public employees' retirement fund (PERF); (2) the teachers' retirement fund (TRF); (3) the judges' retirement fund; (4) the prosecuting attorneys retirement fund; (5) the state excise police, gaming agent, gaming control officer, and conservation enforcement officers' retirement fund; (6) the 1977 police officers' and firefighters' pension and disability fund.

IL S 1734
 ALSO SR 54

SPONSOR: SCHOENBERG [D]
TITLE: Illinois Pension Code
INTRODUCED: 02/19/2009
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Senate Committee on Assignments Committee

Amends the Illinois Pension Code. Creates the Illinois Public Employees' Retirement System as an investment system for the 5 State-funded retirement systems. Provides for the transfer of assets to the Illinois Public Employees' Retirement System for investment purposes from the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois, the State Universities Retirement System, and the Illinois State Board of Investments.

MN H 1100
 ALSO MN S 914

AUTHOR: THISEN [DFL]
TITLE: Retirement
INTRODUCED: 02/26/2009
LOCATION: House State and Local Government Operations Reform, Technology and Elections Committee

Relates to retirement; authorizes the consolidation of the Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund with the general employees retirement plan of the Public Employees Retirement Association; adjusts contribution requirements; makes conforming changes.

MN S 504
ALSO MN H 825

AUTHOR: BETZOLD [DFL]
TITLE: Retirement
INTRODUCED: 02/09/2009
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Senate State and Local Government Operations and Oversight Committee

Relates to retirement; creates a voluntary statewide lump-sum volunteer firefighter retirement plan; makes conforming changes.

MN S 914
ALSO MN H 1100

AUTHOR: BETZOLD [DFL]
TITLE: Retirement Plans and Funds
INTRODUCED: 02/23/2009
LOCATION: Senate State and Local Government Operations and Oversight Committee

Relates to retirement; authorizes the consolidation of the Employees Retirement Fund with the General Employees Retirement Plan of the Public Employees Retirement Association; adjusts contribution requirements; makes conforming changes.

VT H 84

AUTHOR: DONAGHY [R]
TITLE: Retirement System
INTRODUCED: 01/22/2009
LOCATION: House Government Operations Committee

Creates a comprehensive, uniform statewide retirement system for all law enforcement officers certified in Vermont, to create portability among retirement systems available to law enforcement officers, to allow officers currently enrolled in other retirement systems a one-time opportunity to transfer into the new system, and to require all new officers to join the new system. The new system would contemplate retirement after either 20 or 25 years, at the officer's discretion.

WA H 1444
ALSO S 5332

AUTHOR: HURST [D]
TITLE: Washington State Patrol Retirement System
INTRODUCED: 01/21/2009
LOCATION: House Ways & Means Committee

creates the Washington state patrol retirement board to administer the Washington state patrol retirement system. Requires the office of the state actuary to provide actuarial assistance to the Washington state patrol retirement system board. Creates the Washington state patrol retirement system expense account.

WA S 5303

AUTHOR: HOBBS [D]
TITLE: Retirement System Plan
INTRODUCED: 01/20/2009
LOCATION: SENATE

Transfers public employees' retirement system plan 2 members to the school employees' retirement system plan 2; modifies provisions relating to transferring public employees' retirement system plan 2 members to the school employees' retirement system plan 2.

WV H 2189

ALSO

NUMEROUS

SIMILAR BILLS

SPONSOR: BROWN [D]
TITLE: Public Retirement Board Teachers Retirement System
INTRODUCED: 02/12/2009
LOCATION: House Finance Committee

Consolidates Public Retirement Board, Teachers' Retirement System.

AR H 1234	<p>AUTHOR: ROEBUCK J [D] TITLE: State Supported Retirement Systems INTRODUCED: 01/26/2009 LOCATION: Joint Committee on Public Retirement and Social Security Programs</p>
	<p>Coordinates the state-supported retirement systems concerning the calculation of final average salary.</p>
AR S 128	<p>AUTHOR: FARIS [D] TITLE: State Supported Retirement Systems INTRODUCED: 01/22/2009 ENACTED: 03/03/2009 ACT: 295</p>
	<p>Allows members of state-supported retirement systems who are receiving federal military service retirement to purchase credited service for service rendered by the members in the armed forces; allows members of the Arkansas public employees' retirement system to purchase up to 5 years of compensated service in the Arkansas national guard or armed forces reserve.</p>
AR S 131	<p>AUTHOR: FARIS [D] TITLE: Teacher Retirement System INTRODUCED: 01/22/2009 LOCATION: Joint Committee on Public Retirement and Social Security Programs</p>
ALSO S 134	<p>Revises the appropriate rules on the multiplier under the Arkansas teacher retirement system.</p>
AZ H 2112	<p>AUTHOR: BOONE [R] TITLE: State Retirement System Benefit Cap INTRODUCED: 01/15/2009 LOCATION: House Public Employees, Retirement and Entitlement Reform Committee</p>
	<p>Concerns the State Retirement System; eliminates the 80% benefit cap.</p>
AZ H 2114	<p>AUTHOR: BOONE [R] TITLE: State Retirement System INTRODUCED: 01/15/2009 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: House Public Employees, Retirement and Entitlement Reform Committee</p>
	<p>Concerns the State Retirement System; relates to normal retirement date.</p>

AZ H 2115	<p>AUTHOR: BOONE [R] TITLE: STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM AVERAGE MONTHLY SALARY INTRODUCED: 01/15/2009 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: House Public Employees, Retirement and Entitlement Reform Committee</p>
<p>Concerns the State Retirement System; relates to retirement average monthly salary.</p>	
AZ H 2119	<p>AUTHOR: BOONE [R] TITLE: Public Retirement Service Credit INTRODUCED: 01/15/2009 LOCATION: House Consent</p>
<p>Concerns the State Retirement System; relates to service credit transfers.</p>	
AZ HCR 2016	<p>AUTHOR: DRIGGS [R] TITLE: Judicial Retirement Age INTRODUCED: 01/16/2009 LOCATION: HOUSE</p>
<p>Proposes an amendment to the State Constitution; concerns retirement age for justices and judges.</p>	
DE S 16	<p>PRIMARY SPONSOR: MCBRIDE [D] TITLE: The State Employees' Pension Plan INTRODUCED: 01/15/2009 LOCATION: Senate Finance Committee</p>
<p>Relates to the State employees pension plan; permits a service pension after 25 years of credited service, regardless of age, without actuarial reduction.</p>	
FL S 1482	<p>AUTHOR: LAWSON [D] TITLE: Retirement System and Regular Class Members INTRODUCED: 03/03/2009 LOCATION: Senate Community Affairs Committee</p>
<p>Relates to Florida Retirement System and regular class members; redefines the terms normal retirement date and normal retirement age to allow normal retirement of Regular Class members after 25 years of creditable service and attainment of age 50.</p>	
FL S 1484	<p>AUTHOR: LAWSON [D] TITLE: Florida Retirement System INTRODUCED: 03/03/2009 LOCATION: Senate Community Affairs Committee</p>
<p>Relates to florida retirement system; redefines the term average final compensation with respect to the system; conforms a provision relating to calculation of the monthly normal retirement benefit.</p>	

HI H 6

AUTHOR: TAKAI [D]
TITLE: Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund
INTRODUCED: 01/21/2009
LOCATION: House Labor and Public Employment Committee

Allows members without vested benefit status in the employees' retirement system who return to service to continue accumulating service credit as if no break in service had occurred; requires the State to pay the entire base monthly contribution into the employer-union health benefits trust fund for retirees hired prior to 7/1/96 who cumulatively accrue, either prior to or after a break in service of any duration, a total of at least 10 years of credited service.

HI H 1590

AUTHOR: SAY [D]
TITLE: Employees' Retirement System and Unused Sick Leave
INTRODUCED: 01/28/2009
LOCATION: House Labor and Public Employment Committee

Provides that an employee who first enters government service after 6/30/09 and thereafter retires or leaves service shall receive additional retirement service credit for unused sick leave only if the employee pays to the retirement system an employee's contribution for the credit.

HI H 1715

AUTHOR: SAY [D]
TITLE: Employees' Retirement System
INTRODUCED: 01/28/2009
DISPOSITION: Failed

Increases, for new public employees, the minimum age and length of service for an unreduced service retirement allowance.

IN H 1498

AUTHOR: RUPPEL [R]
TITLE: Teacher Retirement Fund
INTRODUCED: 01/14/2009
LOCATION: Senate Pensions and Labor Committee

Reduces from 15 to ten the number of years of creditable service that a member of the public employees' retirement fund must earn for a surviving spouse or surviving dependent to receive a survivor benefit; removes the requirement that a member of the Indiana state teachers' retirement fund, with ten years of creditable service, must be 65 years of age at the time of death for a surviving spouse or surviving dependent to be eligible for a survivor benefit.

IN S 82

AUTHOR: KRUSE [R]
TITLE: Minimum Retirement Age
INTRODUCED: 01/07/2009
LOCATION: Senate Pensions and Labor Committee

Eliminates the requirement that members of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund who retire under the rule of 85 must be at least 55 years of age.

IL S 245	<p>SPONSOR: STEANS [D]</p> <p>TITLE: Downstate Teacher and the Chicago Teacher Articles</p> <p>INTRODUCED: 02/04/2009</p> <p>LOCATION: Senate Pensions and Investments Committee</p>
<p>Amends the Downstate Teacher and the Chicago Teacher Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. Allows a designated domestic partner to qualify as a surviving spouse for purposes of survivor and death benefits.</p>	
IL S 2246	<p>SPONSOR: LAUZEN [R]</p> <p>TITLE: General Provisions Article</p> <p>INTRODUCED: 02/20/2009</p> <p>LOCATION: Senate Committee on Assignments Committee</p>
<p>Amends the General Provisions Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that the total retirement annuity, including any automatic, one-time, or other increases in that annuity, shall not ever exceed \$100,000 per year. Applies only to a person who first becomes a participant on or after the effective date.</p>	
MD H 191 ALSO S 31	<p>AUTHOR: AUMANN [R]</p> <p>TITLE: State Retirement and Pension System</p> <p>INTRODUCED: 01/26/2009</p> <p>LOCATION: House Appropriations Committee</p>
<p>Reduces the number of years of creditable service from 10 to 7 years that a member of the State Retirement and Pension System is required to accrue in order to be eligible to receive military service credit.</p>	
MN H 1123 ALSO S 578	<p>AUTHOR: MURPHY M [DFL]</p> <p>TITLE: Retirement</p> <p>INTRODUCED: 02/26/2009</p> <p>LOCATION: House State and Local Government Operations Reform, Technology and Elections Committee</p>
<p>Relates to retirement; specifies a new process for computing Teachers Retirement Association service credit; authorizing deduction of other benefits received from Teachers Retirement Association refunds; expanding postretirement option program eligibility to include all state employees with Public Employees Retirement Association coverage; revising Public Employees Retirement Association erroneous receipts provision to provide interest on employee contribution overpayments.</p>	
MO H 347	<p>SPONSOR: SCHLOTTACH [R]</p> <p>TITLE: Retirement Benefit Calculations</p> <p>INTRODUCED: 01/21/2009</p> <p>LOCATION: House Retirement</p>
<p>Specifies that overtime or compensatory time is not included in certain retirement benefit calculations for Public Employee Retirement Systems or State Employee Retirement Systems.</p>	

NH H 532	<p>AUTHOR: KAEN [D] TITLE: Retirement System INTRODUCED: 01/08/2009 LOCATION: House Executive Departments and Administration Committee</p> <p>Removes extra or special duty pay from the definition of earnable compensation used in the calculation of retirement system benefits.</p>
NH H 590	<p>AUTHOR: KAEN [D] TITLE: Retirement Age INTRODUCED: 01/08/2009 LOCATION: House Executive Departments and Administration Committee</p> <p>Increases the retirement age for group II retirement system members and state employees who begin employment on or after July 1, 2009.</p>
NH H 591	<p>AUTHOR: KAEN [D] TITLE: Retirement Benefit INTRODUCED: 01/08/2009 LOCATION: House Executive Departments and Administration Committee</p>
<p>NJ A 2645 ALSO A 1441 A 2583, 1316 NJ S 1327</p>	<p>SPONSOR: LAMPITT [D] TITLE: Sick Leave INTRODUCED: 05/12/2008 LOCATION: Assembly Housing and Local Government Committee</p> <p>Limits payment upon retirement to \$15,000 to local public officers and employees for accumulated sick leave.</p>
NJ A 185	<p>SPONSOR: JOHNSON [D] TITLE: Public Employees Retirement System Contributions INTRODUCED: 01/08/2008 LOCATION: Assembly State Government Committee</p> <p>Adds option of receipt of employee's contributions plus portion of employer contributions when vested Public Employees' Retirement System member leaves Public Employees' Retirement System-covered service.</p>
NJ S 271	<p>SPONSOR: KYRILLOS [R] TITLE: Public Employees Retirement System INTRODUCED: 01/08/2008 LOCATION: Senate State Government Committee</p> <p>Changes prospectively definition of compensation used to calculate benefits in Public Employees' Retirement System and TPAF to average of five highest-paid years and in PFRS, SPRS, and JRS to average of three highest-paid years.</p>

<p>NJ S 274</p>	<p>IDENTICAL: NJ A 2635 SPONSOR: Kyrillos [R] TITLE: Public Employee Pension Benefits INTRODUCED: 01/08/2008 LOCATION: Senate State Government Committee</p>	<p>Provides that public employee pension benefits are calculated on base salary exclusive of various forms of extra compensation.</p>
<p>NM H 573 ALSO H 798</p>	<p>AUTHOR: HEATON [D] TITLE: Retirement of Public Employees INTRODUCED: 02/03/2009 LOCATION: House Education Committee</p>	<p>Relates to the retirement of public employees; amends the educational retirement act to change retirement eligibility requirements for new members, and to provide a limit on the calculation of average annual salary.</p>
<p>NY A 2645</p>	<p>SPONSOR: ABBATE [D] TITLE: Retirement INTRODUCED: 01/21/2009 LOCATION: Assembly Governmental Employees Committee</p>	<p>Allows Tier II, III and IV members of the New York state and local employees' retirement system to retire without a benefit reduction upon completion of 35 years of service without regard to age.</p>
<p>NY A 2783</p>	<p>SPONSOR: ABBATE [D] TITLE: Average Salary INTRODUCED: 01/21/2009 LOCATION: Assembly Governmental Employees Committee</p>	<p>Alters the definition of final average salary for Tier 3 and 4 members so that wages earned during any year would not be allowed to exceed that of the average of the previous two years by more than twenty percent, up from the current rate of ten percent.</p>
<p>RI H 5100</p>	<p>AUTHOR: GALLISON [D] TITLE: Public Employee Retirement Adjustments INTRODUCED: 01/14/2009 LOCATION: House Labor Committee</p>	<p>Amends the current law so that all state employees and municipal employees participating in the state retirement system, who receive a retirement income of \$100,000 or more, will no longer qualify for COLA benefits or a cost of living increase.</p>
<p>SC S 212</p>	<p>AUTHOR: RYBERG [R] TITLE: State Retirement Systems INTRODUCED: 01/13/2009 LOCATION: Senate Finance Committee</p>	<p>Increases the service credit required for a nonvested member of the public employee retirement system to retire at any age without a reduction in benefits, from 28 to 30 years.</p>

SC S 242	<p>AUTHOR: RYBERG [R] TITLE: Teacher and Employee Retention Incentive Program INTRODUCED: 01/13/2009 LOCATION: Senate Finance Committee</p>
	<p>Relates to the establishment of the Teacher and Employee Retention Incentive Program (TERI); provides that the provisions of this act may not be amended or repealed except in separate legislation receiving an affirmative two-thirds recorded vote in each house of the general assembly.</p>
TX H 2137	<p>AUTHOR: MCCLENDON [D] TITLE: Teacher Retirement System INTRODUCED: 03/02/2009 LOCATION: HOUSE</p>
	<p>Relates to computation of the standard service annuity under the Teacher Retirement System of Texas. Changes the base from 5 highest years to 3 highest years.</p>
WA H 1599	<p>AUTHOR: SULLIVAN P [D] TITLE: Retirement Benefits INTRODUCED: 01/26/2009 LOCATION: House Ways & Means Committee</p>
	<p>Provides retirement benefits at earlier ages in the plans 2 and 3 of the public employees' retirement system, the teachers' retirement system, and the school employees' retirement system.</p>
WI S 88	<p>AUTHOR: LEIBHAM [R] TITLE: Creditable Retirement Service for Armed Forces INTRODUCED: 02/25/2009 LOCATION: Retirement Systems</p>
	<p>Relates to purchase of creditable service under the Wisconsin Retirement System for active service in the U.S. armed forces.</p>
WA H 1600	<p>AUTHOR: SIMPSON [D] TITLE: Vesting After Five Years Of Service INTRODUCED: 01/26/2009 LOCATION: House Ways & Means Committee</p>
	<p>Provides for vesting after five years of service in the defined benefit portion of the public employees' retirement system, the school employees' retirement system, and the teachers' retirement system plan 3.</p>
WV H 2087	<p>SPONSOR: ENNIS [D] TITLE: Final Average Salary INTRODUCED: 02/11/2009 LOCATION: House Pensions and Retirement Committee</p>
	<p>Changes the definition of final average salary to thirty-six consecutive months for calculating retirement.</p>

WV H 2116

ALSO S 68

SPONSOR: FRAGALE [D]
TITLE: Retirement Annuity
INTRODUCED: 02/11/2009
LOCATION: House Pensions and Retirement Committee

Increases the multiplier for a retirement annuity in the public employees retirement system, and deleting language which allows increases in annuity payments for retired Legislators relative to salary increases.

AK H 30

ALSO H 54, S 23

AUTHOR: HARRIS [R]
TITLE: Repeal Defined Contribution Retirement Plans
INTRODUCED: 01/20/2009
LOCATION: House Labor and Commerce Committee

Repeals the defined contribution retirement plans for teachers and for public employees; provides a defined benefit retirement plan for teachers and public employees; makes conforming amendments; provides for an effective date.

FL S 534

AUTHOR: FASANO [R]
TITLE: Contribution Retirement Program
INTRODUCED: 03/03/2009
LOCATION: Senate Community Affairs Committee

Relates to the Defined Contribution Retirement Program; changes the name of the Public Employee Optional Retirement Program to the Public Employee Retirement Investment Program; limits the option of enrolling in the State Retirement System's defined benefit program or defined contribution program to public employees employed before January 1, 2010; requires public employees employed on or after January 1, 2010, to enroll in the defined contribution program.

GA H 191

AUTHOR: BENTON [R]
TITLE: Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan
INTRODUCED: 01/29/2009
LOCATION: HOUSE

Relates to the calculation of a service retirement allowance for members subject to the provisions of the "Georgia State Employees' Pension and Savings Plan,;" provides that computation of a retirement benefit for certain members shall not include a compensation increase in the last 12 months of employment which exceeds 10 percent; repeals conflicting laws.

IL H 3798ALSO S 303,
304,1454

SPONSOR: MCCARTHY [D]
TITLE: Illinois Pension Code
INTRODUCED: 02/25/2009
LOCATION: House Personnel and Pensions Committee

Requires the General Assembly Retirement System to automatically enroll newly eligible employees in a self-managed program of retirement benefits instead of the program of retirement benefits currently offered and allows currently eligible employees to elect to participate in the self-managed program. Provides that a self-managed plan shall authorize a participating employee to accumulate assets for retirement.

NJ A 157

SPONSOR: MERKT [R]
TITLE: Public Employees Retirement Program
INTRODUCED: 01/08/2008
LOCATION: Assembly State Government Committee

Establishes Defined Contribution Public Employees' Retirement Program.

<p>NJ A 3032 ALSO NJ S 2053</p>	<p>SPONSOR: MILAM [D] TITLE: State Pension Waiver INTRODUCED: 06/19/2008 LOCATION: Assembly State Government Committee</p>	<p>Permits public employees to waive enrollment in State-administered pension systems and elect enrollment in Defined Contribution Retirement Program.</p>
<p>NY A 2531</p>	<p>SPONSOR: CALHOUN [R] TITLE: Public Pension System Benefit Reform Commission INTRODUCED: 01/20/2009 LOCATION: Assembly Governmental Employees Committee</p>	<p>Creates the public pension system benefit reform commission to examine and report on the creation of a new hybrid public pension plan where one-half of the members' pension benefit shall be derived from a defined pension benefit plan and the other one-half percent of the members' benefit shall come from a defined contribution pension plan.</p>
<p>OK H 2193</p>	<p>AUTHOR: MOORE L [R] TITLE: Public Retirement Systems INTRODUCED: 02/02/2009 LOCATION: House Appropriations and Budget Committee</p>	<p>Relates to public retirement systems; enacts the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System and Teachers' Retirement System Defined Contribution Plan Act of 2009; provides for noncodification; provides an effective date; declares an emergency.</p>
<p>UT S 127</p>	<p>AUTHOR: LILJENQUIST [R] TITLE: Retirement Amendments INTRODUCED: 01/27/2009 LOCATION: Eligible for Governor</p>	<p>Amends the definition of defined contribution to include deferred compensation plans; allows an employer to pay required retirement contributions to a nonqualified compensation plan if the employer is not participating in a qualified defined contribution plan; allows the retirement system to deduct from payments made to beneficiaries for money that is owed to the retirement system.</p>
<p>VA H 128 DIED IN COMMITTEE ALSO H 2154</p>	<p>AUTHOR: PURKEY [R] TITLE: Retirement System Contribution Plan INTRODUCED: 01/09/2008 DISPOSITION: Failed</p>	<p>Creates a new defined contribution retirement plan for all employees who begin employment on or after July 1, 2008, in lieu of participating in any other retirement plan administered by the Virginia Retirement System; provides all other employees may elect to participate in the plan in lieu of participating in any other retirement plan.</p>

WA S 6045

AUTHOR: ZARELLI [R]
TITLE: Defined Contribution Retirement System
INTRODUCED: 02/18/2009
LOCATION: Senate Ways and Means Committee

Requires the submission of a proposal for developing a defined contribution retirement system for public employees, teachers, and school employees; declares an intent to design a defined contribution pension system for new public employees, teachers, and school employees that uses best practices of defined contribution plans to provide opportunity and flexibility to accrue a viable retirement benefit, while providing stable funding requirements for public employers and taxpayers.

AR H 1181	<p>AUTHOR: WILLIAMS [D] TITLE: Public Employees Retirement System INTRODUCED: 01/23/2009 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: Joint Committee on Public Retirement and Social Security Programs</p>
<p>Mandates the participation in the Arkansas public employees' retirement system by municipalities with 100,000 or more in population.</p>	
CO S 157	<p>SPONSOR: SANDOVAL [D] TITLE: Retirement Plan Eligibility INTRODUCED: 01/28/2009 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: House Finance Committee</p>
<p>Specifies that certain employees of the university of Colorado shall be members of the university's retirement plan. Allows new employees who are members or inactive members of the public employees' retirement association to make an irrevocable election either to be active members of the association or to participate in the university's plan. Specifies requirements for making the election.</p>	
DC B 3	<p>SPONSOR: GRAY [D] TITLE: Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act INTRODUCED: 01/05/2009 LOCATION: Government Operations and the Environment Committee</p>
<p>Amends the District of Columbia Government Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act of 1978, as amended, to replace the present vesting policy requiring employees to have five years of creditable service with the District before vesting in any contributions the District has placed into the District's 401(a) Defined Contribution Pension Plan with a graded vesting policy.</p>	
IN H 1197 ALSO S 66	<p>AUTHOR: CRAWFORD [D] TITLE: Public Employee Retirement Fund Vesting Period INTRODUCED: 01/12/2009 LOCATION: House Labor and Employment Committee</p>
<p>Reduces from ten to eight the number of years of creditable service a member of the public employees' retirement fund must earn to obtain vested status.</p>	
NH H 673	<p>AUTHOR: BOUCHARD C [D] TITLE: Political Subdivisions INTRODUCED: 01/08/2009 LOCATION: House Executive Departments and Administration Committee</p>
<p>Allows political subdivisions in the retirement system to withdraw all employees or all non-vested employees from the retirement system and changes the procedure for withdrawal of participation.</p>	

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NJ A 156	<p>SPONSOR: MERKT [R]</p> <p>TITLE: Public Employees Retirement System</p> <p>INTRODUCED: 01/08/2008</p> <p>LOCATION: Assembly State Government Committee</p>
<p>Provides that Public Employees' Retirement System member holding more than one position covered by Public Employees' Retirement System has to designate one position as the basis for enrollment.</p>	
NJ A 350 ALSO NJ S 1357	<p>SPONSOR: DIEGNAN [D]</p> <p>TITLE: Public Employees Retirement System Reenrollment</p> <p>INTRODUCED: 01/08/2008</p> <p>LOCATION: Assembly State Government Committee</p>
<p>Increases from \$15,000 to \$25,000 annual compensation Public Employees' Retirement System retiree may earn in Public Employees' Retirement System-covered employment without reenrollment.</p>	
NJ A 1440 ALSO NJ S 1318	<p>SPONSOR: O'SCANLON [R]</p> <p>TITLE: Public Employees Retirement System</p> <p>INTRODUCED: 01/08/2008</p> <p>LOCATION: Assembly State Government Committee</p>
<p>Prohibits enrollment in Public Employees' Retirement System of public employee who is also public contractor; requires member to designate only one position as basis of enrollment.</p>	
NJ A 1446 ALSO NJ S 1324	<p>SPONSOR: O'SCANLON [R]</p> <p>TITLE: Enrollment Threshold</p> <p>INTRODUCED: 01/08/2008</p> <p>LOCATION: Assembly State Government Committee</p>
<p>Increases enrollment threshold in Public Employees' Retirement System and Teachers Pension Annuity Fund to \$10,000; requires assessment of adding annual minimum hour requirement to qualify for service credit.</p>	
NJ A 3301 ALSO NJ S 2099	<p>SPONSOR: JOHNSON [D]</p> <p>TITLE: Public Officials Concerns</p> <p>INTRODUCED: 10/16/2008</p> <p>LOCATION: Assembly State Government Committee</p>
<p>Requires certain appointed public officials to work 35 hours or more per week to be eligible for Public Employees' Retirement System and SHBP; requires termination of Public Employees' Retirement System and SHBP participation of certain appointed officials whose term of appointment expires.</p>	

NJ S 1629

SPONSOR: **TURNER [D]**
TITLE: **State Administered Retirement Systems**
INTRODUCED: **05/05/2008**
LOCATION: **Senate State Government Committee**

Reduces vesting requirement under State-administered retirement systems to five years' service.

TN H 1367

ALSO H 531,
1414, S 1159,
S 1359

AUTHOR: **FITZHUGH [D]**
TITLE: **State Employees**
INTRODUCED: **02/12/2009**
LOCATION: **House Finance, Ways and Means Committee**

Relates to state employees; establishes provisions governing the TCRS amount of service and salary credit for persons whose work hours are reduced due to reductions in funding levels; exempts certain deferred and tax-sheltered compensation plans for certain employees from approval requirements; revises other various provisions governing pensions and compensation programs for public employees and officers.

VA H 2346

AUTHOR: **LANDES [R]**
TITLE: **Pensions Paid to Widows**
ENACTED: **02/23/2009**
LOCATION: **Chapter 33**

Relates to pensions paid to widows and maiden or widowed daughters of Confederate veterans. Repeals this statute: "There shall be paid out of the treasury of Virginia pensions in amounts to be determined by the General Assembly for the widows and maiden or widowed daughters of soldiers, sailors, and marines who served the Confederate States in the Civil War."

AL H 168

AUTHOR: GRIMES [R]
TITLE: State Employee Health Insurance
INTRODUCED: 02/03/2009
LOCATION: House Government Appropriations Committee

Relates to participation of certain retired persons in the State Employees' Health Insurance Plan, to provide that certain state employees who have been employed with the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of the state for a particular period of time and who have attained a certain age may elect to continue coverage in the plan if the employee pays all costs involved in the coverage.

AR H 1168
 ALSO H 1224

AUTHOR: COOK [D]
TITLE: Retiree Group Health Insurance Premiums
INTRODUCED: 01/23/2009
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Joint Committee on Public Retirement and Social Security Programs

Equalizes retiree group health insurance premium costs for retired public school employees and retired state employees; permits state contributions to group health insurance premium costs for participants in the Arkansas teacher retirement system who are not state employees.

GA S 122

AUTHOR: GOGGANS [R]
TITLE: State Employees Insurance
INTRODUCED: 02/09/2009
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Senate Appropriations Committee

Relates to employees insurance and benefits plans, so as to divide the Georgia Retiree Health Benefit Fund into two funds; to define certain terms; to create the Georgia State Retiree Health Benefit Fund and the Georgia School Retiree Health Benefit Fund; repeals the Georgia Retiree Health Benefit Fund; provides for applicability; provides for related matters; repeals conflicting laws.

HI H 1718

AUTHOR: SAY [D]
TITLE: Medicare Part B Premiums
INTRODUCED: 01/28/2009
DISPOSITION: Failed

Specifies that the requirement that the State and the counties reimburse retired employees for medicare part B premiums through the employer-union trust fund applies only to the employees who retire prior to 12/31/09.

HI H 1719

AUTHOR: SAY [D]
TITLE: Retirement Prior To Medicare Age
INTRODUCED: 01/28/2009
DISPOSITION: Failed

Suspends state and county contributions to the EUTF for all state and county employee-beneficiaries who retire after 7/1/09, regardless of date of hire and years of service, if the employee retires before the employee's medicare retirement age; resumes coverage after medicare retirement age; allows employee to retain health coverage through the EUTF by paying the respective state or county share of premiums until medicare retirement age.

HI H 1720

AUTHOR: SAY [D]
TITLE: Medicare Part B Premiums
INTRODUCED: 01/28/2009
LOCATION: House Labor and Public Employment Committee

Specifies that the requirement that the State and the counties reimburse retired employees for medicare part B premiums through the employer-union trust fund applies only to the employees who retire prior to 07/01/09; further specifies that there will be no reimbursement for employees who retire after 06/30/09 between the date of their retirement and 06/30/15.

HI H 1722

AUTHOR: SAY [D]
TITLE: Employer-union Trust Fund and Health Benefits Plan
INTRODUCED: 01/28/2009
LOCATION: House Labor and Public Employment Committee

Requires, from 7/1/2009 until 6/30/2015, the employer-union trust fund to provide to active employees and their dependent-beneficiaries the minimum health benefits plan required under the Hawaii prepaid health care act; states that it does not affect retired employees and their dependent-beneficiaries.

HI H 1723

AUTHOR: SAY [D]
TITLE: Employer-union Health Benefit Trust Fund
INTRODUCED: 01/28/2009
DISPOSITION: Failed

Makes employer contributions to the employer-union health benefits trust fund non-negotiable under collective bargaining; establishes employer contributions for active public employees at 55 per cent of monthly cost of the health benefits plan.

HI H 1725

AUTHOR: SAY [D]
TITLE: Public Employees' Health Benefits Plan
INTRODUCED: 01/28/2009
DISPOSITION: Failed

Prohibits, as specified, health benefits plan of the employer-union health benefits trust fund from providing prescription drug coverage; allows board of trustees to make prescription drug benefits available through drug coverage plans that are paid for entirely by employee-beneficiaries.

HI H 1716

AUTHOR: SAY [D]
TITLE: Public Employees' Retirement System
INTRODUCED: 01/28/2009
LOCATION: House Labor and Public Employment Committee

Requires the percentages of employers' contributions to the public employees' retirement system for fiscal year 2009-10 and 2010-11 to be based on fully amortizing the unfunded liability on 6/30/38, and no earlier; requires the percentages of employers' contribution for each fiscal year thereafter to be based on amortizing the unfunded liability before 6/30/38.

IN H 1448

AUTHOR: WELCH [D]
TITLE: Indiana Long Term Care Savings Plan
INTRODUCED: 01/13/2009
LAST AMEND: 02/23/2009
LOCATION: Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy Committee

Establishes a long term care savings plan for a participant to fund an account to pay eligible long term care expenses of the participant; authorizes the board of trustees of the public employees' retirement fund to administer the plan or enter into agreements with financial institutions to receive participant contributions in the form of account deposits.

IL H 2324

ALSO H 2449

SPONSOR: MILLER [D]
TITLE: Retiree Health Care Trust
INTRODUCED: 02/18/2009
LOCATION: House Mass Transit Committee

Provides that the Retiree Health Care Trust shall be solely responsible for providing health care benefits to eligible retirees and their dependents and survivors upon the exhaustion of the account established by the Retirement Plan for Chicago Transit Authority Employees.

KY H 117

SPONSOR: CHERRY [D]
TITLE: Retirement
INTRODUCED: 01/06/2009
LOCATION: Senate State and Local Government Committee

Relates to retirement; establishes a ten year phase-in of the actuarially required employer contributions to the County Employees Retirement System for funding of retiree health benefits; requires the systems' board of trustees to amend employer rates.

KY H 212

SPONSOR: DENHAM [D]
TITLE: Retirement
INTRODUCED: 02/03/2009
LOCATION: House State Government Committee

Exempts employers participating in the County Employees Retirement System from paying employer contributions and reimbursements for retiree health care paid the systems for retirees reemployed on or after September 1, 2008.

MI H 4073

SPONSOR: HAMMEL [D]
TITLE: Public Employee Retirement
INTRODUCED: 01/22/2009
LOCATION: House Second Reading

Provides for a public employee retirement health care trust.

MI H 4074

ALSO H 4075

ALSO H 4077

SPONSOR: VALENTINE [D]
TITLE: Health Care Bonding
INTRODUCED: 01/22/2009
LOCATION: House Second Reading

Provides bonding authority for prefunded retiree health care.

ND H 1173**AUTHOR:** KLEMIN [R]**TITLE:** Supreme and District Court Judges Retirement System**INTRODUCED:** 01/06/2009**LOCATION:** Eligible for Governor

Relates to the authority of the Public Employees Retirement System Board to create a trust health care savings plan for all supreme and district court judges participating in the Public Employees Retirement System.

NH H 514**AUTHOR:** BUTLER [D]**TITLE:** Post Employment Benefits**INTRODUCED:** 01/08/2009**LOCATION:** House Executive Departments and Administration Committee

Establishes the New Hampshire other post-employment benefits (OPEB) trust, an irrevocable trust to fund post-employment benefits other than pensions. The bill enables political subdivisions to create or participate in similar OPEB trusts.

NM S 366**AUTHOR:** SMITH [D]**TITLE:** Retiree Health Care**INTRODUCED:** 01/29/2009**LOCATION:** Senate Corporations and Transportation Committee

Relates to retiree health care; continues a certain tax distribution to the retiree health care fund; increases employer and employee contributions to the fund.

TN S 1749**AUTHOR:** MARRERO [D]**TITLE:** Insurance**INTRODUCED:** 02/12/2009**LOCATION:** Senate State and Local Government Committee

Relates to insurance health accident; authorizes retired state employees to participate in the dental insurance plan offered to state employees, subject to certain conditions.

AZ H 2116	<p>AUTHOR: BOONE [R]</p> <p>TITLE: State Retiree Return to Work</p> <p>INTRODUCED: 01/15/2009</p> <p>LOCATION: House Public Employees, Retirement and Entitlement Reform Committee</p>
Concerns the State Retirement System; relates to return to work.	
FL H 605 ALSO FL S 1072	<p>AUTHOR: SNYDER [R]</p> <p>TITLE: Special Risk Class Retirement Benefits</p> <p>INTRODUCED: 03/03/2009</p> <p>LOCATION: House Governmental Affairs Policy Committee</p>
Relates to special risk class retirement benefits; prohibits certain members of Special Risk Class from being reemployed or contracting with same employing agency from which member retired; extends period of time during which certain Special Risk Class members may participate in FRS DROP; deletes obsolete provisions; provides legislative findings with respect to state's interest in protecting public's safety and welfare.	
FL S 1182 ALSO FL S 1214, FL S 1852	<p>AUTHOR: FASANO [R]</p> <p>TITLE: State Retirement</p> <p>INTRODUCED: 03/03/2009</p> <p>LOCATION: Senate Community Affairs Committee</p>
Relates to state retirement; prohibits a retired person from receiving both a salary from an employer in the state-administered retirement system and retirement benefits, and from reenrolling in the State Retirement System; provides exemptions; prohibits a retired member from reenrolling in the State Retirement System after a certain date.	
NJ A 3299	<p>SPONSOR: JOHNSON [D]</p> <p>TITLE: Public Employees Retirement System</p> <p>INTRODUCED: 10/16/2008</p> <p>LOCATION: Assembly State Government Committee</p>
Increases from \$15,000 to \$30,000 annual compensation in PERS-covered employment retiree may earn without reenrollment.	
OR S 112 ALSO S 343	<p>AUTHOR: COURTNEY [D]</p> <p>TITLE: Public Employees Retirement System</p> <p>INTRODUCED: 01/15/2009</p> <p>LOCATION: Senate Commerce and Workforce Development Committee</p>
Allows member of Public Employees Retirement System who has been retired for service for more than six months, and who elected to receive lump sum payment or installment payments, to be reemployed by public employer without repayment of lump sum or installment amounts received by member; allows retired member who elected to receive lump sum payment or installment payments to be reemployed by public employer, subject to limitations on number of hours of employment.	

RI H 5186

AUTHOR: COSTANTINO [D]
TITLE: Public Officers and Employees
INTRODUCED: 01/27/2009
ENACTED: 01/29/2009
CHAPTER #: 2009-1

Authorizes the director of the department of labor and training to re-hire qualified retirees experienced in claims processing from the department for the period between January 27, 2009 and March 1, 2009, for the purpose of processing unemployment claims, without loss of pension benefits; directs the department to hire sufficient additional employment and training interviewers as necessary to eliminate backlogs and provide payments to qualified claimants.

TN H 1683

AUTHOR: BROOKS HA [R]
TITLE: Pensions and Retirement Benefits
INTRODUCED: 02/19/2009
LOCATION: HOUSE

Relates to pensions and retirement benefits; extends provisions on reemployment of teachers after retirement from June 30, 2010, to June 30, 2011.

WA H 2143

AUTHOR: COX [R]
TITLE: Postretirement Employment Restrictions
INTRODUCED: 02/11/2009
LOCATION: House Ways & Means Committee

Reduces the post-retirement employment restrictions for members of the teachers' retirement system, school employees' retirement system, and the public employees' retirement system that retire after earning thirty or more years of service.

WV S 244

ALSO WVH 2334

SPONSOR: TOMBLIN [D]
TITLE: Retired Public Employees
INTRODUCED: 02/12/2009
LOCATION: Senate Judiciary Committee

Relates to restrictions for certain retired public employees' reemployment.

IL HR 47
ALSO SR 75

SPONSOR: **BEISER [D]**
TITLE: **Government Pension Offset**
INTRODUCED: **02/04/2009**
LOCATION: **House Rules Committee**

Encourages and supports action by the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to repeal the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision from the Social Security Act, or reduce the effects thereof.

KY HCR 11

SPONSOR: **BELCHER LI [D]**
TITLE: **Government Pension Offset and Windfall Provisions**
INTRODUCED: **01/06/2009**
LOCATION: **Senate State and Local Government Committee**

Urges the United States Congress to amend Title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination Provisions.

MO HCR 33
ALSO SCR 20

SPONSOR: **NOLTE [R]**
TITLE: **Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination**
INTRODUCED: **02/24/2009**
LOCATION: **HOUSE**

Urges Congress to immediately repeal the Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination Provision of the Social Security Act.

TX H 1552

AUTHOR: **HERRERO [D]**
TITLE: **School Employee Social Security Coverage**
INTRODUCED: **02/20/2009**
LOCATION: **House Public Education Committee**

Relates to social security coverage for employees of public school districts. Requires each school district whose employees are not covered by Social Security to hold an election in 2009 to determine whether a majority voting wish to be covered by Social Security and if so to enter all employees in Social Security as soon after the election as is practicable.

AL H 79	<p>AUTHOR: BENTLEY [R] TITLE: Income Tax INTRODUCED: 02/03/2009 LOCATION: House Education Appropriations Committee</p>	<p>(Constitutional Amendment) Limits the state income tax deduction for federal income taxes for individual taxpayers; exempts retirement income received from a defined contribution plan from income tax; reduces the state sales and use taxes on food.</p>
AR H 1164 ALSO H 1165	<p>AUTHOR: STEWART [D] TITLE: Retirement or Disability Benefits Exemption INTRODUCED: 01/23/2009 LOCATION: House Revenue and Taxation Committee</p>	<p>Increases the amount of the retirement or disability benefits income tax exemption.</p>
AR H 1245	<p>AUTHOR: ENGLISH [R] TITLE: Military Retired Pay and Income Tax INTRODUCED: 01/27/2009 LOCATION: House Revenue and Taxation Committee</p>	<p>Exempts military retired pay from income tax.</p>
CA A 1077	<p>AUTHOR: ANDERSON [R] TITLE: Military Retirement Benefits Tax Exclusion INTRODUCED: 02/27/2009 LOCATION: ASSEMBLY</p>	<p>Provides an exclusion from gross income for retired pay and survivor annuities received by an individual as a result of the active service of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States.</p>
CT H 5141	<p>INTRODUCER: NOUJAIM [R] TITLE: Personal Income Tax Exemption For Veterans INTRODUCED: 01/15/2009 LOCATION: Joint Select Committee on Veterans' Affairs</p>	<p>Concerns an exemption from personal income tax for veterans' pensions; exempts veterans' pensions from the state income tax.</p>
HI H 463	<p>AUTHOR: MCKELVEY [D] TITLE: Taxable Income Exclusions and Military INTRODUCED: 01/23/2009 LOCATION: House Economic Revitalization, Business and Military Affairs Committee</p>	<p>Provides a \$6,000 income tax exemption for persons retired or currently serving in the armed forces of the United States who are on active military duty outside the State pursuant to military orders.</p>

HI H 1550	<p>AUTHOR: CHONG [D] TITLE: Taxation and Deferred Compensation Plan INTRODUCED: 01/28/2009 LOCATION: House Finance Committee</p>	<p>Imposes the state income tax on rollovers made by state and county employees and employees of certain tax exempt employers from qualifying deferred compensation plans to eligible retirement plans.</p>
IN H 1171 SIMILAR S 70	<p>AUTHOR: RUPPEL [R] TITLE: Taxation Of Military Pension Benefits Or Salary INTRODUCED: 01/12/2009 DISPOSITION: Pending LOCATION: House Ways and Means Committee</p>	<p>Phases in over six years a 100% individual income tax deduction for all military pay, including retirement and survivor's benefits.</p>
IN H 1178	<p>AUTHOR: BLANTON [D] TITLE: Military Pension Income Tax Deduction INTRODUCED: 01/12/2009 LOCATION: Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy Committee</p>	<p>Removes the minimum age of 60 requirement for the military pension benefit income tax deduction.</p>
IN S 94	<p>AUTHOR: LEWIS [D] TITLE: Taxation of Civil Service Annuities INTRODUCED: 01/07/2009 LOCATION: Senate Appropriations Committee</p>	<p>Provides a 100% income tax deduction for civil service annuity income received by an individual or the individual's surviving spouse; phases in the deduction over five years.</p>
IA H 162 ALSO H 399 ALSO S 145, 146 And others	<p>AUTHOR: MAY [R] TITLE: Veteran Retirement Pay INTRODUCED: 01/29/2009 LOCATION: House Ways and Means Committee</p>	<p>Excludes from the individual income tax the retirement pay of certain veterans of the armed forces and including a retroactive applicability date provision.</p>
MD H 158 ALSO S 115, 527	<p>AUTHOR: KREBS [R] TITLE: Taxation For Retirees Act INTRODUCED: 01/26/2009 DISPOSITION: Pending</p>	<p>Includes income from specified retirement plans within a subtraction modification allowed under the Maryland income tax for retired individuals who are at least 65 years old or who are disabled or whose spouse is disabled; applies the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2008.</p>

MD H 536ALSO H 751,
S 112, 236, 284

AUTHOR: CARDIN [D]
TITLE: Income Tax Exemption
INTRODUCED: 02/04/2009
LOCATION: House Ways and Means Committee

Provides a subtraction modification under the State income tax for 100% of military retirement income of an individual whose federal adjusted gross income does not exceed \$65,000 and who commits to living and working in the State in a health care field identified as having a health care workforce shortage; applies the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2009.

ME H 161

AUTHOR: KNIGHT [R]
TITLE: Military Pensions and Income Tax
INTRODUCED: 01/20/2009
LOCATION: Joint Committee on Taxation

Exempts military pensions from income tax.

MN H 558

AUTHOR: SEVERSON [R]
TITLE: Taxation
INTRODUCED: 02/05/2009
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: House Taxes Committee

Relates to taxation; individual income; provides a military retirement pay subtraction and repealing the military retirement pay credit.

MN H 781

ALSO S 626

AUTHOR: KALIN [DFL]
TITLE: Taxation
INTRODUCED: 02/12/2009
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: House Taxes Committee

Relates to taxation; individual income; creates a subtraction for voluntary firefighter pensions.

MO H 27

ALSO H 82, S 334

SPONSOR: DAY [R]
TITLE: Income Tax Deduction
INTRODUCED: 01/07/2009
LOCATION: House Veterans

Authorizes an income tax deduction from a taxpayer's Missouri adjusted gross income for 100% of any military retirement income, regardless of age or income.

MO H 774

ALSO S 573

SPONSOR: GRILL [D]
TITLE: Federal Retirement Exemption Act
INTRODUCED: 02/17/2009
LOCATION: HOUSE

Establishes the Federal Retirement Exemption Act which authorizes a state individual income tax exemption for federal retirement benefits for certain taxpayers.

MT H 28	<p>AUTHOR: INGRAHAM [R] TITLE: Military Pensions INTRODUCED: 01/05/2009 LOCATION: House Taxation Committee</p>	Exempts military pensions from state income tax.
MT H 315 ALSO S 282, 284	<p>AUTHOR: BLEWETT [D] TITLE: Retiree Exclusion from Income INTRODUCED: 01/21/2009 LOCATION: House Appropriations Committee</p>	Increases amount and slow phase out of retiree exclusion from income.
NC H 345 ALSO S 233	<p>AUTHOR: UNDERHILL [D] TITLE: Government Retiree Benefits and Taxes INTRODUCED: 03/02/2009 LOCATION: House Pensions and Retirement Committee</p>	Provides equal income tax treatment of government retirees' benefits.
NE L 69 ALSO L 70	<p>AUTHOR: CORNETT [NP] TITLE: Military Retirement Benefits INTRODUCED: 01/08/2009 LOCATION: Revenue Committee</p>	Excludes military retirement benefits from income taxation as prescribed.
NE L 538	<p>AUTHOR: GIESE [NP] TITLE: Retirement Benefits Tax Exemption INTRODUCED: 01/21/2009 LOCATION: Revenue Committee</p>	Exempts government employee retirement benefits from income tax.
NJ A 891 ALSO S 361	<p>SPONSOR: HOLZAPFEL [R] TITLE: Retirement Income INTRODUCED: 01/08/2008 DISPOSITION: Pending</p>	Doubles amount of certain retirement income that may be excluded from gross income under the gross income tax.
NM H 276	<p>AUTHOR: ANDERSON [R] TITLE: Income Tax Exemption INTRODUCED: 01/26/2009 LOCATION: House Consumer and Public Affairs Committee</p>	Relates to taxation; provides an income tax exemption for fifty percent of military retirement or retainer pay.

NY A 3311SIMILAR A 4043,
A 4816, A 6303

SPONSOR: EDDINGTON [D]
TITLE: Income Eligibility Standard For The Elderly
INTRODUCED: 01/26/2009
LOCATION: Assembly Aging Committee

Increases income eligibility standard for the age 65 and over exemption to a maximum of \$50,000 as may be provided by local law; excludes increases in benefits accorded pursuant to the social security act and certain other pensions which increase per the consumer price index from calculation of income.

OK H 2002

AUTHOR: WRIGHT H [R]
TITLE: Revenue And Taxation
INTRODUCED: 02/02/2009
LOCATION: House Appropriations and Budget Committee

Provides a 100% state income tax exemption for military retirement benefits.

OK S 352ALSO S 559, 1090
ALSO H 2001

AUTHOR: LEFTWICH [D]
TITLE: Revenue And Taxation
INTRODUCED: 02/02/2009
LOCATION: Senate Finance Committee

Exempts state and local, federal civil service and federal military pension benefits from state income taxation beginning in tax year 2010.

RI S 35

AUTHOR: FELAG [D]
TITLE: Personal Income Taxation
INTRODUCED: 01/14/2009
LOCATION: Senate Finance Committee

Modifies federal adjusted gross income by reducing military retirement pensions from the regular armed forces, reserves, and national guard paid by the United States or the State of Rhode Island to persons 65 years and older for the purposes of the Rhode Island state income tax.

SC H 3208

AUTHOR: CLEMMONS [R]
TITLE: Taxable Income
INTRODUCED: 01/13/2009
LOCATION: House Ways and Means Committee

Relates to deductions from State taxable income of individuals for purposes of the State income tax act; allows the deduction of retirement benefits attributable to service on active duty in the armed forces of the united states.

UT H 76

AUTHOR: MASCARO [R]
TITLE: Income Tax Credit for Military Retired Pay
INTRODUCED: 01/26/2009
LOCATION: SENATE

Enacts a nonrefundable income tax credit for military retired pay; provides that the tax credit is subject to apportionment for a nonresident or part-year resident individual or a nonresident estate or trust.

VA H 2593	<p>AUTHOR: FREDERICK [R] TITLE: Income Tax State INTRODUCED: 01/22/2009 DISPOSITION: Failed</p>	<p>Grants a deduction when calculating Virginia taxable income for military retirement pay for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2010.</p>
VT H 206	<p>AUTHOR: GRAD [D] TITLE: Income Taxation INTRODUCED: 02/11/2009 LOCATION: House Ways and Means Committee</p>	<p>Exempts from income taxation the first \$5,000.00 of military retirement income.</p>
WI S 65	<p>AUTHOR: KEDZIE [R] TITLE: Tax Exemption for Retirement Plan Income INTRODUCED: 02/18/2009 LOCATION: Tax Exemptions</p>	<p>Relates to expanding and increasing the tax exemption for retirement plan income received by an individual.</p>
<p>WV H 2109 ALSO H 2483, H 2622, OTHERS</p>	<p>SPONSOR: LONGSTRETH [D] TITLE: Retirement Income Exemption INTRODUCED: 02/11/2009 LOCATION: House Senior Citizen Issues Committee</p>	<p>Increases the state retirement income exemption from taxation on persons age sixty-five years of age or older or surviving spouse of such persons.</p>
<p>WV S 4 ALSO S 24, 53, 60 ALSO S 283</p>	<p>SPONSOR: SYPOLT [R] TITLE: Military Retirement INTRODUCED: 02/11/2009 LOCATION: Senate Finance Committee</p>	<p>Exempts military retirement from personal income tax obligations.</p>

IN SR 18

AUTHOR: DELPH [R]
TITLE: Retirement Benefits
INTRODUCED: 02/02/2009
LOCATION: Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy Committee

Urges the Legislative Council to assign to the Commission on State Tax and Financing Policy the topic of the state taxation of retirement benefits and military pay and benefits.

ME H 109

AUTHOR: TUTTLE [D]
TITLE: Public Employees Retirement System
INTRODUCED: 01/14/2009
LOCATION: Joint Committee on Labor

(Resolve)Establishes a blue ribbon commission to study the functions and operations of the Public Employees Retirement System.

NH S 108

AUTHOR: CILLEY [D]
TITLE: Retirement System Employers
INTRODUCED: 01/08/2009
LOCATION: Senate Executive Departments and Administration Committee

Establishes a committee to study the imposition of assessments to retirement system employers for excess benefits paid to retirees.

NJ ACR 114

SPONSOR: O'SCANLON [R]
TITLE: State Pension System
INTRODUCED: 01/08/2008
LOCATION: Assembly Budget Committee

Proposes joint legislative rules directing the budget committees of both houses to begin deliberations to reduce the unfunded liability of the State pension systems and establish State budget savings.

RI H 5240

AUTHOR: WILLIAMSON [D]
TITLE: State Pension Study Commission
INTRODUCED: 01/28/2009
ADOPTED: 01/28/2009
LOCATION: Chaptered
CHAPTER #: 2009-33

(Resolution)Would reinstate the life of and extend the reporting date of the special legislative commission to study all aspects of the state pension or retirement system from December 31, 2008 to March 1, 2009 and said commission would expire on June 30, 2009.

RI S 453

AUTHOR: WALASKA [D]
TITLE: Retirement Accounts
INTRODUCED: 02/25/2009
LOCATION: Senate Constitutional and Regulatory Issues Committee

(Joint Resolution) Would create an eight (8) member special legislative commission whose purpose it would be to make a comprehensive study of the establishment of Universal Voluntary Retirement Accounts, and who would report back to the general assembly no later than January 14, 2010 and whose life would expire on March 14, 2010.

SC S 465

AUTHOR: SHEHEEN [D]
TITLE: State Retirement System Study
INTRODUCED: 02/24/2009
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Senate Finance Committee

(Joint Resolution) Establishes a committee to study specific possible changes in the State retirement system and State police officers retirement system, provides for the membership of the committee and the agenda items for the committee, and to require the committee to make a report and recommendations to the general assembly and the state budget and control board before January 12, 2010, after which the committee's existence terminates.

WA S 5306

AUTHOR: SCHOESLER [R]
TITLE: Studying Disability Benefit Options For Members Of
INTRODUCED: 01/20/2009
LOCATION: Senate Ways and Means Committee

Studies disability benefit options for members of the public employees' retirement system plan 2 and plan 3, the teachers' retirement system plan 2 and plan 3, and the school employees' retirement system plan 2 and plan 3; directs the Washington state institute for public policy, with the assistance and support of the office of the state actuary, to study, during the 2009 legislative interim, the options available to the legislature.



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