

**PUBLIC EMPLOYEE POST-EMPLOYMENT
BENEFITS COMMISSION**

Pending Legislation Pertaining to Public Employee Post-Employment Benefits

AB 36 Amended: Original Author: R. Niello Location: Asm Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security

Public Employees' Retirement: Fraud

Makes it a crime for a person to make or present false material statements and representations in connection with public employees' retirement system benefits and applications, or to aid or abet someone in this regard.

AB 219 Amended: Original Author: K. Jeffries Location: Asm Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security

Disability Retirement: Medical Examinations

Provides that if a recipient of a disability retirement allowance who is over the minimum age for voluntary retirement refuses to submit to a medical examination, the pension portions of his or her allowance may be discontinued until the recipient submits to a medical examination.

AB 221 Amended: 03/12/07 Author: J. Anderson Location: Asm Judiciary

Public Retirement Systems: Investments: Iran

Creates the Public Investments Protection Act. Prohibits the Public Employees' Retirement and the State Teachers' Retirement systems from investing public employment retirement funds in a company with business operations in Iran.

AB 275 Amended: Original Author: N. Soto Location: Asm Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security

Public Employees: Retirement: Disability

Relates to the Public Employees' Retirement Law which provides a formula for calculating the retirement allowance for a local safety member for industrial disability. Provides a different method for calculating the disability retirement allowance of specific safety members.

AB 376 Amended: Original Author: P. Nava Location: Asm Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security

Public Employees' Retirement: Airport Police

Amends the Public Employees Retirement Law to authorize contracting agencies to include specified airport law enforcement officers within the local safety member classification. Makes an appropriation by increasing the amount of employee contributions to the Public Employees Retirement Fund.

AB 524 Amended: 04/09/07 Author: L. Hancock Location: Asm Appropriations

Public Employees: Local Agencies

Permits the West County Waste Water District to provide an employer contribution for postretirement health coverage based on specified credited service of the employee.

AB 545 Amended: Original Author: M. Walters Location: Asm Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security

*Insurance
Fraud*

Authorizes the Public Employees Retirement System to obtain information from an insurer for purposes of determining the eligibility of a member, or unlawful application or receipt of benefits, under the Public Employees Retirement System.

AB 552 Amended: Original Author: E. Hernandez Location: Asm Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security

County Employees: Health Insurance

Provides that a member of a retirement system may elect health care plan coverage at a rate that does not exceed 102% of the active employee rate for that health care plan coverage.

AB 554 Amended: Original Author: E. Hernandez Location: Asm Appropriations

Public Employees: Benefits

This bill would allow the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) to authorize all public employers to contract with CalPERS to prefund other post-employment benefits, including health care benefits.

AB 596 Amended: Original Author: M. Dymally Location: Asm Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security

County Retirement: Safety Members: Physicians

Amends the County Employees' Retirement Law requiring physicians working in a county jail or county mental health facility in Alameda County or Los Angeles County to be classified as safety members, without a board of supervisors resolution.

AB 696 Amended: Original Author: E. Hernandez Location: Asm Appropriations

State Employees: Military Benefits

New Bill Summary

AB 757 Amended: Original Author: Assembly Public Employees, Re Location: Asm Appropriations

State Teachers' Retirement

This bill would make various technical and clarifying changes to the State Teachers' Retirement Law.

AB 775 Amended: Original Author: R. Niello Location: Asm Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security

County Employees' Retirement: Prohibitions

Relates to the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937. Requires a retired person who accepts an appointment after receiving unemployment insurance compensation to terminate that employment on the last day of the current pay period and would prohibit reappointment for a specified period.

AB 789 Amended: Original Author: G. Mullin Location: Asm Appropriations

Teachers' Retirement: Appropriations

Relates to the Teacher's Retirement Law. Provides that a certain percentage of creditable compensation shall be credited to the Supplemental Benefit Maintenance Account for the Teachers' Retirement Fund.

AB 953 Amended: Original Author: P. Krekorian Location: Asm Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security

Public Employees' Health Benefits

Requires the Department of Personnel Administration, when entering into any contract for vision care for state employees, to extend that coverage to a parent or sibling of an employee, if specified conditions are met.

AB 991 Amended: 03/29/07 Author: C. Calderon Location: Asm Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security

Deferred Retirement Option Program

Provides that an excluded or exempt state employee of State Bargaining Units 5, 6, 7, and 8 who participates in the Deferred Retirement Option Program shall also participate in the annual leave program and accumulate no more than 12 hours of annual leave per month.

AB 1124 Amended: Original Author: B. Karnette Location: Asm Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security

County Employees' Retirement: Post-Employment Benefits

Relates to the Post-Employment Benefits Trust Account for county employees. Provides that the retirement system's action to establish the Post-Employment Benefits Trust Account as a part of the retirement fund is discretionary and not mandatory.

AB 1255 Amended: Original Author: N. Parra Location: Asm Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security

County Employees Retirement: Pension Benefits

Relates to a particular formula for the calculation of retirement benefits that a county may adopt if the county has implemented certain alternative provisions for survivorship benefits under social security.

AB 1288 Amended: Original Author: M. Hayashi Location: Asm Appropriations

County Employees: Vision Care

Establishes the County Retirement System Vision Care Program for providing vision care benefits to county and district retirees and their dependents.

AB 1296 Amended: 04/19/07 Author: A. Torrico Location: Asm Judiciary

Public Employee Health Benefits: Disclosures

Requires a health benefit plan or contract, or entities offering services relating to the administration of health benefit plans, to disclose to the Board of Administration of the Public Employees' Retirement System the cost, utilization, and actual provider claim payments on behalf of each member and annuitant for all health care services rendered, including that allowance amounts for services billed. Deems this information confidential, subject to evidentiary trade secrete protections.

AB 1307 Amended: Original Author: P. Krekorian Location: Asm Appropriations

Public Employee Benefits: Supplemental Program

Relates to the Public Employees' Retirement System, the Legislators' Retirement System and Judges' Retirement System. Permits an individual employed by an employer who contracts with the board for the Supplemental Contributions Program to participate in the Sippemental Program. Permits the employer to make contributions to the program and to pick up any contributions on behalf of the employee.

AB 1316 Amended: Original Author: K. Bass Location: Asm Appropriations

State Teachers' Retirement: Disability

Permits a member of the Defined Benefit Program to apply for and receive a service retirement pending a determination of his or her application for disability, and subject to specified requirements and restrictions.

AB 1317 Amended: Original Author: G. Mullin Location: Asm Appropriations

Public Employees' Retirement Compensation

Relates to compensation for certain management positions in the State Teachers' Retirement System and in the Public Employees' Retirement System.

AB 1377 Amended: Original Author: A. Nakanishi Location: Asm Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security

Employee Health Benefits: Health Savings Accounts

Requires the Board of Administration of the Public Employees' Retirement System to offer a high deductible health plan and a health savings account option to public employees and annuitants.

AB 1432 Amended: Original Author: N. Soto Location: Asm Appropriations

State Teachers' Retirement

Relates to State Teachers' Retirement. Removes exemptions regarding certain transfers of accumulated contributions and rollover distributions for nonparticipant domestic partners in connection with federal tax law limitations.

AB 1626 Amended: 04/09/07 Author: C. Galgiani Location: Asm Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security

County Employees Retirement

This bill would authorize the county board of supervisors in the Counties of Los Angeles and Santa Barbara to specify, in a resolution to permit a member of a noncontributory plan to receive service credit for time that would not otherwise be recognized, the types of service the member may elect to purchase.

SB 14 Amended: Original Author: G. Negrete McLeod Location: Sen Vetans Affairs

Retirement: Military Service

Provides that officers, warrant officers, and enlisted personnel of the California National Guard shall, upon written election filed with the Board of Administration of the Public Employees' Retirement System, become state members of the retirement system.

SB 134 Amended: 03/28/07 Author: G. Cedillo Location: Sen 3rd Reading

County Employees' Retirement

Amends the County Employees Retirement Law that permits a county to require sheriffs, undersheriffs, and marshals who are safety members to be retired at 60 years of age or 70 years of age. Makes that requirement inapplicable to specified safety members.

SB 213 Amended: Original Author: R. Ashburn Location: Sen Rules

Public Employees' Retirement: Service Credit

Relates to the Public Employees' Retirement formulas, known as the Second Tier, modified First Tier, and First Tier.

SB 214 Amended: Original Author: R. Ashburn Location: Sen Rules

Public Employees' Retirement System

Relates to a provision of the Public Employees' Retirement Law regarding the calculation of retirement allowances for school members.

SB 221 Amended: 04/09/07 Author: G. Runner Location: Sen Appropriations

Legislators' Retirement System: Final Compensation

Provides that the retirement allowance of a member of the Legislator's Retirement System how is a member of that retirement system as the Insurance Commissioner or an elective officer of the state whose office is provided for by the Constitution, other tha

SB 235 Amended: Original Author: G. Negrete McLeod Location: Sen Appropriations

Vision Care: Annuitants: California State University

Allows annuitants of the California State University system to participate in the Vision Care Program for State Annuitants.

SB 259 Amended: Original Author: G. Negrete McLeod Location: Sen Appropriations

Public Employees' Retirement: Service Credit

Permits a member who is an academic employee of the California State University who is granted a reduced pay leave, to receive full service credit if the member elects to contribute to the retirement fund amount that would have been contributed by the member.

SB 369 Amended: Original Author: E. Vincent Location: Sen Public Employment and Retirement

State Teachers: Retirement: Health Benefits

Requires the State Teachers' Retirement Board to file with the Legislature a study, conducted over one full year, of school districts that do not provide health benefits for retired teachers.

SB 392 Amended: Original Author: D. Ducheny Location: Sen Public Employment and Retirement

County Employees' Retirement: Cost-of-Living

Permits the board of retirement of the retirement system in Imperial County, if approved by the county board of supervisors, to provide cost-of-living adjustments, on a prefunded basis, to certain of the monthly allowances paid by the system.

SB 431 Amended: Original Author: S. Aanestad Location: Sen Public Employment and Retirement

Public Employees' Retirement: Butte and Solano Counties

Relates to the Public Employees' Law and Trial Court Employment Protection and Governance Act. Creates an exception for the Counties of Butte and Solano. Requires the assets and liabilities of the trial court and each county to be separated.

SB 579 Amended: Original Author: P. Wiggins Location: Sen Public Employment and Retirement

Public Employees' Retirement Law

Relates to health insurance premiums. Requires, if a member separates from service as a public safety officer, and he or she retires for disability based upon years of service after attaining the normal retirement age, the Board of Administration of the Public Employees' Retirement System to certify to the Internal Revenue Service or a health insurance plan provider that the member is a retired public safety officer, as specified.

SB 580 Amended: Original Author: P. Wiggins Location: Sen Appropriations

Public Employees' Health Benefits

Authorizes the Board of Administration of the Public Employees' Retirement System to contract with out-of-state public employee pension and health systems to provide health care benefits to California employees and annuitants who reside outside California.

SB 608 Amended: Original Author: P. Wiggins Location: Sen Public Employment and Retirement

Public Employees' Retirement

Relates to the Public Employees' Retirement Law. Revises provisions to include a local safety officer and a school safety member as specified local safety positions regarding safety members classified as local safety officers.

SB 689 Amended: Original Author: L. Correa Location: Sen Public Employment and Retirement

Public Employee Health Benefits: Vision Care

Requires the state to fund one-half of the costs of the Vision Care Program for State Annuitants, subject to appropriation in the annual Budget Act.

SB 755 Amended: Original Author: E. Alquist Location: Sen Public Employment and Retirement

PERS: Postretirement Death Benefits

Amends the Public Employees Retirement Law. Increase the amount paid upon the death of any state member after retirement and while receiving a retirement allowance to the members who retired on or before a certain date.

SB 760 Amended: Original Author: C. Migden Location: Sen Public Employment and Retirement

State Employees: Deferred Compensation

Requires the state to match, up to certain percentage of the employee's salary, any contributions made by excluded employees defined as state supervisory, managerial, confidential, and other employees to a deferred compensation plan or tax-sheltered annuity.

SB 853 Amended: Original Author: M. Ridley-Thomas Location: Sen Appropriations

Public Employees' Benefits: L.A. Community College

Allows the Board of Administration of the Public Employees' Retirement System to authorize the Los Angeles Community College District to participate in the prefunding of health care coverage and other postemployment benefits for annuitants.

SB 879 Amended: 04/10/07 Author: R. Calderon Location: Sen Public Employment and Retirement

State Teachers Retirement

Relates to state teachers' retirement. Authorizes a school district, community college district or county office of education to grant members of the Defined Benefit Program of the State Teachers' Retirement Plan two additional years of service credit under specified conditions. Provides conditions under which a member shall not forfeit additional credit for service.

SB 901 Amended: Original Author: A. Padilla Location: Sen Public Employment and Retirement

State Teachers' Retirement: Postretirement Earning

Relates to the State Teachers' Retirement Law. Requires employers to contribute monthly to the retirement system a specified percent of the compensation earned by a member retired for a service who performs specified activities as an employee.

SB 1032 Amended: Original Author: T. McClintock Location: Sen Public Employment and Retirement

Disability Retirement: Medical Examinations

This bill would provide that if a recipient of a disability retirement allowance who is over the minimum age for voluntary retirement for service applicable to members of his or her class, and who has been receiving a retirement allowance for less than 36 months, refuses to submit to a medical examination, the pension portions of his or her allowance may be discontinued until the withdrawal of the refusal.