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Senate Bill 457

(Senator Jackson)(Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

Budget and Taxation

State Retirement and Pension System - Transfers Between Systems - Workgroup

This bill requires the State Retirement Agency (SRA) to convene and staff a workgroup of stakeholders to study the requirements and processes for transfers of member service between State and local retirement and pension systems and to make recommendations to improve the process of transfers. By December 1, 2025, the workgroup must report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly. **The bill takes effect June 1, 2025, and terminates June 30, 2026.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. SRA can convene and staff the workgroup with existing budgeted resources. No effect on revenues.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The workgroup must:

- review federal and State requirements pertaining to transfers of service credit between systems;
- review Title 37 of the State Personnel and Pensions Article for statutory inconsistencies and duplicative or ambiguous provisions;

- examine any other issues related to transfers of member service between State and local retirement and pension systems; and
- recommend legislative changes, as appropriate.

Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the past three years.

Designated Cross File: HB 584 (Delegate Forbes)(Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions) - Appropriations.

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