

2009 Legislative Session

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The complete Bill Draft Request (BDR) list for the 2009 Legislative Session is now available on the Legislature's web site (www.leg.state.nv.us). The bills and BDRs listed below are being tracked by PERS' staff for potential impacts to the Retirement System. Currently, there is no additional language available for the BDRs. Once the BDR is introduced as a bill and the language is available, the Retirement Board will determine their position on the bill which staff will then post. This list will be updated monthly.

Assembly Bills

Assembly Bill 92 (BDR #400) – Requested by the Nevada Supreme Court – Revises provisions governing benefits paid to Senior Judges. The Board has adopted a neutral position on Sections 1-8, so long as the costs associated with the benefit modifications to the Judicial Retirement System are recognized and funded. The Board has adopted a position opposing Sections 9 and 10. This bill was prefiled and introduced on December 15, 2008. On February 2, 2009, the bill was referred to the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means.

Assembly Bill 198 (BDR #29) – Requested by Assemblyman Segerblom – Makes certain changes concerning the Public Employees' Retirement System. This bill creates the Deferred Savings Option Program within the Public Employees' Retirement System. This bill was introduced on February 19, 2009 and referred to the Assembly Committee on Government Affairs.

Senate Bills

Senate Bill 41 (BDR #308) – Requested by PERS – Revises certain administrative provisions and provides clarification of choices within the Judicial Retirement System. This bill contains technical language changes for PERS and the JRS requested by the Retirement Board. The Board has adopted a position supporting Senate Bill 41. This bill was prefiled and introduced on December 5, 2008. On February 2, 2009, the bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

Senate Bill 71 (BDR #325) – Requested by the Department of Veterans Affairs – Revises provision relation to veterans. The Board has adopted a position supporting Sections 18 through 20 which allows veterans to purchase service for military time. This bill was prefiled and introduced on December 12, 2008. The bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Education on February 2, 2009. A hearing was scheduled for February 18th and February 23rd. No action was taken at the February 18th meeting.

Senate Bill 81 (BDR #34-15) – Requested by Senator Cegavske – Establishes the Special Needs Scholarship Program. This bill allows private schools to participate in the scholarship program. Section 40 of this bill amends NRS 286.070 to exclude a private school from the definition of "public employer". Under NRS 286.070 private schools do not fall under the definition of "public employer" therefore, an amendment is unnecessary and could create confusion as to the definition of "public employer". The Board has adopted a position

opposing Section 40 of Senate Bill 81. This bill was prefiled and introduced on December 15, 2008. On February 2, 2009 the bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

BDR's

BDR #132 – Requested by Assemblyman Hardy – Makes certain changes concerning the Public Employees' Retirement System.

BDR #174 – Requested by Assemblywoman Womack – Revises provisions concerning the Public Employees' Retirement System.

BDR #206 – Requested by Assemblyman Cobb – Provides for use of 401(k) plans by state employees.

BDR #561 – Requested by Senator Nolan – Makes various changes concerning compensation of legislators.

BDR #633 – Requested by Assembly Minority Leader – Revises provisions relating to the Public Employees' Retirement System.

BDR #687 – Requested by Senator Townsend - Makes various changes concerning benefits for retired public employees.

BDR #768 – Requested by Senator McGinness – Exempts retired public employees who serve as volunteer firefighters from the consequences relating to reemployment with a public employer.

BDR #879 – Requested by Assemblywoman Woodbury – Provides incentives for teachers who teach at certain at-risk schools or in specialized classrooms.

BDR #891 – Requested by Assemblyman Cobb – Provides for the forfeiture of any pension and retirement benefit of public employee or officer who steals funds, misuses his office or commits a job-related felony.

BDR #1057 – Requested by Assemblywoman Smith – Revises provisions governing reemployment of retired members of PERS.

BDR #1081 – Requested by Assemblyman Ohrenschall – Revises provisions relating to the Public Employees' Retirement System.