



End of Session Review

Seven bills pass containing pension-related provisions in the 2014 legislative session.

At the conclusion of the 2014 Legislative Session of the Missouri General Assembly, 7 pension related bills were Truly Agreed to and Finally Passed. Upon signature of Governor Nixon, these bills will be enacted into law. In total, 4 pension systems were directly affected by the passage of these bills and all public plans were affected by modifications to plan reporting, pension forfeitures and pension advance prohibitions.

SCS for HCS for HB 1217 (Dugger)

All Public Pension Plans

- ▶ Prohibits transfer or assignment of public pension benefits under a “Pension Advance” lump sum/loan instrument, and
- ▶ Requires the forfeiture of a public pension relative to an employee who is convicted of certain crimes directly in connection with such employee’s job functions.

SCS for HCS for HB 1231 (Cox)

Prosecuting Attorneys & Circuit Attorneys Retirement System (PACARS)

- ▶ Extends the \$4 surcharge on criminal court cases to persons paying through the Fine Collection Center, and
- ▶ Adjusts monthly county contributions to the PACARS depending on plan’s annual funded ratio.

HB 1301 (Neth)

Kansas City Police Retirement System

- ▶ Corrects statutory references associated with the new Tier of benefits passed in the 2013 legislative session.

Did you know?

- There were approximately 1,960 pieces of legislation introduced during the 2014 legislative session.
- In the 2015 session, there will be at least 6 new Senators and 12 new Representatives due to term limits and vacancies.

SCS for HCS for HB 1553 (Dohrman)
Springfield Police & Fire Retirement Plan

- ▶ Modifies ballot language relative to renewal of public safety sales tax

HCS for HB 1882 (Leara)
All Public Pension Plans

Multiple changes to Chapters 21 and 105 relative to the JCPER and public pension plans. Major provisions include:

- ▶ **Board of Trustee Education** modified:

- ▶ from “2 education programs annually” to “at least 6 hours annually”,

- ▶ excludes annual service provider presentations from being utilized as education however such providers may provide separate education programs

- ▶ Board of Trustee education records shall be maintained.
- ▶ Allows Board, by majority vote, to remove a board member who knowingly does not meet education requirements.

- ▶ **Actuarial Cost Statement provisions** modified:

- ▶ Requires additional components in an actuarial cost statement including Reporting asset values, liability values, contribution requirements and funded ratio in a 10 year projection relative to substantial proposed change

- ▶ Clarifies an actuarial cost statement relative to a legislative substantial proposed change shall be filed in each chamber of the General Assembly prior to third reading of such bill.

- ▶ **Benefit Enhancements and 80% Funded Requirement** modified:

- ▶ Ties a benefit enhancement under Section 105.684, RSMo to a provision that increases the plan’s liability, and
- ▶ Allows a proposal to be valued in the aggregate in determining a generated plan liability for purposes of this section.

- ▶ **Additional Provisions:**

- ▶ Includes the freezing or closing of a defined benefit plan in the definition of a substantial proposed change

- ▶ Allows the JCPER to request testimony of pension plan staff or Board if such plan is not complying with statutory reporting requirements.

- ▶ Includes provisions of Section 104.342, RSMo in Chapter 105 for the purposes of procurement action plan reporting of minority and woman investment professionals.



Please Remember...

- The reporting associated with Minority and Women investment professionals is not a new annual reporting requirement. This requirement has existed in state statute since 1995 and applies to all public pension plans.



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HCS for SCS for SB 672 (Parson)

Prosecuting Attorneys' & Circuit Attorneys' Retirement System (PACARS)

- ▶ Allows Cedar County to submit to voters a proposition to change full-time county prosecutor position back to a part-time position.

SCS for SB 675 (Kehoe)


Local Government Employees' Retirement System (LAGERS)

- ▶ Allows a LAGERS covered employer to elect LAGERS administration of prior closed pension plan.




JCPER NEWS

The JCPER staff is currently processing the annual surveys updated on our website by the public employee retirement systems (PERS). Thank you for your cooperation and prompt reply to our information request. Please feel free to contact our office with any questions or additional assistance at 573-751-1280 or via the JCPER website at www.jcper.org



**JOINT COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT**
MISSOURI GENERAL ASSEMBLY



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In response to the growing concern about the fiscal integrity of Missouri's public employee retirement systems (PERS) in 1983 the First Regular Session of the 82nd General Assembly passed legislation creating a permanent pension review and oversight body, the Joint Committee on Public Employee Retirement (JCPER). Prior to the creation of the committee there was no one place where information concerning these plans was gathered, analyzed and recorded. The committee consists of six senators appointed by the President Pro Tem of the Senate and six members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House. The JCPER governing statutes require that the committee shall:

- Make a continuing study and analysis of all state and local government retirement systems and report annually to the General Assembly;
- Devise a standard reporting system to obtain data on each public employee retirement system that will provide information on each system's financial and actuarial status at least biennially;

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MAPERS CONFERENCE

The Missouri Association of Public Employee Retirement Systems (MAPERS) will hold their annual conference on July 9–11, 2014 at the Lake of the Ozarks. This conference is designed to educate public pension plan boards of trustees, administrators and membership on relevant issues facing the public pension world today. The JCPER staff will present information relative to the 2014 legislative session on Wednesday, July 9th at 4:00pm. More information regarding this conference can be accessed at the MAPERS website, www.momapers.org or by calling 866-462-7377.