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Minutes

Senate Pensions Committee

January 16, 2019

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Members Present: Senators Azinger (Chair), Hamilton (Vice Chair), Plymale, Romano, Boso, Trump, Ihlenfeld (100% Attendance)

The Senate Pensions Committee met on January 16, 2019. Chair Azinger called the meeting to order. The clerk took a silent roll call and established the presence of a quorum.

Vice Chair Hamilton moved the approval of the minutes from the January 9, 2019 meeting. Upon voice vote the motion was adopted.

S. B. 38 - Exempting DNR police officers' pension benefits from state income tax.

Chair Azinger recognized committee counsel Alan Nichols to explain the bill. Counsel explained the bill and answered questions from the committee. With leave of the committee Tressa Miller, Deputy Director and Chief Operating Officer for the Consolidated Public Retirement Board was asked to answer questions for clarification purposes. Chair Azinger swore Mrs. Miller in and she answered questions from the committee. With leave of the committee Lt. Col. David Traylor of the DNR answered questions from the committee after being sworn in. Senator Romano offered an amendment for purposes of clarifying which DNR officers are DNR Police Officers, requesting the Tax Department and the DNR confer to determine a way to differentiate which individuals qualified for the benefit. Chair Azinger moved the amendment. Upon voice vote the amendment was adopted. Vice Chair Hamilton moved the bill, as amended, do pass, but under the original double committee reference, first be referred to the committee on Finance. Upon voice vote, that motion was adopted.

S. B. 296 - Providing 11-month window to permit members of PERS to purchase credited service.

Chair Azinger recognized committee counsel Alan Nichols to explain the bill. Counsel explained the bill. Senator Trump asked with leave of the committee if someone with knowledge could speak to the bill. Mr. Ken Woodson, Board Actuary for the CPRB approached and was sworn in by Chair Azinger. Mr. Woodson then answered questions from the committee. Senator Plymale stated that he thought he was an affected class in this and asked chair if he had to be excused

from voting. Chair Azinger stated that Senator Plymale was a member of a class in which he would be expected to vote. Mr. Woodson answered further questions from the committee. Senator Romano spoke to the bill. Vice Chair Hamilton moved the bill be reported with the recommendation that it do pass, but under the original double committee reference first be referred to the committee on Finance. Upon voice vote the motion was adopted.

With nothing further to come before the committee, Vice Chair Hamilton moved to adjourn. Upon voice vote the motion was adopted. Meeting adjourned.

Alan Nichols, Committee Counsel

Senator Michael T. Azinger, Chair

Tina Burs, Committee Clerk