

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 1227

Sponsor: SENATOR BLAKE

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 30 and 31; pages 2 through 4, lines
2 1 through 30; page 5, lines 1 through 6; by striking out all of
3 said lines on said pages and inserting

4 Section 1. The act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known
5 as The Administrative Code of 1929, is amended by adding an
6 article to read:

7 Amend Bill, page 5, by inserting between lines 29 and 30

8 "Proposed collective bargaining agreement." The terms of
9 bargaining between a public employer and an employee
10 organization which:

11 (1) Apply to wages, hours, terms and conditions of
12 employment, benefits and working conditions.

13 (2) Are:

14 (i) Reduced to writing.

15 (ii) Agreed upon by designated representatives of
16 the public employer and the employee organization.

17 (iii) Submitted for acceptance as a contract to the
18 public employer and the public employee organization.

19 "Public employee retirement plan." Any of the following:

20 (1) The State Employees' Retirement System established
21 under 71 Pa.C.S. Pt. XXV (relating to retirement for State
22 employees and officers).

23 (2) The Public School Employees' Retirement System
24 established under 24 Pa.C.S. Pt. IV (relating to retirement
25 for school employees).

26 (3) The Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System
27 established under the act of February 1, 1974 (P.L.34,
28 No.15), known as the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Law.

29 (4) Any other independent pension or retirement plan for
30 public officers and employees of the Commonwealth.

31 (5) Pension or retirement plans established under 11
32 Pa.C.S. Ch. 143 (relating to pensions).

33 (6) Pension or retirement plans created pursuant to the
34 act of May 29, 1956 (1955 P.L.1804, No.600), referred to as
35 the Municipal Police Pension Law.

1 Amend Bill, page 7, by inserting between lines 11 and 12

2 (8) Provide a cost analysis for the current fiscal year and
3 remaining subsequent fiscal years of the impact of each proposed
4 collective bargaining agreement under the jurisdiction of the
5 Governor prior to execution, including the costs to cover public
6 employee wages, benefits, pensions and working conditions that
7 have been reduced in writing under section 701 of the act of
8 July 23, 1970 (P.L.563, No.195), known as the Public Employe
9 Relations Act.

10 Amend Bill, page 13, by inserting between lines 22 and 23

11 (g) Collective bargaining agreements.--The Office of
12 Administration and the Office of the Budget shall:

13 (1) Submit to the office at least 20 days, excluding
14 weekends and holidays, in advance of its execution, copies of
15 each proposed collective bargaining agreement under the
16 jurisdiction of the Governor.

17 (2) Concurrent with each submission under paragraph (1),
18 provide the office with a detailed cost analysis of the
19 proposed collective bargaining agreement. The analysis shall
20 compare the collective bargaining agreement in effect at the
21 time of submission to projections for the proposed collective
22 bargaining agreement for the current fiscal year and the
23 remaining subsequent fiscal years in the agreement. The
24 analysis shall include:

25 (i) The number of employees covered by the
26 agreement, by fund.

27 (ii) Wages and salaries, by fund.

28 (iii) Employer costs for employee benefits,
29 including pension contributions, by fund.

30 (iv) A summary of the changes to paid leave, working
31 hours, working conditions or any other term of employment
32 in the proposed collective bargaining agreement and the
33 projected cost of such changes, by fund.

34 (v) A statement explaining the data, assumptions and
35 methodology used to make the projections.

36 (3) Within four days, excluding weekends and holidays,
37 of a request by the director, provide the office with any in-
38 formation, data, statistics or analysis determined by the
39 director to be necessary to fulfill the office's obligations
40 under section 604-B.

41 Amend Bill, page 15, by inserting between lines 18 and 19

42 Section 615-B. Additional duties.

43 (a) Actuarial notes.--The office shall prepare actuarial
44 notes by selecting an enrolled pension actuary to prepare an
45 actuarial note. Actuarial notes shall include a reliable
46 estimate of the financial and actuarial effect of the proposed
47 change in any pension or retirement system. The financial

1 analysis contained in actuarial notes for legislation that
2 proposes substantial benefit design changes under 24 Pa.C.S. Pt.
3 IV (relating to retirement for school employees) and 71 Pa.C.S.
4 Pt. XXV (relating to retirement for State employees and
5 officers) shall include, but not be limited to, a risk transfer
6 analysis. The actuarial note shall be factual, and shall, if
7 possible, provide a reliable estimate of both the immediate cost
8 and effect of the bill and, if determinable or reasonably
9 forseeable, the long-range actuarial cost and effect of the
10 bill. The office shall transmit actuarial notes to the Governor
11 and the officers listed in this subsection within the time
12 periods specified under this section upon the request of any of
13 the following:

14 (1) The President pro tempore of the Senate or the
15 Speaker of the House of Representatives.

16 (2) The Majority Leader or the Minority Leader of the
17 Senate.

18 (3) The Majority Leader or the Minority Leader of the
19 House of Representatives.

20 (4) The chairperson or minority chairperson of the
21 Appropriations Committee of the Senate.

22 (5) The chairperson or minority chairperson of the
23 Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives.

24 (b) Analysis.--At the request of an officer listed in
25 subsection (a), the office shall analyze the provisions of a
26 bill relating to public employee retirement or pension policy
27 and issue a report on the bill in a timely fashion. The report
28 shall provide a synopsis of the bill and financial cost and
29 shall identify proposed changes to current law and current
30 policy. The report, after consultation with the requesting
31 officer, may include an assessment of the actuarial impact and
32 shall be submitted to the Governor and the officers listed in
33 subsection (a).

34 (c) Plans.--Establish and review public employee retirement
35 plans for actuarial soundness and report the results to the
36 Governor and the General Assembly.

37 (d) Website.--Maintain the following on its Internet website
38 in a publicly accessible and searchable area:

39 (1) All actuarial notes issued by the Public Employee
40 Retirement Commission prior to the effective date of this
41 section.

42 (2) All actuarial notes prepared pursuant to subsection
43 (a) and reports under subsection (b) issued by the office,
44 which shall be posted at the time they are transmitted under
45 subsection (a).

46 (3) Any other information that is requested to be posted
47 by an officer listed in subsection (a).

48 (e) Reimbursement.--The office shall request, after
49 expending all appropriations for the performance of its duties
50 under this section, a reimbursement of expenses from the entity
51 requesting the preparation of materials under this subsection. A

1 restricted account is established in the General Fund which
2 shall consist of reimbursement payments received by the office
3 under this paragraph. The money in the restricted account is
4 appropriated on a continuing basis to the office for the purpose
5 of the performance of its duties under this act, except that the
6 money in the restricted account may not be expended unless the
7 office expends all other appropriations for the performance of
8 its duties under this section.

9 (f) Formulation.--The office shall study generally the
10 subject of retirement, income after retirement, disability and
11 death benefits and the retirement needs of public employees. The
12 office shall formulate principles and objectives and recommend
13 any new legislation it deems advisable as requested by an
14 officer listed in subsection (a).

15 (g) Study.--The office shall study the relationship of
16 retirement and pension policy to other aspects of public
17 personnel policy and to the effective operation of government
18 generally, as requested by an officer listed in subsection (a).

19 (h) Note required for bills.--Except as otherwise provided
20 in subsection (k) (1), no bill proposing any change relative to a
21 public employee pension or retirement plan may be given second
22 consideration in either House of the General Assembly, until the
23 office has attached an actuarial note prepared by an enrolled
24 pension actuary which shall include a reliable estimate of the
25 cost and actuarial effect of the proposed change in the pension
26 or retirement system.

27 (i) Note required for amendments.--Except as otherwise
28 provided in subsection (k) (2), no amendment to any bill
29 concerning any public employee pension or retirement plan may be
30 considered by either House of the General Assembly until an
31 actuarial note prepared by an enrolled pension actuary has been
32 attached.

33 (j) Notes for proposed constitutional amendments.--The
34 office shall issue an actuarial note, prepared by an enrolled
35 pension actuary, for any joint resolution proposing an amendment
36 to the Constitution of Pennsylvania which initially passes
37 either House of the General Assembly. If the joint resolution is
38 subsequently amended and passes either House of the General
39 Assembly, a new actuarial note shall be prepared.

40 (k) Effect of failure of office to attach note.--

41 (1) If the office fails to attach an actuarial note
42 within 20 legislative days after a bill proposing a change
43 relative to a public employee pension or retirement plan has
44 received first consideration in either House of the General
45 Assembly, the bill may be further considered in the same
46 manner as if the actuarial note had been attached to the
47 bill.

48 (2) If the office fails to attach an actuarial note
49 within 20 legislative days after an amendment to a bill
50 proposing a change relative to a public employee pension or
51 retirement has been submitted to the office by an officer

1 listed in subsection (a), the amendment may be considered in
2 the same manner as if the actuarial note had been attached to
3 the amendment.

4 Amend Bill, page 15, line 19, by striking out "3" and
5 inserting

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7 Amend Bill, page 17, line 11, by striking out "Chapter 5 of"

8 Amend Bill, page 17, by inserting between lines 24 and 25

9 (f) No bond or note issued to fund an unfunded actuarial
10 accrued liability may be valid or obligatory in the hands of an
11 original purchaser until certified copies of the ordinance or
12 ordinances authorizing bonds or notes, the ordinance or
13 resolution awarding the bonds or notes and the certificate of
14 approval of the department have been filed with the Auditor
15 General. Approval of the Auditor General shall be not be
16 required.

17 Amend Bill, page 17, line 30, by striking out "4" and
18 inserting

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20 Amend Bill, page 18, lines 1 and 2, by striking out "The
21 following apply:

22 (1) "

23 Amend Bill, page 18, lines 13 through 17, by striking out all
24 of said lines and inserting

25 Section 4. The following shall apply:

26 (1) Except as provided under Article VI-B of the act,
27 any report required prior to the effective date of this
28 section to be filed with the Public Employee Retirement
29 Commission shall, on and after the effective date of this
30 section, be filed with the Auditor General.

31 (2) The Independent Fiscal Office may utilize existing
32 contracts for actuarial services or may contract with other
33 vendors for actuarial services approved by the Department of
34 General Services. The department shall assist in technical
35 revisions required to any existing contracts.

36 Amend Bill, page 18, lines 19 and 20, by striking out "repeal
37 under paragraph (2) is" and inserting

1 repeals under paragraphs (2) and (3) are
2 Amend Bill, page 18, by inserting between lines 22 and 23
3 (3) The provisions of 53 Pa.C.S. § 8116 are repealed.
4 Amend Bill, page 18, line 23, by striking out "(3)" and
5 inserting
6 (4)
7 Amend Bill, page 18, line 26, by striking out all of said
8 line and inserting
9 Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016, or
10 immediately, whichever is later.