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INTRODUCED BY MUTH, GEBHARD, FONTANA, KEARNEY, KANE, SCHWANK, COSTA AND CAPPELLETTI, JANUARY 19, 2023

REFERRED TO APPROPRIATIONS, JANUARY 19, 2023

AN ACT

Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the Executive Department thereof and the administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof, including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative officers, and of the several administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards, and commissions; providing for judicial administration; and prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and commissions shall be determined," providing for the State Employees' Retirement System and the Public School Employees' Retirement System to testify in the hearing process before the Appropriations Committee of the Senate and the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. The act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, is amended by adding an

article to read:

ARTICLE VI-C

STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND

PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Section 601-C. Scope of article.

This article relates to SERS and PSERS testimony in the hearing process of the Appropriations Committee of the Senate and of the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives.

Section 602-C. Definitions.

The following words and phrases when used in this article shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"PSERS." The Public School Employees' Retirement System.

"SERS." The State Employees' Retirement System.

Section 603-C. Reports and hearings.

(a) Budget estimates.--SERS and PSERS shall submit written estimates to the Secretary of the Budget as required of administrative departments, boards and commissions under section 615. Estimates shall be submitted from time to time as requested by the Governor, but in no event less than once every fiscal year.

(b) Testimony.--SERS and PSERS shall annually appear before the Appropriations Committee of the Senate and the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives to testify as to the fiscal status of each respective pension system and to make requests for appropriations.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.