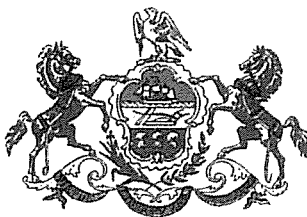


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TO: ALL SENATORS
FROM: Senator Patricia H. Vance
DATE: March 26, 2012
SUBJECT: Memo #34- Legislation prohibiting state annuitants from collecting unemployment benefits

It was recently brought to my attention that state employees who chose to work as annuitants are permitted to collect unemployment compensation benefits on top of their pension and the additional salary paid for their temporary work. The effect is essentially triple dipping.

Various state agencies hire back former retirees as annuitants to help with special projects or to train new employees. Annuitants are permitted to work no more than 95 days in a calendar year. In 2010 and 2011, there were 1,600 part time employees and 450 individuals collected unemployment after exhausting their 95 days. The total cost was almost \$2 million dollars.

My legislation will amend the Unemployment Compensation Law to prohibit these annuitants from applying for and receiving additional benefits upon completion of their 95 days of employment.

If you would like to co-sponsor this measure, please contact Kit Davis at kdavis@pasen.gov.