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**** Bill No. ****

Introduced By *****

By Request of the State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee

1 A Bill for an Act entitled: "An Act requiring the State Administration and Veterans' Affairs interim
2 committee to consider the fiscal soundness and equity of the state's public employee retirement
3 systems, review and report on certain legislation related to public employee retirement systems,
4 establish principles of sound fiscal and public policy as guidelines for legislation affecting public
5 employee retirement systems, generally monitor public employee retirement systems and
6 legislation affecting the systems, and inform legislators about issues regarding public employee
7 retirement systems; authorizing the committee to request assistance from state agencies,
8 including boards, political subdivisions, and the state public employee retirement systems and
9 to accept from a retirement system or a public employee or retiree organization contributions to
10 study public employee retirement; providing a biennial appropriation; amending section 5-5-228,
11 MCA; and providing an immediate effective date."

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13 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Montana:

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15 **Section 1.** Section 5-5-228, MCA, is amended to read:

16 **"5-5-228. State administration and veterans' affairs interim committee.** (1) The
17 state administration and veterans' affairs interim committee has administrative rule review, draft
18 legislation review, program evaluation, and monitoring functions for the public employee
19 retirement plans and for the following executive branch agencies and the entities attached to
20 the agencies for administrative purposes:

21 ~~(1)~~(a) department of administration;

22 ~~(2)~~(b) department of military affairs; and

23 ~~(3)~~(c) office of the secretary of state.

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1 (2) The committee shall:

2 (a) consider the fiscal soundness of the state's public employee retirement systems,
3 based on reports from the teachers' retirement board, the public employees' retirement board,
4 and the board of investments and study and evaluate the equity and benefit structure of the
5 state's public employee retirement systems;

6 (b) establish principles of sound fiscal and public policy as guidelines;

7 (c) as necessary, develop legislation to keep the retirement systems consistent with
8 sound policy principles;

9 (d) solicit and review proposed statutory changes to any of the state's public employee
10 retirement systems;

11 (e) report to the legislature on each legislative proposal reviewed by the committee. The
12 report must include but is not limited to:

13 (i) a summary of the fiscal implications of the proposal;

14 (ii) an analysis of the effect that the proposal may have on other public employee
15 retirement systems;

16 (iii) an analysis of the soundness of the proposal as a matter of public policy;

17 (iv) any amendments proposed by the committee; and

18 (v) the committee's recommendation on whether the proposal should be enacted by the
19 legislature.

20 (f) attach the committee's report to any proposal that the committee considered and
21 that is or has been introduced as a bill during a legislative session; and

22 (g) publish, for legislators' use, information on the state's public employee retirement
23 systems.

24 (3) The committee may:

25 (a) specify the date by which proposals affecting a retirement system must be
26 submitted to the committee for the review contemplated under subsection (2)(d);

27 (b) request personnel from state agencies, including boards, political subdivisions, or

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1 the state public employee retirement systems to furnish any information and render any
2 assistance that the committee may request; and
3 (c) accept from a retirement system or a public employee or retiree organization
4 monetary contributions for legislative retirement studies. The contributions must be deposited in
5 the state special revenue fund for appropriation by the legislature."

6 {Internal References to 5-5-228:
7 5-11-105 }

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9 **NEW SECTION. Section 2. Appropriation.** (1) There is appropriated \$35,000 from
10 the state general fund to the legislative services division to be used to pay for the activities of
11 the state administration and veterans' affairs interim committee in executing the provisions of 5-
12 5-228, MCA.

13 (2) The appropriation in subsection (1) is a biennial appropriation for the fiscal biennium
14 ending June 30, 2007.

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16 **NEW SECTION. Section 3. {standard} Effective date.** [This act] is effective on
17 passage and approval.

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