

**** 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
2 interim committee to consider the fiscal soundness and equity of the state's public
3 employee retirement systems, review and report on certain legislation related to public
4 employee retirement systems, establish principles of sound fiscal and public policy as
5 guidelines for legislation affecting public employee retirement systems, generally
6 monitor public employee retirement systems and legislation affecting the systems, and
7 inform legislators about issues regarding public employee retirement systems;
8 authorizing the committee to request assistance from state agencies, including boards,
9 political subdivisions, and the state public employee retirement systems and to accept
10 from a retirement system or a public employee or retiree organization contributions to
11 study public employee retirement; providing a biennial appropriation; amending section
12 5-5-228, MCA; and providing an immediate effective date."

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

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

17 **"5-5-228. State administration and veterans' affairs interim committee. (1)**

18 The state administration and veterans' affairs interim committee has administrative rule
19 review, draft legislation review, program evaluation, and monitoring functions for the
20 public employee retirement plans and for the following executive branch agencies and
21 the entities attached to the agencies for administrative purposes:

22 (1)(a) department of administration;

23 (2)(b) department of military affairs; and

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

2 (2) The committee shall:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 (3) The committee may:

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

