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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND  
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 487

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing a board of retirement benefits  
7 within the legislative branch of the state government;  
8 and providing for an effective date."

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

10 \* Section 1. AS 24.20 is amended by adding new sections to read:

11 ARTICLE 4. LEGISLATIVE BOARD OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS.

12 Sec. 24.20.500. LEGISLATIVE BOARD OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS ESTAB-  
13 LISHED. The Legislative Board of Retirement Benefits is established as  
14 a permanent advisory board of the legislature. The legislature estab-  
15 lishes the board in recognition of its need for detailed expert fiscal  
16 analyses of the retirement systems of the state and recommendations to  
17 change them.

18 Sec. 24.20.510. MEMBERSHIP. The membership of the Legislative  
19 Board of Retirement Benefits is composed of seven members:

- 20 (1) the commissioner of administration;
- 21 (2) the director of the division of retirement;
- 22 (3) an employee of the state employed under the public em-  
23 ployees' retirement system (AS 39.35);
- 24 (4) an employee of the state or of a school district who is  
25 employed under the teachers' retirement system (AS 14.25);
- 26 (5) a public member not employed by the state who possesses a  
27 background in economics or public finance;
- 28 (6) a retired member from the public employees' retirement  
29 system; and

1 (7) a retired member from the teachers' retirement system.

2 Sec. 24.20.520. SELECTION OF MEMBERSHIP. (a) The commissioner of  
3 administration and the director of the division of retirement serve ex  
4 officio.

5 (b) The remaining members of the board are appointed by the Legis-  
6 lative Council and serve at the pleasure of the council for four-year  
7 terms.

8 Sec. 24.20.530. COMPENSATION. (a) The ex officio members, re-  
9 tired members and the state employees appointed by the Legislative  
10 Council receive no compensation for their service on the board. They  
11 shall receive travel expenses and per diem when necessary to attend  
12 meetings of the board, and the state employees appointed by the Legis-  
13 lative Council shall be excused from their regular duties when necessary  
14 to attend meetings of the board.

15 (b) The public member shall receive \$100 per day for his services  
16 to the board and is entitled to travel expenses and per diem when neces-  
17 sary to attend meetings of the board.

18 Sec. 24.20.540. DUTIES OF THE BOARD. (a) The board shall prepare  
19 a detailed fiscal analysis of each legislative proposal for changes in  
20 the retirement systems of the state within 30 days of the introduction  
21 of the proposal. Each analysis should include a projection of long-term  
22 costs and short-term costs to the state if the proposal is adopted as  
23 well as the long-term impact of implementation of the proposal on the  
24 actuarial soundness of the fund.

25 (b) The board shall meet at least four times each year. Within 60  
26 days after the legislature convenes each year in regular session, the  
27 board shall deliver a report to the legislature on all proposals then  
28 pending in the legislature for amendment to a retirement system. The  
29 board shall also report on other pending proposals which would have an

1 effect on the retirement systems of the state.

2 Sec. 24.20.560. STAFF FOR THE BOARD. The Legislative Affairs  
3 Agency shall provide the committee with professional and clerical assis-  
4 tance under the auspices of the Legislative Council. The board may  
5 employ actuaries as necessary for the completion of its responsibilities  
6 with the approval of the Legislative Council.

7 \* Sec. 2. AS 24.30 is amended by adding a new section to read:

8 Sec. 24.30.037. FISCAL NOTES ON BILLS AFFECTING STATE RETIREMENT  
9 SYSTEMS. Before a bill which would have an effect on the retirement  
10 systems of the state is reported to the rules committee, there shall be  
11 attached to the bill an analysis of the long-term and short-term costs  
12 to the state if the bill is adopted, as well as the impact of the bill  
13 on the actuarial soundness of the fund. The analysis shall be prepared  
14 by the Legislative Board of Retirement Benefits.

15 \* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect immediately in accordance with AS 01.10.-  
16 070(c).