



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Pensions

Minutes for January 17, 2024, 2:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Pensions met on January 17, 2024, 2:00 PM in Room 451-M.

Members present: Senators Nelson, Hunt, Azinger, Barrett, Clements, Grady, Hamilton, Oliverio, Plymale, Queen

Members absent: None

A silent roll call being taken, the presence of a quorum was established.

C Senator opened the meeting by welcoming back the committee members and introducing the committee staff for this session.

S. B. 439 - Authorizing certain 911 personnel to be members of Emergency Medical Services Retirement System under certain circumstances.

Chair Nelson recognized counsel, Phillip Childs to explain the bill. Counsel explained and answered questions from the committee. With leave of the committee, Chair Nelson recognized Ken Woodson, Board Actuary for the Consolidated Public Retirement Board (CPRB), to explain the calculations and give an overview of the financial impact to the legislature. He then answered questions from the Chair. With leave of the committee, Chair Nelson recognized Russell Emerick, Director of Kanawha County 911. Mr. Emerick introduced 911 council members who were in attendance. He remarked on the positive impact this legislation would have on retention. Chair Nelson thanked Mr. Emerick and the 911 community for all they do for the citizens of West Virginia. Vice Chair Hunt moved the bill be reported, with the recommendation that it do pass, but under the original committee reference, first be referred to the committee on Finance. Upon voice vote the motion was adopted. Chair Nelson stated that he would confer with Finance Chair, Senator Tarr, about dispensing with the second reference.

Presentation: Jeffrey Fleck, Executive Director, Consolidated Public Retirement Board

Chair Nelson recognized Mr. Fleck who began his presentation with CPRB staff introductions. He then provided the committee with a Pension Plan "Cheat Sheet", which highlighted the 10 pension plans and the funding for each plan.

On Motion of Senator Hunt the committee adjourned.



Eric Nelson Jr.

Chair



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Clerk