



# West Virginia Senate

## Committee on Pensions

Minutes for February 21, 2024, 2:04 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Pensions met on February 21, 2024, 2:04 PM in Room 451-M.

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

Members absent: Senators Azinger

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

On motion of Senator Hunt, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

### **S. B. 408 - Permitting retired teachers to substitute full time without penalty of losing retirement.**

Chair Nelson recognized counsel, Phillip Childs to explain the proposed committee substitute, in lieu of having it read. Counsel explained and answered questions from the committee. After discussion, Chair Nelson indicated, with the agreement of the committee; his intent to study this issue during the upcoming interim sessions, as more information is needed to determine the viability of this legislation.

### **S. B. 589 - Permitting campus police officers to participate in Deputy Sheriffs Retirement System.**

Chair Nelson recognized counsel, Phillip Childs to explain the proposed committee substitute, in lieu of having it read. Counsel explained and answered questions from the committee. Senator Oliverio spoke to the bill. With leave of the committee, Chair Nelson recognized Travis Mollohan, WVU Associate Vice President for Government Relations to answer questions from the committee and speak to the bill. After discussion, Chair Nelson, with the agreement of the committee; indicated his intent to study this issue also, during the upcoming interim sessions, as more information is needed to determine the viability of this legislation.

### **S. B. 742 - Updating retirement eligibility for certain sheriffs.**

Chair Nelson recognized counsel, Phillip Childs to explain the proposed committee substitute, in lieu of having it read. Counsel explained and answered questions from the committee. Senator Plymale offered a conceptual amendment. Upon voice vote the amendment was adopted. The committee agreed to the language of the committee substitute as amended. Vice Chair Hunt moved the committee substitute, as amended, be reported to the full senate, with the

recommendation that it do pass, but under the original double committee reference, first be referred to the committee on Finance. Upon voice vote, the motion was adopted.

**S. B. 760 - Modifying length of service for certain employees to obtain credit for retirement.**

Chair Nelson recognized counsel, Phillip Childs to explain the bill, in lieu of having it read. Counsel explained. Vice Chair Hunt moved the bill be reported with the recommendation that it do pass, but under the original double committee reference, first be referred to the committee on Finance. Upon voice vote, the motion was adopted.

On Motion of Senator Hunt the committee adjourned.

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