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To All Interested Parties:

The following summary of legislation reviewed by the Assembly Committee on Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security during the 2001 legislative year includes a brief description of all bills and the status of those bills at the end of the legislative year.

For additional information regarding this summary, or other activities of the Committee, please contact the committee staff at (916) 319-3957.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sally Havice".

Sally Havice, Chair

Assembly Bill 43 (Wesson) – Directs the Commission on the Status of Women to conduct a study on gender-based compensation and classification inequities in the state civil service and higher educational institutions. **Chapter 836, Statutes of 2001.**

Assembly Bill 103 (Havice) – Would provide that when calculating the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) rate reduction, joint powers agencies (JPAs) are not to include persons who participate in an alternative local retirement system established before July 1, 2000, and who are not represented. Would also correct a faulty cross-reference in a trailer bill to the 2000-01 State Budget that was intended to apply the CalPERS rate reduction to JPA employees who, in the absence of the JPA, would be considered school district employees and subject to the rate reduction. **Senate Education Committee.**

Assembly Bill 105 (Rod Pacheco) – Would allow probation corrections officers in San Bernardino County, upon approval of the county board of supervisors, to be represented by a group composed entirely of other peace officers. **Senate Public Employment and Retirement Committee.**

Assembly Bill 111 (Havice) – Requires that prior to making any significant changes in retiree health benefits, a county, district, or county retirement system providing benefits under the County Employees' Retirement Law of 1937 ('37 Act) provide retirees with advance notice of the proposed changes and an opportunity to comment on those changes. **Chapter 30, Statutes of 2001.**

Assembly Bill 118 (Migden) – Would reduce the contribution rate for school members of CalPERS from 7% to 5% of compensation. **Assembly Inactive File.**

Assembly Bill 128 (Goldberg) – Allows school districts and community college districts, that have not adopted a civil service merit system for its classified employees, to submit employee disciplinary cases to impartial third party hearing officers. **Chapter 839, Statutes of 2001.**

Assembly Bill 132 (Horton) – Clarifies that a petition requesting an agency shop arrangement in a local agency may be filed after the parties have had 30 days to attempt to meet to negotiate such an agreement. **Chapter 259, Statutes of 2001.**

Assembly Bill 135 (Havice) – Increases the level of purchasing power protection provided to retired members of the California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) from 75% to 80%. **Chapter 840, Statutes of 2001.**

Assembly Bill 179 (Shelley) – Expands to all CalPERS local contracting agencies the ability to place specified employees in a "local sheriff" category for purposes of prescribing benefits and contribution rates. **Chapter 149, Statutes of 2001.**

Assembly Bill 189 (Migden) – Would have increased the retirement formula for state miscellaneous and state industrial members of CalPERS from a 2% at age 55 formula with a maximum benefit of 2.5% at age 63, to a 2% at age 55 formula with a maximum benefit of 2.7% at age 65. **Vetoed by the Governor.**

Assembly Bill 197 (Correa) – Provides a one-time lump-sum death benefit of \$3,000 for volunteer firefighters with at least 10 years of service. **Chapter 331, Statutes of 2001.**

Assembly Bill 199 (Correa) – Would have allowed CalPERS members whose retirement accounts have been separated due to divorce or legal separation to maximize their retirement benefit without creating an increased liability to the employer. **Vetoed by the Governor.**

Assembly Bill 215 (Cohn) – Establishes a state-funded program to assist uninsured spouses and dependent children of peace officers and firefighters, whose death results from the performance of their official duties, to obtain health benefits. **Chapter 775, Statutes of 2001.**

Assembly Bill 230 (Goldberg) – Would have permitted governing boards of non-merit school districts and community colleges, pursuant to the terms of a collective bargaining agreement, to submit employee disciplinary cases against classified employees to third party arbitration. **Vetoed by the Governor.**

Assembly Bill 293 (Shelley) – Would have established the Deferred Retirement Option Program as a supplemental benefit program in CalPERS for state patrol officers, correctional peace officers, and firefighters. **Vetoed by the Governor.**

Assembly Bill 365 (Nation) – Provides that classified employees in school districts or community college districts which have not adopted a civil service system be able to return to their previous classification if they fail to pass probation in a new position. **Chapter 844, Statutes of 2001.**

Assembly Bill 389 (Nakano) – Would require, beginning January 1, 2002, CalPERS to use the higher of either the United States City Average Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers or the California Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers when calculating cost-of-living adjustments. **Senate Inactive File.**

Assembly Bill 399 (Havice) – Implements the retirement benefit enhancements contained in the Fringe Benefit Memoranda of Understanding negotiated between Los Angeles County and its employees. **Chapter 778, Statutes of 2001.**

Assembly Bill 417 (Cedillo) – Would extend provisions similar to those contained in the Public Safety Officers Procedural Bill of Rights Act to civilian employees of city police departments and to firefighters, paramedics, and emergency medical technicians. **Assembly Appropriations Committee.**

Assembly Bill 449 (Firebaugh) – Increases from 8 to 12 years the maximum amount of service credit a classified employee may receive while on an approved leave of absence serving as an elected officer of an employee organization. **Chapter 260, Statutes of 2001.**

Assembly Bill 492 (Oropeza) – Allows state employees, upon the approval of his or her supervisor or manager and pursuant to regulations adopted by the Department of Personnel Administration and applicable collective bargaining agreements, to receive full pay from the state while serving as a member of a precinct board on election day. **Chapter 780, Statutes of 2001.**

Assembly Bill 510 (Matthews) – Authorizes CalPERS contracting agencies with excess assets to request the transfer of those excess assets to a retiree health account established by the CalPERS Board for the purpose of providing retiree health benefits. **Chapter 781, Statutes of 2001.**

Assembly Bill 606 (Negrete McLeod) – Ratifies the Memorandum of Understanding between the state and State Bargaining Unit 7 (exclusively represented by the California Union of Safety Employees). **Chapter 363, Statutes of 2001.**

Assembly Bill 607 (Negrete McLeod) – Would increase the maximum age factor for a member of CalSTRS with 30 or more years of service from 2.4% to 2.6%. **Assembly Appropriations Committee.**

Assembly Bill 616 (Calderon) – Provides three additional retirement formulas that CalPERS local contracting agencies and '37 Act counties may provide their miscellaneous or general members. They include a 3% at age 60 formula, a 2.5% at age 55 formula, and a 2.7% at age 55 formula. **Chapter 782, Statutes of 2001.**

Assembly Bill 619 (Wayne) – Would require that state employees appointed to any state scientist class have at least a four-year degree in a scientific discipline from an accredited university. **Senate Inactive File.**

Assembly Bill 647 (Horton) – Expands provisions of the Reporting by Community College Employees of Improper Governmental Activities Act to authorize community college employees to file retaliation complaints with the State Personnel Board. **Chapter 416, Statutes of 2001.**

Assembly Bill 649 (Negrete McLeod) – Ratifies the Memoranda of Understanding between the state and State Bargaining Units 5 (represented exclusively by the California Association of Highway Patrolmen) and 8 (represented exclusively by the California Department of Forestry Firefighters). **Chapter 364, Statutes of 2001.**

Assembly Bill 651 (Horton) – Would require the Department of Personnel Administration and the State Personnel Board to conduct a review of the classifications of civil service employees who work at institutions or facilities where their duties involve regular contact with inmates or youthful offenders in adult or youth correctional facilities, patients in state mental facilities that house Penal Code offenders, or clients charged with a felony who are in a locked and controlled treatment facility of a developmental center and evaluate the extent to which these duties involve an increased risk to the employee. The Department would be required to submit a report to the Legislature no later than December 31, 2002. **Senate Appropriations Committee.**

Assembly Bill 657 (Rod Pacheco) – Would authorize CalPERS local agencies to include hazardous material personnel within the local safety member category. **Assembly Appropriations Committee.**

Assembly Bill 658 (Havice) – Would make Department of Motor Vehicle licensing registration examiners state safety members rather than miscellaneous members of CalPERS. **Assembly Appropriations Committee.**

Assembly Bill 736 (Oropeza) – Would ratify the Memorandum of Understanding between the state and State Bargaining Unit 9, the Professional Engineers in California Government. **Senate Public Employment and Retirement Committee.**

Assembly Bill 824 (Cohn) – Expands eligibility for the CalPERS long-term care program to include adult siblings of active or retired California public employees. **Chapter 185, Statutes of 2001.**

Assembly Bill 831 (Cardoza) – Would require the state to pay for any increases in health benefit premiums for state employees implemented between January 1, 2002 and July 2, 2002, and establishes a committee to explore and develop innovative health benefit cost containment concepts. **Assembly Appropriations Committee.**

Assembly Bill 867 (Cardoza) – Makes modifications in the San Luis Obispo and Stanislaus County retirement systems requested by those counties and provides additional clarifying language regarding the expenditure of certain additional funds appropriated by the 2001-02 Budget Act to the Sheriffs of the 37 smallest counties in California. **Chapter 784, Statutes of 2001.**

Assembly Bill 895 (Wiggins) – Implements the retirement benefit changes agreed to in a Memorandum of Understanding negotiated between the California State University (CSU) and the State University Police Association. The benefit changes include providing a 3% at age 50 retirement formula to CSU state peace officers/firefighters and increasing the retirement cap to 90% of the member's final compensation. **Chapter 785, Statutes of 2001.**

Assembly Bill 906 (Salinas) – Ratifies the Memoranda of Understanding between the state and State Bargaining Units (Units) 10 (represented exclusively by the California Association of Professional Scientists), 12 (represented exclusively by the International Union of Operating Engineers), 13 (represented exclusively by the International Union of Operating Engineers), 16 (represented exclusively by the Union of American Physicians and Dentists), 18 (represented exclusively by the California Association of Psychiatric Technicians), and 19 (represented exclusively by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees). **Chapter 365, Statutes of 2001.**

Assembly Bill 933 (Migden) – Appropriates funds for the Memoranda of Understanding between the state and nine of its employee bargaining units. **Chapter 366, Statutes of 2001.**

Assembly Bill 1035 (Hertzberg) – Would provide all state supervisory and managerial employees with a salary increase sufficient to ensure that each supervisor or manager is paid at a salary range that is at least 10% higher than the salary range of their highest paid subordinate. **Senate Appropriations Committee.**

Assembly Bill 1037 (Firebaugh) - Would require that the compensation of state attorneys be no less than the average total compensation of public sector attorneys, as specified. **Assembly Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security Committee.**

Assembly Bill 1071 (Canciamilla) – Allows the board of supervisors in '37 Act counties to modify the manner in which the annual cost-of-living adjustment is calculated. **Chapter 239, Statutes of 2001.**

Assembly Bill 1081 (Nation) – Would have allowed temporary faculty of the California State University (CSU) who work two consecutive semesters or three consecutive quarters at 40% of full-time or more to be members of CalPERS if agreed to through a memorandum of understanding (or by the CSU trustees for excluded employees). **Vetoed by the Governor.**

Assembly Bill 1082 (Nation) – Allows CalPERS contracting agencies to include park rangers, as specified, in the "county peace officers" local safety category. **Chapter 787, Statutes of 2001.**

Assembly Bill 1097 (Havice) – Would provide an unspecified, ad hoc increase in the monthly allowances of state members (or their survivors) of CalPERS who retired or died prior to January 1, 2000. **Assembly Appropriations Committee.**

Assembly Bill 1098 (Havice) – Would have allowed Los Angeles County to use the amounts identified for transfer to special districts rather than actual amounts transferred when calculating revenue exemptions under the Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund. As heard in the Assembly PER&SS Committee, this bill would have allowed '37 Act counties to increase the service retirement or non-service connected death benefit they provide to survivors of safety members from 60% to 80% of the member's unmodified retirement allowance. **Vetoed by the Governor.**

Assembly Bill 1099 (Havice) – Allows members of the Judges' Retirement System I and the Judges' Retirement System II (JRS I and II) to purchase retirement system service credit for time spent as a full-time subordinate judicial officer prior to becoming a judge; establish reciprocity, as specified, between the JRS I and II, CalPERS and '37 Act counties; allows a judge who elected an option at the time of retirement to revert to the unmodified allowance if the judge's spouse predeceases the judge; and, authorizes judges who are members of JRS I or II to participate in the Supplemental Contributions Program. **Chapter 433, Statutes of 2001.**

Assembly Bill 1110 (Pescetti) - Would have (1) extended the time period from 15 to 30 days during which a state employee absent without approved leave (AWOL) can file a request for reinstatement, (2) provided that an AWOL state employee subsequently reinstated would have received back pay and benefits for the period between the time the employee filed for reinstatement and the date of reinstatement, and (3) expanded the authority of the State Department of Personnel Administration to set aside an AWOL separation based on fraud, discrimination, or bad faith. **Vetoed by the Governor.**

Assembly Bill 1162 (Alquist) – Would increase from \$2,000 to \$5,000 the lump sum death benefit available to retired state and school members of CalPERS who retire on or before July 3, 2002, and whose death occurs on or after January 1, 2001. **Assembly Appropriations Committee.**

Assembly Bill 1184 (Oropeza) – Provides that no public employee shall be subject to punitive action, denied promotion, or be threatened with any such treatment because of a lawful action as an elected, appointed, or recognized representative of any employee bargaining unit. **Chapter 788, Statutes of 2001.**

Assembly Bill 1214 (Chavez) – Allows the Los Angeles County Employees' Retirement Association to adjust a member's retirement allowance by the actual amount of the Social Security benefit being received by the member rather than by an estimated amount. **Chapter 31, of 2001.**

Assembly Bill 1254 (Florez) - Would include local prosecutors, as defined, within the local safety member classification under CalPERS and within the safety member classification under the '37 Act. **Assembly Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security Committee.**

Assembly Bill 1281 (Cedillo) – Requires local agencies to recognize an employee organization as the exclusive representative of the employees in an appropriate unit based upon a signed petition, authorization cards, or union membership cards showing that a majority of the employees desire such recognition. **Chapter 790, Statutes of 2001.**

Assembly Bill 1337 (Cohn) – Establishes the right of the California Association of Highway Patrolman Health Benefits Trust, the Peace Officers Research Association of California Health Benefits Trust, and the California Correctional Peace Officer Association Health Benefits Trust to recover medical costs paid on behalf of a participant for injuries caused by third parties, through a lien that may be asserted against any recovery by the participant. **Chapter 851, Statutes of 2001.**

Assembly Bill 1357 (Wiggins) – Would expand provisions requiring contractors who enter into personal service contracts with the state to include employee benefits that are valued at least 85% of the state employer cost to also include wages and expands the definition of "benefits" to include holiday pay. **Assembly Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security Committee.**

Assembly Bill 1374 (Wiggins) – Provides that a leave of absence by a city, county or district firefighter will not be deemed to constitute or to reduce the time authorized for family care and medical leave. As heard in the Assembly PER&SS Committee, this bill would have enabled CalPERS local contracting agencies to amend their contracts at any time to require CalPERS to administer the benefits payable from that agency's previous local retirement system and clarified that family members who would have been eligible for coverage under the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act (PEMHCA), but were not enrolled at the time of the employee's death, are eligible to enroll for coverage under PEMHCA as an annuitant. **Chapter 791, Statutes of 2001.**

Assembly Bill 1502 (Rod Pacheco) – Would have provided a one-time permanent increase in the Special Death Benefit allowance paid to survivors of CalPERS members who died prior to age 50 and who would have been age 50 or older on or after January 1, 2001, and made various changes regarding reciprocity and rights of redeposit in public retirement systems. **Vetoed by the Governor.**

Assembly Bill 1554 (Hertzberg) – Would have repealed provisions in the Government Code which allow collective bargaining agreements to override the statutory formula, adjusted by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act, when determining the state's contribution to health benefits for its employees and annuitants. **Vetoed by the Governor.**

Assembly Bill 1563 (Aanestad) – Would authorize an employee organization representing supervisors of employees in State Bargaining Unit 6 (Correctional Peace Officers) to become the supervisors' exclusive representative for purposes of meeting and conferring with the state employer regarding wages, hours, benefits and working conditions. **Assembly Appropriations Committee.**

Assembly Bill 1614 (Washington) – Provides that the Office of Criminal Justice Planning may fund countywide Drug-Endangered Children programs in the Counties of Butte, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, and Shasta. As heard in the Assembly PER&SS Committee, this bill would have allowed part-time playground positions to be part of the classified service when the employee in the position also worked in the same school district in another classified position. **Chapter 853, Statutes of 2001.**

Assembly Bill 1630 (Cardenas) - Would ratify the Memorandum of Understanding between the state and State Bargaining Unit 19, Health and Social Service Professionals, exclusively represented by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees. **Senate Public Employment and Retirement Committee.**

Assembly Bill 1665 (Ashburn) – Allows retirees of '37 Act counties to elect an alternate member to represent them on the county's board of retirement when the elected member on that board is absent for any reason. **Chapter 168, Statutes of 2001.**

Assembly Bill 1682 (PER&SS) – Makes technical changes to '37 Act law to correct some of the age factors used to calculate service retirement benefits for safety members under the 2% at age 50 formula. **Chapter 32, Statutes of 2001.**

Assembly Bill 1683 (PER&SS) – Makes a variety of minor and technical changes to various sections of the Government Code relating to CalPERS. **Chapter 793, Statutes of 2001.**

Assembly Bill 1684 (PER&SS) - Would ratify the Memorandum of Understanding between the state and State Bargaining Unit 2, Attorney and Administrative Law Judges, exclusively represented by the California Attorneys, Administrative Law Judges and Hearing Officers in State Employment. **Senate Public Employment and Retirement Committee.**

Assembly Concurrent Resolution 55 (Migden) - Would urge CalPERS, in its capacity as a shareholder of specified pharmaceutical companies, to introduce a shareholder resolution to develop and implement a policy, as specified, to provide HIV and AIDS drug treatments to less developed countries. **Assembly Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security Committee.**

Assembly Concurrent Resolution 114 (Cardenas) – Would memorialize the Governor that the Department of Personnel Administration quickly conclude negotiations with all state employee bargaining units so that the Legislature may ratify the memoranda of understanding before recessing for the year. The resolution also resolves that the memoranda of understanding contain a fair and equitable economic package addressing recruitment and retention difficulties in California. **Senate Rules Committee.**

Assembly Joint Resolution 3 (Leonard) – Requests that the President and Congress enact legislation to repeal the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision from the Social Security Act. **Resolution Chapter 66, Statutes of 2001.**

Assembly Joint Resolution 6 (Canciamilla) – Would urge the President and Congress to enact legislation similar to last year's Retirement Security and Savings Act of 2000 (H.R. 1102) which would have raised contribution limits and expanded portability among various types of governmental plans. **Senate Public Employment and Retirement Committee.**

House Resolution 9 (Calderon) – Requires the Speaker's Office of Oversight to prepare and submit two reports to the Legislature by January 1, 2003. The first report would make recommendations regarding penalties that should be imposed on a state employee who knowingly gives false testimony to the Legislature. The second report would make recommendations regarding whether the California Whistleblower Protection Acts adequately encourage the reporting of corruption, illegalities, and incompetence in state service. **Assembly Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security Committee**

Senate Bill 54 (Polanco) – Makes various changes to the laws governing CalPERS that are needed in order to properly administer SB 400 (Ortiz), Chapter 555, Statutes of 1999. Additionally, the bill updates a cross-reference in a provision of the Open Meeting Act which was inadvertently superceded by AB 2889 (CPGE&ED Committee), Chapter 1005, Statutes of 2000. **Chapter 21, Statutes of 2001.**

Senate Bill 65 (Burton) - Would ratify the Memorandum of Understanding between the state and State Bargaining Unit 6, California Correctional Peace Officers Association. **Assembly Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security Committee**

Senate Bill 90 (Dunn) – Increases the retirement benefit limit for local safety members of CalPERS from 85% to 90% of final compensation. **Chapter 796, Statutes of 2001.**

Senate Bill 132 (Burton) – Would have established minimum monthly allowance amounts for retired members of CalPERS and their option beneficiaries and survivors, if the member retired prior to January 1, 2001, with at least 16 years of credited state service. **Vetoed by the Governor.**

Senate Bill 165 (O'Connell) – Allows members of CalPERS, who have at least five years of service credit and who become employed in service that requires membership in CalSTRS to elect to remain under CalPERS. **Chapter 77, Statutes of 2001.**

Senate Bill 181 (Dunn) – Changes the normal rate of contribution for state peace officer/firefighter members who are supervisors within the Department of Mental Health (DMH) from 8% of compensation in excess of \$238 to 8% of compensation in excess of \$863. Also revises legislative findings and declarations related to providing a minimum supervisory compensation differential to include state peace officer/firefighter supervisors within DMH. **Chapter 797, Statutes of 2001.**

Senate Bill 193 (Soto) – Would have established the Deferred Retirement Option Program as a supplemental benefit program in CalPERS for local safety members of CalPERS contracting agencies that elect to be subject to the program and for law enforcement members of '37 Act counties that choose to offer the program. **Vetoed by the Governor.**

Senate Bill 194 (Soto) – Would have made two of the death benefits currently available for state members of CalPERS available to surviving spouses of school members of CalPERS whose death occurs on or after January 1, 2002. **Vetoed by the Governor.**

Senate Bill 202 (Soto) – Requires local contracting agencies to pay the full post-retirement employer contribution for health benefits for annuitants who retired with 20 or more years of service credit with that employer when that agency elects to be subject to the health benefits vesting requirements contained in the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act. **Chapter 798, Statutes of 2001.**

Senate Bill 277 (Chesbro) – Would extend the Rural Health Care Equity Program subsidies to employees of the California State University. **Assembly Appropriations Committee.**

Senate Bill 304 (Karnette) - Exempts, in Los Angeles County only and only upon approval of the county board of supervisors, any assistant sheriff or a chief in a sheriff's office who is a safety member and whose primary duties are administrative from the mandatory retirement provisions contained in the '37 Act. **Chapter 33, Statutes of 2001.**

Senate Bill 334 (Ortiz) – Provides enhanced benefits to members of CalSTRS who retired for service and reinstate and perform at least two additional years of service before retiring again. **Chapter 800, Statutes of 2001.**

Senate Bill 361 (Soto) – Would have required '37 Act counties to grant a service-connected disability retirement to health care workers and other county employees as specified, if they develop a blood borne infectious disease. Also would have allowed the County of San Luis Obispo and the City and County of San Francisco to adopt a resolution making the disability retirement benefits available for their safety employees applicable to specified health care workers. **Vetoed by the Governor.**

Senate Bill 383 (Burton) – Would have provided binding arbitration for physicians and dentists employed by the County of Los Angeles and included safety police officers in the County of Los Angeles to the categories of law enforcement officers covered by binding arbitration. **Vetoed by the Governor.**

Senate Bill 413 (Speier) – Makes changes to the California Whistleblower Protection Act that provides protection to state employees who report improper governmental activities. **Chapter 883, Statutes of 2001.**

Senate Bill 499 (Soto) – Makes various minor changes to the laws governing CalSTRS and appropriates \$1 million dollars from the Teachers' Retirement Fund (TRF) for the administration of CalSTRS. **Chapter 802, Statutes of 2001.**

Senate Bill 501 (PE&R) – Makes various grammatical, technical and conforming changes to the Teachers' Retirement Law to facilitate efficient administration of CalSTRS. **Chapter 803, Statutes of 2001.**

Senate Bill 614 (Burton) – Makes several technical changes to the procedures that must be followed in implementing the fair share fee provisions of existing law. **Chapter 805, Statutes of 2001.**

Senate Bill 695 (Karnette) – Would allow local employers to include within the safety member classification officers and employees who are statutorily designated as peace officers. **Assembly Inactive File.**

Senate Bill 711 (Dunn) – Would ratify the Memoranda of Understanding between the state and State Bargaining Units (BUs) 5 (represented exclusively by the California Association of Highway Patrolmen) and 8 (represented exclusively by the California Department of Forestry Firefighters). **Assembly Floor.**

Senate Bill 728 (Ortiz) – Would ratify the Memoranda of Understanding negotiated between the state and State Bargaining Units 3, 4, 11, 14, 15, 17, 20 and 21, represented exclusively by the California State Employees Association. **Assembly Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security Committee.**

Senate Bill 795 (Torlakson) - Allows the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County to provide a supplemental retirement benefit to retired members of the system and their beneficiaries. **Chapter 67, Statutes of 2001.**

Senate Bill 1018 (Perata) – Would have allowed local agencies and counties to include local prosecutors, local public defenders, and local public defender investigators as safety members of the various retirement systems, thereby excluding them from Social Security coverage. **Vetoed by the Governor.**

Senate Bill 1022 (Soto and Burton) – Augments the State Budget Act of 2000 to pay 50% of specified state employees' health benefit premium increase during the period of January 1 to June 30, 2001. **Chapter 22, Statutes of 2001.**

Senate Bill 1023 (PE&R) – Appropriates \$15,674,000 to augment the state employee compensation item provided in the Budget Act of 2000. **Chapter 25, Statutes of 2001.**

Senate Bill 1024 (PE&R) - Would ratify the Memorandum of Understanding negotiated between the state and State Bargaining Unit 10, the California Association of Professional Scientists. **Assembly Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security Committee.**

Senate Bill 1049 (Speier) - Authorizes the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors to adopt a resolution providing domestic partners of San Mateo County employees the same survivor benefits now received by spouses of eligible county employees. **Chapter 146, Statutes of 2001.**

Senate Bill 1132 (Karnette) - Allows the retirement and investment boards of the Los Angeles County Employees' Retirement Association to classify specified senior management positions as "at will" positions, exempt from the county civil service system. **Chapter 120, Statutes of 2001.**

Senate Bill 1160 (Polanco) – Would have required that the salaries of state attorneys in State Bargaining Unit 2 be no less than the average salaries of public sector attorneys and that the salaries of state administrative law judges be not less than the salaries of state attorneys classified at a specified level. **Vetoed by the Governor.**

Senate Bill 1161 (Polanco) – Would establish a state policy that examination and employment information be broadly disseminated to all sectors of California's workforce and require the State Personnel Board to develop a system to require state agencies to disseminate state recruitment, examination, and employment information in accordance with that policy. **Assembly Appropriations Committee.**

Senate Bill 1180 (PE&R) - Includes Protection and Advocacy, Inc., within the definition of "contracting agency" under the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act (PEMHCA), allowing them to elect to provide health benefits coverage to their employees provided they obtain an opinion from the United States Department of Labor stating that the organization is an agency or instrumentality of the state. **Chapter 451, Statutes of 2001.**

Senate Bill 1213 (Romero) - Would ratify the Memorandum of Understanding negotiated between the state and State Bargaining Unit 18, the California Association of Psychiatric Technicians. **Assembly Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security Committee.**

Senate Bill 1215 (Escutia) – Would have required the Governor's appointments of members of the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board (Standards Board) to be subject to approval by the Senate and limits to 60 days the time after the expiration of a term of office that a Standards Board member may hold that office. As heard in the Assembly PER&SS Committee, this bill was authored by Senator Romero and would have made safety police officers and park rangers in Los Angeles County eligible for safety retirement. **Vetoed by the Governor.**

Senate Concurrent Resolution 15 (Soto) - Makes various statements regarding the rights of CalPERS retirees and the adequacy of the benefits they receive, and encourages the establishment of an appropriate system to annually determine a minimum standard of pension adequacy for these retirees. **Resolution Chapter 140, Statutes of 2001.**

Senate Concurrent Resolution 39 (Soto) - Provides for the establishment of a special panel, to be convened no later than September 15, 2001, to study the funding of pharmacy benefits, copayments, and other benefit structures of the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act. **Resolution Chapter 142, Statutes of 2001.**

Senate Concurrent Resolution 41 (Soto) - Requests that merit award payments, authorized by the Department of Personnel Administration, be made to specified individuals whose proposals have resulted in annual savings and net revenue gain to the state. **Resolution Chapter 143, Statutes of 2001.**

Senate Joint Resolution 4 (Soto) - Memorializes the President and the Congress of United State to enact legislation to eliminate the Government Pension Offset (GPO) and the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) from the Social Security Act. **Resolution Chapter 94, Statutes of 2001.**

Senate Joint Resolution 8 (Speier) - Requests the federal government to implement the principles regarding the social security system espoused by the Older Women's League and states that the California Legislature opposes privatizing Social Security. **Resolution Chapter 113, Statutes of 2001.**