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Assembly Bill 50 (Migden) - Increases the lump-sum death benefit for retired school members of the Public Employees' Retirement System from $600 to $2,000. Chapter 947, Statutes of 2000.

Assembly Bill 91 (Hertzberg) - Would have expanded the definition of public school employer or employer to include certain joint powers agencies for the purposes of collective bargaining. Vetoed by the Governor.

Assembly Bill 96 (Shelley) - Creates a new local membership classification within the Public Employees' Retirement System designated "local sheriff" to apply to specified employees of the sheriff's office in San Francisco County. Chapter 871, Statutes of 2000.

Assembly Bill 99 (Cedillo) - Establishes a new contract option for local contracting agencies of the Public Employees' Retirement System, allowing them to contract for a new 1959 Survivor Benefit program (Level 5) and closes several existing 1959 Survivor Benefit program options on a prospective basis. Chapter 801, Statutes of 1999.

Assembly Bill 107 (Knox) - Would have prohibited new or additional investments by the Public Employees' Retirement System and the State Teachers' Retirement System, on and after January 1, 2001, in tobacco companies and required a divestment of those existing investments by July 1, 2002. Failed passage in Assembly Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security Committee.

Assembly Bill 139 (Havice) - Ratifies the Memorandum of Understanding negotiated between the state and State Bargaining Unit 7, represented by the California Union of Safety Employees. Chapter 761, Statutes of 1999.

Assembly Bill 141 (Knox) - Extends for an additional half-year the current exemption from the earnings limitation for retired members of the State Teachers' Retirement System who are employed on an emergency basis to fill an administrative position. The additional half-year exemption is operative only from July 1, 1999 through December 31, 2000. Chapter 22, Statutes of 2000.

Assembly 167 (Honda) - Would have increased from 2% to 3% the annual cost-of-living adjustment applied to allowances of school employee members of the Public Employees' Retirement System. Died in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Assembly Bill 211 (Romero) - Expands the eligibility for health benefits coverage under the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act to certain part-time employees of the California State University. Chapter 12, Statutes of 2000.

Assembly Bill 227 (Wildman) - Would have provided for an ad hoc increase of between 1% and 5% to the monthly allowance of state members of the Public Employees' Retirement System who retired or died between January 1, 1981 and January 1, 1990. Died in Assembly Appropriations Committee.
Assembly Bill 232 (Alquist) - Allows surviving spouses of deceased members of local agencies that contract with the Public Employees' Retirement System for retirement benefits to retain their monthly death benefits upon remarriage, adjusts the state's contribution rates for retirement and retiree health benefits, and clarifies that once the benefits provided by SB 400 (Ortiz) are made applicable to excluded employees, that application is irrevocable. Chapter 800, Statutes of 1999.

Assembly Bill 240 (Honda) - Would have made an agency shop agreement applicable to the management, confidential and supervisory employees of local public agencies. Vetoed by the Governor.

Assembly Bill 266 (Longville) - Provides that members of the San Bernardino County Employees' Retirement Association with credit for 30 years of continuous service will not have retirement contributions deducted from their salaries, if approved by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors. Chapter 27, Statutes of 1999.

Assembly Bill 278 (Reyes) – Would have authorized the board of supervisors in Fresno County to adopt a 2.5% at age 50 formula for safety members and a 2.5% at age 55 formula for general members in that county. Vetoed by the Governor.

Assembly Bill 288 (Wesson) - Authorizes the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to elect to exclude specified cafeteria or flexible benefit plan contributions from the definition of "compensation" and "compensation earnable" for purposes of calculating retirement benefits for Los Angeles County employees. Chapter 7, Statutes of 1999.

Assembly Bill 311 (Honda) - Would have increased the number of members of the State Teachers' Retirement System Board members from 12 to 15 and required that three of those members be elected. Vetoed by the Governor.

Assembly Bill 316 (Machado) - Provides an optional alternative mechanism for pre-funding cost-of-living adjustments for retirees of the twenty counties that participate in the County Employees' Retirement Act of 1937. Chapter 39, Statutes of 1999.

Assembly Bill 334 (Pescetti) - Would have provided, beginning July 1, 2000 and annually thereafter, an automatic salary increase to state employees equal to change in the California Consumer Price Index, as specified. Bill not heard in Assembly Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security Committee at the request of the Author. Died.

Assembly Bill 335 (Mazzoni) - Extends the existing earnings limitation exemption for retired teachers who returned to the classroom as a result of the K-3 Class Size Reduction Program to include any current or future expansions of the class size reduction program. Chapter 40, Statutes of 1999.
Assembly Bill 345 (Vincent) - Would have created the California Workforce Investment and Economic Development Act of 1999, to enact the provisions of the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998. As heard in the Assembly PER&SS Committee, this bill would have permitted local agencies to provide medical benefits to former elected officials. Died in Senate Appropriations Committee.

Assembly Bill 350 (House) - Would have provided state employees with a 10% salary increase. Bill not heard in Assembly Public Employees' Retirement and Social Security Committee at the request of the Author. Died.

Assembly Bill 363 (Migden) - Would have increased the lump-sum death benefit for retired school employee members of the Public Employees' Retirement System from $600 to $5,000. Vetoed by the Governor.

Assembly Bill 364 (Cunneen) - Would have allowed surviving spouses of California Highway Patrol Officers who were killed in the line of duty on or after January 1, 1990 to receive both the death benefit provided by the Public Employees' Retirement System and the workers' compensation death benefit. Died in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Assembly Bill 366 (Scott) - Would have permitted annuitants and survivors who were eligible for health benefit coverage upon separation from employment, but not actually enrolled in the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act (PEMHCA), to enroll in the program at the time of retirement or during the annual open enrollment periods. Vetoed by the Governor.

Assembly Bill 378 (Steinberg) - Would have enabled school boards and their classified employee representatives in non merit school districts to agree to binding arbitration on discipline and termination matters. Vetoed by the Governor.

Assembly Bill 379 (Cardoza) - Would have provided that on January 1, 2000, state employees exempt from coverage under the Ralph C. Dills Act (supervisors and managers) would receive longevity pay equal to a percentage of the employee's gross monthly salary based on the employee's length of time in state service. The longevity pay would range from 1% after 17 years in state service to a maximum of 7% after 23 or more years in state service. Died in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Assembly Bill 419 (Firebaugh) - Would allow the Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) to establish a retroactive disability retirement effective date, up to nine months from the date of discontinuance of state service, when members were continuously disabled but failed to file a timely application for disability retirement benefits due to being physically or mentally incapacitated. Also would provide that CalPERS optional settlement one shall not be applicable to retirements that become effective on or after January 1, 2000. Additionally, would provide that, for CalPERS members retiring on or after January 1, 2000, any retirement contributions remaining at the time of their deaths, or their survivors' deaths, will be paid to the members'
beneficiaries or estates rather than reverting back to the Public Employees' Retirement Fund. **Chapter 346, Statutes of 2000.**

**Assembly Bill 428 (Correa)** - Would have increased the lump-sum death benefit for retired state members of the Public Employees' Retirement System from $2,000 to $5,000. **Vetoed by the Governor.**

**Assembly Bill 429 (Correa)** - Provides an ad hoc increase to retired members of the State Teachers' Retirement System of between 1% and 6% depending on the date the member retired. **Chapter 1027, Statutes of 2000.**

**Assembly Bill 439 (Pescetti)** - Permits Sacramento County (which participates in the County Employees' Retirement Act of 1937) and Santa Clara County (which is a contracting agency of the Public Employees' Retirement System) to offer safety membership to their county park rangers, as specified. **Chapter 482, Statutes of 2000.**

**Assembly Bill 448 (Floyd)** - Allows a contracting agency of the Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS), that prior to August 11, 1998, made a retirement formula applicable to a subgroup of employees in a member classification, to provide, pursuant to a memorandum of understanding, the same retirement formula to some or all of the other employees in the same member classification. Additionally, this bill provides that all development and administration costs of a CalPERS alternative retirement plan for part-time classified school employees will be paid by school employers and members as determined by CalPERS. Finally, this bill provides an optional 2% at age 55 retirement formula for counties participating in the County Employees' Retirement Act of 1937 that is identical to the CalPERS 2% at age 55 retirement formula. **Chapter 882, Statutes of 2000.**

**Assembly Bill 455 (Ashburn)** - Allows Kern County employees who became members of the county retirement system on or after January 1, 1994 and who retired on or after January 1, 1994 to apply a retirement enhancement that had been agreed to in negotiations between the County and employee groups. **Chapter 42, Statutes of 1999.**

**Assembly Bill 502 (Wildman)** – Would have revised the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act to permit an agency shop agreement between public agencies and recognized employee organizations to include management, confidential or supervisory employees. **Vetoed by the Governor.**

**Assembly Bill 553 (Cardenas)** - Revises the Department of Parks and Recreation concession contracting procedures giving them the authority granted to the State Architect and the Real Estate Services Division relative to their contracting process, as specified. **As heard in the Assembly PER&SS Committee,** this bill was authored by Assemblymember Strom-Martin and would have permitted employers to extend safety retirement to child protective services workers who provide protective service to children who are victims of criminal neglect or abandonment. It also would have required counties to develop, prior to September 1, 2000, a written plan to provide safe and secure

Assembly Bill 596 (Honda) - Authorizes members of the Public Employees' Retirement System to purchase up to three additional years of service credit for time served as a volunteer in the Peace Corps or Vista. Chapter 834, Statutes of 1999.

Assembly Bill 649 (Machado and Strom-Martin) - Makes several technical changes to Memoranda of Understanding negotiated between the state and various bargaining units for 1999-2001, and makes an appropriation to fully fund the employee compensation package negotiated between the state and its 21 bargaining units. Chapter 402, Statutes of 2000 (Item Veto).

Assembly Bill 674 (Wiggins) - Permits contractors to comply with provisions requiring them to include employee benefits when entering into personal service contracts to give cash payments to employees in lieu of benefits. Additionally, this bill permits the Department of General Services to adopt guidelines and regulations to implement these requirements. Chapter 895, Statutes of 2000.

Assembly Bill 684 (Honda) - Would have improved the annual cost-of-living adjustment for benefit recipients of the State Teachers' Retirement System from a 2% simple increase to a 2% compounded increase effective September 1, 2002. Died in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Assembly Bill 688 (Steinberg) – Would have required the employers contribution to the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act to include any increases in health benefits plan costs for each excluded state employee, as defined, payable from January 1, 2001, to July 2, 2001. Vetoed by the Governor.

Assembly Bill 731 (Wesson) - Allows county retirement systems and county treasurers to do business with banks and trust companies not within the state. Chapter 771, Statutes of 1999.

Assembly Bill 738 (Davis) - Ratifies the Memoranda of Understanding negotiated between the state and State Bargaining Units 20 and 21, represented by the California State Employees Association. Chapter 770, Statutes of 1999.

Assembly Bill 743 (Keeley) - Provides that supervisors of state employees represented by Bargaining Units 5 (California Highway Patrol Officers), 6 (correctional peace officers), and 8 (state firefighters) shall receive salary and benefits that are at least generally the economic equivalent to the salary and benefits granted to the employees they supervise. Chapter 792, Statutes of 1999.

Assembly Bill 799 (Keeley) - Authorizes Monterey County to provide enhanced pension benefits to sworn personnel in the sheriff's and district attorney's offices that are different
from the benefits provided to other county peace officers in Monterey County. Chapter 259, Statutes of 1999.

Assembly Bill 813 (Committee on PER&SS) - Makes a variety of minor and technical changes to the laws the Public Employees' Retirement System is charged with administering. Chapter 785, Statutes of 1999.

Assembly Bill 814 (Committee on PER&SS) - Allows a terminally ill member covered under the County Employees' Retirement Act of 1937, who is on an uncompensated leave of absence, to purchase, under specified conditions, up to 12 months of service credit without returning to active employment. Chapter 271, Statutes of 1999.

Assembly Bill 816 (Committee on PER&SS) - Makes a variety of minor and technical changes to the laws governing the State Teachers' Retirement System. Chapter 1025, Statutes of 2000.

Assembly Bill 817 (Committee on PER&SS) - Changes the state's contribution rate to the Legislators' Retirement System (LRS) from 18.81% to a rate established by the actuary for the Board of Administration of the Public Employees' Retirement System (Board) and approved annually by the Legislature in the Budget Act. Also authorizes the Board, in years when the state contribution rate is zero, to reduce the member contribution rate to the LRS. Chapter 897, Statutes of 1999.

Assembly Bill 819 (Committee on PER&SS) - Establishes a replacement benefit program for members of the State Teachers' Retirement System whose benefits exceed the limitation imposed by Section 415 of the Internal Revenue Code. Chapter 465, Statutes of 1999.

Assembly Bill 820 (Committee on PER&SS) - Makes the following changes to the law governing retirement benefits for teachers: 1) authorizes a member of the State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS), or his or her nonmember spouse, to redeposit a portion of previous refunded contributions; 2) allows a CalSTRS member to purchase a portion of creditable service that was previously excluded from coverage; 3) permits a retired CalSTRS member receiving an unmodified allowance to name a spouse as an option beneficiary; 4) permits a person to participate in the CalSTRS Cash Balance Benefit Program even if the person also works for an employer that does not offer that program; and, 5) permits a person who performs trustee service for a school district or community college district to elect to participate in the Cash Balance Benefit Program, if the district participates in that program. Chapter 1020, Statutes of 2000.

Assembly Bill 821 (Committee on PER&SS) - Changes the period to be used for computing final compensation for retirement benefits for members of the State Teachers' Retirement System with 25 or more years of service from the average of the three highest years' compensation to the highest compensation earnable by a member during a 12-month period. Chapter 1028, Statutes of 2000.
Assembly Bill 839 (Maldonado) - Ratifies the Memorandum of Understanding between the state and State Bargaining Unit 18, represented by the California Association of Psychiatric Technicians. Chapter 14, Statutes of 1999.

Assembly Bill 842 (Migden) - Would have required that all certificated and classified employees at a charter school be members of the collective bargaining unit of the school district where the charter is located. Died in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Assembly Bill 940 (Campbell) - Would have allowed any school district to use unpaid parent volunteers to perform landscaping, painting, and minor repairs not requiring special certification, and that do not cost more than $1,000 per job for materials and supplies, if the school board first adopts a resolution certifying certain conditions exist, as specified, and the appropriate collective bargaining representative agrees with the board's certification. Died in Senate Industrial Relations Committee.

Assembly Bill 947 (Lempert) - Authorizes the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors to adopt a resolution requiring that retirement benefits of county probation officers be calculated using the member's highest one year salary rather than an average of the three highest years' earnings. Chapter 116, Statutes of 1999.

Assembly Bill 1009 (Correa) - Increases from 75% to 80% the purchasing power protection provided to retirees of local contracting agencies of the Public Employees' Retirement System and restructures the funding of the benefit to ensure that the cost of the benefit will be paid for entirely by the retiree's former employer. Chapter 483, Statutes of 2000.

Assembly Bill 1013 (Scott) - Ratifies the Memoranda of Understanding negotiated between the state and State Bargaining Units 16 (Physicians, Dentists and Podiatrists), 17 (Registered Nurses), 18 (Psychiatric Technicians), and 19 (Health and Social Service Professionals). Chapter 446, Statutes of 1999.

Assembly Bill 1213 (Strom-Martin) - Would have allowed a member of the State Teachers' Retirement System who is age 55 or older to retire using a 2.4% age factor if the sum of the member's age plus years of credited service equals or exceeds 85. Died in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Assembly Bill 1294 (Firebaugh) - Would have allowed the State Teachers' Retirement System to offer home loans at below-market rates to certificated employees teaching in grades K-12 in "hard-to-staff schools". Bill not heard in Assembly Public Employees' Retirement and Social Security Committee at the request of the Author. Died.

Assembly Bill 1295 (Firebaugh) - Would have authorized the State Allocation Board to fund joint-use projects to construct libraries, multipurpose rooms, and gymnasiums at school sites where these facilities may be used jointly for school and community purposes. As heard in the Assembly PER&SS Committee, this bill would have exempted the Department of Personnel Administration from the Administrative Procedures Act
with respect to regulations that apply to non-represented state employees and state employees covered by a Memorandum of Understanding. Died in Senate Education Committee.

**Assembly Bill 1323 (Floyd)** - Provides that the retirement allowances of former legislative employees who took early retirement in January, February, or March 1991 shall be recalculated based on their highest average annual compensation during any 12-month consecutive period of employment. Chapter 296, Statutes of 1999.

**Assembly Bill 1333 (Bates)** - Would have revised the number, qualifications, and terms of members of the San Diego County employees' retirement board. The provision would have become operative only if ratified by a majority vote of the electors of San Diego County. Bill not heard in Assembly Public Employees' Retirement and Social Security Committee at the request of the Author. Died.

**Assembly Bill 1335 (Havice)** - Would have established for state employees covered under the Ralph C. Dills Act, a mediation and factfinding process that is similar to the process that currently exists for employees covered under the Educational Employment Relations Act and the Higher Education Employer-Employee Relations Act. Bill not heard in Assembly Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security Committee at the request of the Author. Died.

**Assembly Bill 1399 (Wayne)** - Prohibits supervisory state employees from being included in a demonstration project unless there are written agreements with respect to the project between the affected state agency and all verified supervisory employee organizations that represent supervisory employees covered by the demonstration project. Chapter 357, Statutes of 1999.

**Assembly Bill 1411 (Longville)** - Would have enacted the Firefighters Procedural Bill of Rights, which permits firefighters to engage in political activity and specifies due process standards for investigation and interrogations of firefighters that could lead to disciplinary action. Died in Senate Appropriations Committee.

**Assembly Bill 1412 (Wildman)** - Prohibits any state or local governmental employee from interfering with the right of any person to disclose an improper governmental activity to an investigating committee of the Legislature. Chapter 156, Statutes of 1999.

**Assembly Bill 1436 (Briggs)** - Would have prohibited a state agency from employing a male, age 18 to 26, who has not complied with the Selective Service Act. Died in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

**Assembly Bill 1483 (Granlund)** - Allows welfare fraud investigators and inspectors in San Bernardino County to be represented by a group composed entirely of other peace officers. Chapter 157, Statutes of 1999.
Assembly Bill 1488 (Machado) - Ratifies the Memoranda of Understanding between the state and State Bargaining Units 14 (Printing Trades) and 15 (Custodial Services). Chapter 912, Statutes of 1999.

Assembly Bill 1490 (Washington) - Would have allowed part-time playground positions to be part of the classified service when the employee in the position also works in the same school district in another classified position. Vetoed by the Governor.

Assembly Bill 1528 (Strom-Martin) - Increases the amount a state agency can spend for a memento for employees completing 25 or more years of state service and makes minor technical and clarifying changes to other provisions governing state employee benefits. Chapter 272, Statutes of 1999.

Assembly Bill 1639 (Committee on PER&SS) - Ratifies the Memorandum of Understanding between the state and State Bargaining Unit 8 (Firefighters). Chapter 926, Statutes of 1999.

Assembly Bill 1733 (Wildman) - Eliminates the current post-retirement earnings limitation for members of the State Teachers' Retirement System who first return to work more than one year after retirement and increases the current $19,650 limit to $22,000 for other retired members. Chapter 896, Statutes of 2000.

Assembly Bill 1736 (Ducheny) - Exempts from the current State Teachers' Retirement System post-retirement earnings limitation members who retired before July 1, 2000 and who are subsequently employed to provide direct remedial instruction in grades 2 through 12. Chapter 351, Statutes of 2000.

Assembly Bill 1780 (Washington) - Would have deleted the exemption in current law that prohibits part-time playground positions from classified service. Vetoed by the Governor.

Assembly Bill 1817 (Correa) - Requires counties that participate in the County Employees' Retirement Act of 1937 to grant a service-connected disability retirement to certain safety, firefighter, county probation officer, and active law enforcement employees if they develop a blood-borne infectious disease. Chapter 138, Statutes of 2000.

Assembly Bill 1829 (Correa) - Would have increased to $5,000 the lump sum death benefit for state and school member of the Public Employees' Retirement System who retire on or before July 3, 2001. Died in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Assembly Bill 1852 (Longville) - Prohibits a public agency from implementing a memorandum of understanding when it has reached impasse in collective bargaining and is not required to proceed to interest arbitration but permits implementation of the employer's last, best, and final offer. Chapter 316, Statutes of 2000.
Assembly Bill 1933 (Strom-Martin) - Increases the monthly retirement allowances for retired members of the State Teachers' Retirement System with 30 or more years of service credit, as follows: members with 30 years of service will receive an additional $200; members with 31 years of service will receive $300; and members with 32 or more years of service will receive an additional $400. Chapter 1029, Statutes of 2000.

Assembly Bill 1937 (Correa) - Allows local contracting agencies of the Public Employees' Retirement System to provide an ad hoc benefit allowance increase to their retired members or beneficiaries of 1% to 6% depending on the date of retirement. Additionally, the bill allows counties that participate in the County Employees' Retirement Act of 1937 ('37 Act), with approval of the county board of supervisors, to provide service retirement allowances to their safety members based on either a 3% at age 50 formula or a 3% at age 55 formula. Finally, the bill allows a '37 Act county, with approval of the county board of supervisors, to provide an ad hoc benefit allowance increase to their retired members or beneficiaries of 1% to 6% depending on the date of retirement. Chapter 237, Statutes of 2000.

Assembly Bill 1947 (Maldonado) - Specifies that welfare fraud and child support investigators and administrators in Santa Barbara County are ineligible for safety membership in the county retirement system unless and until the board of supervisors elect, by resolution adopted by a majority vote, to make these employees eligible. Chapter 379, Statutes of 2000.

Assembly Bill 1955 (Migden) - Creates the Extended Service Incentive Program to provide enhanced retirement benefits for judges who continue to serve past the time their Judges' Retirement System I benefits are maximized. Chapter 961, Statutes of 2000.

Assembly Bill 2019 (Wildman) - Would have required the Public Employees' Retirement System to provide state annuitants who retire on or before July 3, 2001, and their family members with vision care benefits comparable to those provided to active state employees. Died in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Assembly Bill 2030 (Correa) - Would have established the Deferred Retirement Option Program as a supplemental benefit program in the Public Employees' Retirement System for those local members whose employing agency elects to be subject to the program. Died in Senate Appropriations Committee.

Assembly Bill 2118 (Bock) - Would have required the State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of merging CalSTRS into the Public Employees' Retirement System. Died in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Assembly Bill 2176 (PER&SS Committee) - Authorizes the board of supervisors in any county that participates in the County Employees' Retirement Act of 1937 ('37 Act) to elect to discontinue deducting retirement contributions from any member who has 30 years of service credit. Additionally, this bill makes minor technical changes to the
cancer presumption provisions contained in '37 Act law. Finally, this bill allows '37 Act counties to provide specified retirees with an alternate supplemental increase to their allowance on a prefunded basis. Chapter 317, Statutes of 2000.

**Assembly Bill 2177 (PER&SS Committee)** - Clarifies and standardizes reporting of compensation and service for school employee members of the Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) and requires school employers to pay employer contributions in a timely manner. Additionally, this bill eliminates, prospectively, the Social Security offset for classified school employees who participate in the federal Social Security system. Finally, this bill includes within the scope of representation for California State University employees any retirement benefits currently available to state members of CalPERS. Chapter 1030, Statutes of 2000.

**Assembly Bill 2201 (Honda)** - Would have enacted the Teachers' Pension Equity Act to provide public school and community college educators with pensions that are equal to those now provided other state and school employees. Specifically, this bill would have:
1) Based retirement allowances for members of the State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) on the highest annual compensation earnable by a member during any 12-month period.
2) Required that effective September 1, 2003, the annual 2% Cost of Living Adjustment be compounded.
3) Made a variety of changes to the composition of the Teachers' Retirement Board, including requiring that six of the board members be elected by the members of the retirement system.
4) Provided a 2% at age 55 service retirement formula to CalSTRS members retiring on or after January 1, 2003.
5) Increased the current cap on the age factor with the career bonus from 2.4% to 2.5%.
6) Increased the current purchasing power protection level from 75% to 80%.

Died in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

**Assembly Bill 2269 (Aroner)** - Would have stated that the Department of Personnel Administration agreed to meet and confer on items in the provisions of law governing the Work and Family Fund during the bargaining process for the Memoranda of Understanding entered into for the 1999-2000 and 2000-01 fiscal years. Bill not heard in Assembly Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security Committee at the request of the Author. Died.

**Assembly Bill 2274 (Cedillo)** - Would have reduced the employee contribution rate for school members of the Public Employees' Retirement System from 7% to 5%. Died in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

**Assembly Bill 2285 (Florez)** - Authorizes certain public or private nonprofit corporations that operate rehabilitation facilities for the developmentally disabled to contract with the Public Employees' Retirement System for retirement or health coverage. Chapter 357, Statutes of 2000.
Assembly Bill 2291 (Florez) - Allows retirees of Kern County to elect an alternate member to represent them on the county's board of retirement when the elected retired member of the board is unable to attend a meeting for any reason. **Chapter 486, Statutes of 2000.**

Assembly Bill 2331 (Floyd) - Clarifies the number of days that can transpire between active membership in a retirement system operated under the County Employees' Retirement Act of 1937 ('37 Act) and other public retirement systems in order to qualify for reciprocity. Also this bill clarifies that reciprocity exists between the '37 Act retirement systems and any other public retirement system which has reciprocity with the Public Employees' Retirement System. Finally, this bill clarifies that under the Fair Labor Standards Act guidelines a firefighter's normally scheduled workweek is 56 hours, with three of those hours classified as "overtime" and deserving premium pay. **Chapter 966, Statutes of 2000.**

Assembly Bill 2338 (Floyd) - Would have allowed the City of Long Beach to provide a 2% at age 50 retirement formula to its miscellaneous members if it provides a 3% at age 50 formula to its safety members. Additionally, this bill requires local agencies that participate in the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act to pay the full employer contribution for annuitants who retire for disability or employees who have at least 20 years of service credit with the employer but retire from the state or other contracting agency. **Vetoed by the Governor.**

Assembly Bill 2350 (Floyd) - Would have included nonsupervisory employees of the Legislature as "state employees" for purposes of the Ralph C. Dills Act. **Died in Assembly Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security.**

Assembly Bill 2383 (Keeley) - Allows employees of local agencies, including school districts, that contract with the Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) who are employed part-time to participate in the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act. This bill also requires the State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) to report to the Legislature on a prescription drug program and a program to provide health benefits to retired members. Finally, this bill allows CalPERS, at the request of the Teachers' Retirement Board, to submit a proposal to administer a health benefits program for retired CalSTRS members and their dependents. **Chapter 874, Statutes of 2000.**

Assembly Bill 2456 (Wright) - Establishes the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) as a supplemental program for members of the Defined Benefit Program of the State Teachers' Retirement System. Additionally, this bill specifies that the Legislature reserves the right to modify the DROP to further the objective of permitting eligible members to receive a lump-sum distribution of a portion of their monthly benefits by taking a reduced monthly allowance. **Chapter 897, Statutes of 2000.**

Assembly Bill 2458 (Wesson) - Would have made criminalists and print analysts in the Department of Justice state safety members rather than miscellaneous members of the Public Employees' Retirement System. **Vetoed by the Governor.**
Assembly Bill 2463 (Wiggins) - Permits state and Public Employees' Retirement System contracting agency retirees and family members who were eligible for health benefits but did not enroll in the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act upon separation from service to enroll within 60 days of retirement or at any future open enrollment period. Chapter 904, Statutes of 2000.

Assembly Bill 2472 (Romero) - Establishes the Reporting by Public School Employees of Improper Governmental Activities Act and the Reporting by Community College Employees of Improper Governmental Activities Act, which provide protections to public school employees who report improper governmental activity. Chapter 531, Statutes of 2000.

Assembly Bill 2578 (Wesson) – Would have increased from 30 days to 60 days the current notification requirement that school districts must comply with prior to laying off classified school employees. Vetoed by the Governor.

Assembly Bill 2615 (Rod Pacheco) - Would have increased the special death benefit allowance provided to eligible survivors by the Public Employees' Retirement System to reflect increases in the salaries of active members employed in the same job classification as the deceased member was employed in prior to his/her death. Died in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Assembly Bill 2619 (Pescetti) - Would have required that a state employee who is reinstated after being separated for being absent without leave shall be paid salary for the period between the time the employee filed for reinstatement and the date of the reinstatement. Died in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Assembly Bill 2620 (Pescetti) - Would have provided that 911 dispatchers employed by a city of over 300,000 persons in Sacramento County would be considered local police officers for retirement purposes. Bill not heard in Assembly Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security Committee at the request of the Author. Died.

Assembly Bill 2621 (Rod Pacheco) - Eliminates the provision that ends payments to a child recipient of the Public Employees' Retirement System special death benefit when that child is adopted. Additionally, this bill increases the special death benefit allowance provided to eligible survivors when the compensation in increased for his or her final job classification and membership category. Chapter 1031, Statutes of 2000.

Assembly Bill 2642 (Calderon) – Would have allowed local contracting agencies of the Public Employees' Retirement System and counties that participate in the County Employees' Retirement Act of 1937 the option of providing a 2% at age 50 retirement formula to their miscellaneous and general members. Vetoed by the Governor.

Assembly Bill 2672 (Bock) - Would have stated that it is the intent of the Legislature that state employees be compensated financially for accepting responsibility for additional
work that would otherwise be required to be performed by a higher level employee. Died in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Assembly Bill 2691 (Corbett) - Allows classified employees in merit school districts and community college districts adopted prior to September 17, 1965, to elect whether or not they want to appoint personnel commissions in the same manner as those districts adopted after that date. Chapter 488, Statutes of 2000.

Assembly Bill 2700 (Lempert) - Makes all compensation received by a member of the State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) creditable and requires that contributions for service performed by a member in excess of one year of service credit per school year be placed in the Defined Benefit Supplement Program. Additionally, this bill reduces the General Fund contribution to CalSTRS from 3.102% to 2.017% of prior year payroll. Chapter 1021, Statutes of 2000.

Assembly Bill 2701 (Jackson) – Would have enacted privacy protections for state employees concerning the use of medical examinations in employment actions. Vetoed by the Governor.

Assembly Bill 2745 (Kaloogian) - Would have enacted the California State Investment Transparency and Disclosure Act which would encourage the Board of the Public Employees' Retirement System and the State Teachers' Retirement System not to invest in foreign companies that pose threats to national security. Died in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Assembly Bill 2823 (Cardoza) - Would have required the state to match up to 5% of an excluded state employees' contributions to a deferred compensation plan or tax-sheltered annuity. Died in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Assembly Bill 2839 (Firebaugh) - Would have provided a 2% at age 55 service retirement allowance for members of the State Teachers' Retirement System who retired on or after January 1, 2001. Died in Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Assembly Bill 2840 (PER&SS Committee) - Revises and simplifies the process for members of the Public Employees' Retirement System to purchase various forms of service credit. Chapter 489, Statutes of 2000.

Assembly Bill 2841 (PER&SS Committee) - Clarifies that overtime pay received by safety members of retirement systems operated under the County Employees' Retirement Act of 1937 is excluded from the total compensation used to determine retirement contributions. Chapter 203, Statutes of 2000.

Assembly Concurrent Resolution 135 (Wesson) - 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 122, Statutes of 2000.
Assembly Joint Resolution 9 (Correa) - Urges the President and Congress not to include mandatory Social Security coverage on noncovered state and local government employees. Resolution Chapter 40, Statutes of 1999.

Assembly Joint Resolution 60 (House) - Would have urged the President and Congress to use general taxes for general welfare matters and not moneys from the Social Security Trust Fund and to return to the Trust Fund, with reasonable interest, the outstanding $17 trillion borrowed from the Trust Fund by the federal government. Died in Senate Rules Committee.

House Resolution 34 (Steinberg) - Would have requested that the federal government look for ways to encourage individuals to invest for retirement as a supplement to the Social Security Program but not as a substitute for the core protections that Social Security provides. Assembly Inactive File. Died.

Senate Bill 105 (Burton) - Requires the Public Employees' Retirement System and the State Teachers' Retirement System to annually investigate the extent to which U.S. and international corporations operating in Northern Ireland, in which they have invested, adhere to the nondiscrimination MacBride Principles of fair employment. Chapter 341, Statutes of 1999.

Senate Bill 108 (Ortiz) - Ratifies the Memoranda of Understanding between the state and State Bargaining Unit 10, represented by the California Association of Professional Scientists, and Bargaining Units 1, 3, 4, 11, 14, 15, 17, 20, and 21, represented by the California State Employees' Association. Chapter 11, Statutes of 1999.


Senate Bill 159 (Johnston) - Requires the State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) to develop a program to provide health care benefits for its members, beneficiaries, children, and dependent parents, specifies that implementation of the health care benefits program developed by CalSTRS would require enactment of a subsequent statute, and appropriates $625,000 from the Teachers' Retirement Fund (TRF) to develop the health care benefit program. Chapter 740, Statutes of 1999.

Senate Bill 234 (Hughes) - Would have: 1) guaranteed that allowances of local contracting agency members of the Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) will be maintained at 80% of their original purchasing power and that allowances of state, university, and school members of CalPERS will be maintained at 75% of their original purchasing power; 2) provided an additional four years of service and an additional four years of age to any state member who serves 20 or more years as the Chief of the Legislative Counsel Bureau when the member retires on a service retirement; and, 3) increased from two years to five years the amount of service credit a CalPERS member...
can receive for time spent on a leave of absence for the purpose of service with a university, college, governmental agency or nonprofit organization. **Vetoed by the Governor.**

**Senate Bill 321 (Baca)** - Would have required the Department of Personnel Administration to conduct a study, and report its findings to the Legislature by March 1, 2000, that identifies the classifications in which state supervisors and managers are paid a salary that is less than 10% higher than the maximum step of the highest paid employee over which the supervisor or manager has authority. **Vetoed by the Governor.**

**Senate Bill 325 (Brulte)** - Would have allowed certain Governor appointees, who are excluded from membership in the Public Employees' Retirement System, to elect to participate in the State Peace Officers' and Firefighters' Defined Contribution Plan. **Died in Assembly Appropriations Committee.**

**Senate Bill 339 (Burton)** - Appropriates $601,220,000, for expenditure in the 1999-2000 fiscal year as scheduled, to fund the salary increases provided in the Memoranda of Understanding reached between the state and State Bargaining Units 1 through 21. **Chapter 776, Statutes of 1999.**

**Senate Bill 339 (Burton)** - Appropriates $601,220,000, for expenditure in the 1999-2000 fiscal year as scheduled, to fund the salary increases provided in the Memoranda of Understanding reached between the state and State Bargaining Units 1 through 21. **Chapter 776, Statutes of 1999.**

**Senate Bill 358 (Ortiz)** – Would have prohibited the number of short-term employees in the classified service from exceeding 20% of the school district's or community college district's total classified workforce. Additionally, this bill would have required that prior to hiring a short-term employee, the governing board of the school or community college district is required to specify the service to be performed by the employee and to certify the ending date of the service. **Vetoed by the Governor.**

**Senate Bill 360 (Solis)** – Would have required that before employing a short-term employee, the governing board of the school or community college district is required to specify the service required to be performed by the employee and certify the estimated ending date of the service. **Vetoed by the Governor.**

**Senate Bill 373 (Rainey)** - Would have provided that certain animal service officers in Contra Costa County would become safety members of the county retirement system. **Vetoed by the Governor.**

**Senate Bill 397 (Ortiz)** - Allows contracting public agencies of the Public Employees' Retirement System to offer up to two years of additional service credit (Golden Handshake) to retiring members who meet the established eligibility requirements (i.e., at least five years of service and age 50). **Chapter 684, Statutes of 1999.**

**Senate Bill 399 (Ortiz)** - Ratifies the Memoranda of Understanding between the state and State Bargaining Units 1 (Administrative, Financial and Staff Services), 3 (Education and Library), 4 (Office and Allied), and 11 (Engineering and Scientific Technician) all represented by the California State Employees Association. **Chapter 630, Statutes of 1999.**
**Senate Bill 400 (Ortiz)** - Makes various improvements in the benefits provided to state and school members of the Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS). Specifically, this bill:

1) Provides a new retirement formula (2% at 55) for state miscellaneous, state industrial, university and school classified employees.

2) Provides a new retirement formula (3% at 50) for the California Highway Patrol members. Also makes this new formula available to local contracting agencies as a contract option.

3) Provides a new retirement formula (3% at 55) for Peace Officer/Firefighter members. Also makes this new formula available to local contracting agencies as a contract option.

4) Provides a new retirement formula (2.5% at 55) for state safety members.

5) Provides one-year final compensation to school classified members.

6) Establishes the improved First Tier Plan as the default plan for state employees and allows current state employees in the Second Tier to opt into First Tier. State employees will also be able to improve their Second Tier service to First Tier service by paying the employee contributions they would have paid, plus interest.

7) Provides an ad hoc retirement benefit increase to state and school retirees of 1% to 6% depending on the date of retirement. Those people who retired in 1997 would get the 1% increase, with the benefit increasing to 6% for those who retired in 1974 and before.

8) Improves benefits for survivors of state and school employees who are not covered by Social Security by creating a new fifth level 1959 Survivor Benefit.

9) Reclassifies Sergeant-at-Arms employed by the Assembly and Senate from miscellaneous members to peace officer/firefighter members for retirement purposes.

10) Specifies that none of SB 400 will become effective if the CalPERS Board does not value state and school assets at 95% of market value rather than the current 90% and doesn't shorten the amortization period to 20 years.

**Chapter 555, Statutes of 1999**

**Senate Bill 401 (Ortiz)** - Ratifies the Memoranda of Understanding between the state and State Bargaining Units 2 (Attorney and Administrative Law Judges), represented by the Association of California State Attorneys, 9 (Professional Engineers), represented by the Professional Engineers in State Government, 10 (Professional Scientific), represented by the California Association of Professional Scientists, 12 (Craft and Maintenance), represented by the International Union of Operating Engineers and 13 (Stationary Engineer), represented by the International Union of Operating Engineers. **Chapter 457, Statutes of 1999.**

**Senate Bill 402 (Burton)** - Provides final and binding arbitration of disputes regarding monetary issues within the scope of arbitration between any local agency employer in California and employee organizations representing its firefighters or law enforcement employees. **Chapter 906, Statutes of 2000.**
Senate Bill 412 (Burton) - Ratifies the Memorandum of Understanding between the state and State Bargaining Unit 7, represented by the California Union of Safety Employees. Chapter 4, Statutes of 1999.

Senate Bill 437 (Rainey) - Prospectively restores benefits to the surviving spouse of a deceased State Teachers' Retirement System member, if the surviving spouse lost entitlement to survivor benefits due to remarriage prior to October 16, 1992. Chapter 432, Statutes of 1999.

Senate Bill 477 (Brulte) - Would have provided state excluded employees (i.e., supervisors and managers) with a 4% salary increase retroactive to July 1, 1999, and an additional 4% increase as of July 1, 2000. Vetoed by the Governor.

Senate Bill 514 (Chesbro) - Creates the Rural Health Care Equity Trust Fund (RHCETF) to be used to provide subsidies and reimbursements for various health care costs incurred by state employees and annuitants that live in rural areas. The provisions of this bill sunset January 1, 2005, or an earlier date if the Board of Administration of the Public Employees Retirement System (Board) determines that HMO's are no longer the most cost effective health care plans offered by the Board. Chapter 743, Statutes of 1999.

Senate Bill 522 (Wright) - Makes various changes to the Public Employees' Retirement System's Supplemental Contributions Program to insure that it operates as a separate defined contribution plan, permits more frequent valuation and crediting of earnings to participant accounts, provides the structure necessary to improve customer service, and provides that the participants' earnings continue to be tax-deferred through compliance with federal law. Chapter 307, Statutes of 1999.

Senate Bill 528 (Burton) - Would have made various changes to the laws the Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) is charged with administering. The majority of the changes are made necessary by the enactment of SB 400 (Ortiz) of 1999. However, this bill would have also done the following:

1) Allowed a member of the Legislators' Retirement System (LRS) who is under age 60 but has 14 or more years of service to retire. The member would receive a lifetime allowance equal to the retirement allowance he or she would have received at age 60 reduced by 2% for each year the member is less than age 60.

2) Specified that the current restriction limiting the benefits for retired LRS members serving in a salaried public office position to a retirement formula calculated using a salary of $500, does not apply to any member or retired member of the LRS whose final term in office ended during or after 1980.

3) Authorized the CalPERS board member who is an elected official of a contracting agency to designate a deputy to act in his or her place on the board.

4) Provided an additional four years of service and an additional four years of age to any state member of CalPERS who serves 20 or more years as the Chief of the Legislative Counsel Bureau when the member retires on a service retirement.
5) Allowed CalPERS members to receive more than two years of service credit for each approved leave of absence for the purpose of service with a university, college, governmental agency or nonprofit organization.

6) Allowed a person directly appointed by the Governor, Attorney General, Lieutenant Governor, Controller, Secretary of State, Treasurer, or Superintendent of Public Instruction who is exempt from civil service to purchase service credit in CalPERS for service rendered to any California nonprofit corporation that serves state and local firefighters.

Vetoed by the Governor.

Senate Bill 558 (Baca) - Provides that counties operating retirement systems under the County Employees' Retirement Law of 1937 shall grant a service-connected disability retirement to certain safety, firefighter, and active law enforcement employees if they develop cancer. **Chapter 160, Statutes of 1999.**

Senate Bill 583 (Baca) - Authorizes the Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) to establish "risk pools" for contracting local agencies and school districts and allows CalPERS members to participate in employer-sponsored supplemental defined benefit plans. **Chapter 474, Statutes of 1999.**

Senate Bill 609 (Burton) - Ratifies the Memoranda of Understanding between the state and State Bargaining Units 12 (Craft and Maintenance) and 13 (Stationary Engineers). **Chapter 5, Statutes of 1999.**

Senate Bill 615 (Burton) - Ratifies the Memoranda of Understanding between the state and State Bargaining Unit (BU) 5 (Highway Patrol) represented by the California Association of Highway Patrolmen and BU 6 (Corrections) represented by the California Correctional Peace Officers Association. **Chapter 778, Statutes of 1999.**

Senate Bill 670 (Rainey) - Provides that the optional survivor benefits for members of a retirement system operating under the County Employees' Retirement Act of 1937 may be adopted by a majority vote of the county board of retirement, rather than a majority vote of the county board of supervisors. **Chapter 161, Statutes of 1999.**

Senate Bill 683 (Perata) - Makes various changes to the Ralph C. Dills Act to provide protections for state employees and their exclusive representatives when collective bargaining contracts expire. Specifically, this bill requires the parties to an expired collective bargaining agreement to continue to abide by the provisions of an expired Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), including but not limited to, arbitration, fair share fee, and no strike provisions, if a new MOU has not been agreed to by the parties. Additionally, this allows a state employer, if an impasse has been reached, to implement its last, best, and final offer, or otherwise applicable provisions of the Dills Act, whichever is more beneficial to the employees, as specified. **Chapter 879, Statutes of 2000.**
**Senate Bill 713 (Burton)** - Establishes a minimum annual allowance for retired members of the State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) of $15,000 for those members with 20 years of credited service and increases that amount incrementally per year of service to a maximum of $20,000 for those members with 30 years or more of credited service. Requires that the minimum annual allowance payments be paid by CalSTRS beginning July 1, 2000, and appropriates $750,000 from the Teachers' Retirement Fund to pay for the administrative costs of implementing the provisions of the bill. *Chapter 632, Statutes of 1999.*

**Senate Bill 739 (Solis)** - Revises the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act (MMBA), the bargaining and employee relations law governing cities, counties and special districts in California. Specifically, this bill transfers jurisdiction for the resolution of unfair labor practice charges and representation disputes under the MMBA to the Public Employment Relations Board. Additionally, this bill authorizes an agency shop agreement to take effect either through a negotiated agreement between a public agency and a recognized employee organization or without a negotiated agreement if a petition is signed by 30% of the employees in the applicable bargaining unit and the agency shop agreement is approved by a majority of the employees. Finally, this bill applies the petition procedures to the rescission of agency shop agreements, and repeals existing limitations on the duration of agency shop fee agreements, authorizing agency fee deductions indefinitely beyond the expiration of collective bargaining agreements. *Chapter 901, Statutes of 2000.*

**Senate Bill 800 (Dunn)** - Increases the retirement benefit limit for local safety members of the Public Employees' Retirement System from 75% to 85% of final compensation for members who retire on and after January 1, 2000. *Chapter 633, Statutes of 1999.*

**Senate Bill 833 (Ortiz)** - Would have allowed members of the State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS) who retired in 1998, or received their first check in 1998, to have their retirement allowance recalculated to reflect the benefit enhancements currently available to members who retired after January 1, 1999. Additionally, the bill would have provided that a CalSTRS member who retired before January 1, 1998, but reinstates to active service for at least one year, and subsequently retires with more than 30 years of service shall receive a retirement allowance that reflects the "career bonus" enhancement of .2%. *Vetoed by the Governor.*

**Senate Bill 857 (Peace)** - Enables former spouses of retired members of the Judges' Retirement System to receive a lifetime benefit if the divorce or legal separation occurs after retirement, and to designate a beneficiary to receive any unpaid allowance payable at the time of his or her death. Additionally, this bill makes those benefits available prospectively to a former spouse of a judge who retired or died prior to January 1, 2001, if the former spouse notifies the system prior to January 1, 2002. *Chapter 998, Statutes of 2000.*

**Senate Bill 868 (Wright)** - Makes additions and clarifies existing law regarding the Office of the Inspector General. *Chapter 918, Statutes of 1999.*
**Senate Bill 951 (Hayden)** - Renames the existing statute providing protections to state employees, including employees of the California State University and the University of California, who report improper governmental activities as the "California Whistleblower Protections Act", enhances those statutory protections, aligns these statutes with federal "whistleblower" statutes and makes related legislative findings and declarations. **Chapter 673, Statutes of 1999.**

**Senate Bill 976 (Perata)** - Makes a variety of changes to the benefits available to retired judges under the Judges' Retirement Law and the Judges' Retirement System II Law, including the application of retirement allowance reductions as a result of employment, allowing specified judges on disability to seek public office without a cessation of benefits, providing a pre-retirement death benefit for the surviving spouse of a judge, and providing a cost-of-living adjustment for specified judges receiving a disability retirement allowance. **Chapter 671, Statutes of 1999.**

**Senate Bill 1073 (Committee on PE&R)** - Makes a variety of changes to clarify the State Civil Service Act and related laws. **Chapter 310, Statutes of 1999.**

**Senate Bill 1074 (Committee on PE&R)** - Makes various technical and conforming changes to the Teachers' Retirement Law. Specifically, this bill codifies existing State Teachers' Retirement System regulations, provides consistency in reporting deadlines, clarifies that the service credit segregated into a non-member ex-spouse's account will be used when determining eligibility for the career bonus, specifies that nonqualified service (air-time) purchased after January 1, 2000 will not be included when calculating the career bonus, and makes other technical and conforming changes to the Teachers' Retirement Law. **Chapter 939, Statutes of 1999.**

**Senate Bill 1273 (Burton)** - Ratifies the Memoranda of Understanding between the state and State Bargaining Units 2, represented by the Association of California State Attorneys, and 9, represented by the Professional Engineers in California Government. **Chapter 13, Statutes of 1999.**

**Senate Bill 1378 (Brulte)** – Would have required that all state supervisory and managerial employees be paid at a salary range that is higher than the salary range of the highest paid subordinate over which the supervisor or manager has authority. **Vetoed by the Governor.**

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**Senate Bill 1396 (Burton)** - Returns the excess Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund revenues to local agencies in Marin County. **As heard in the Assembly PER&SS Committee**, this bill was authored by Senator Alpert and would have permitted the San
Diego County Superintendent of Schools, which is a local contracting agency of the Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS), to provide the same 2% at age 55 retirement formula to its active employees and the 1% to 6% ad hoc retirement benefit increase to their retired employees that was provided to state and school members of CalPERS by SB 400 (Ortiz), Chapter 555, Statutes of 1999. Chapter 611, Statutes of 2000.

Senate Bill 1410 (Speier) – Would have authorized the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors to adopt resolutions providing various improvements to the retirement benefits of county employees. Specifically, this bill would have allowed all service rendered by county employees in the San Mateo County retirement system be included in the calculation of retirement allowances under the 2% at age 55 ½ formula. Additionally, this bill would have allowed domestic partners of San Mateo county employees to be eligible for the same survivor benefits received by spouses of county employees if the member and the member's domestic partner have a current Affidavit of Domestic Partnership on file with San Mateo County for at least one year prior to the member's retirement or death before retirement. Vetoed by the Governor.

Senate Bill 1435 (Johnston) - Requires the State Teachers' Retirement System to pay the premium of Medicare Part A for specified retired members of the Defined Benefit Program, effective July 1, 2001. Chapter 1032, Statutes of 2000.

Senate Bill 1505 (Burton) - Expands eligibility for the minimum guaranteed allowance enacted last year in SB 713 (Burton), Chapter 632, Statutes of 1999, that is paid to retired members of the State Teachers' Retirement System to include retired members who:
1) Retired before age 55;
2) Retired as an inactive member;
3) Retired by March 21, 1974 and had 19.5 years of service;
4) Retired on or after March 21, 1974 and had sufficient unused sick leave to have a total of 20 years of service; or,
5) Were disabled prior to retirement, but would have had at least 20 years of service had they worked to age 60.
Chapter 1026, Statutes of 2000.

Senate Bill 1638 (Burton) – Would have established minimum monthly allowance amounts for retired members of the Public Employees' Retirement System and their option beneficiaries and survivors, if the member retired prior to January 1, 2001, with at least 10 years of credited state service. Vetoed by the Governor.

Senate Bill 1640 (Burton) - Allows the Board of Supervisors of Marin County to meet and confer with the appropriate recognized employee organization to attempt to reach agreement on any conditions to be required of employees or the employee organization seeking to have safety status made applicable to probation officers and specified juvenile hall or juvenile home group counselors and group supervisors. Chapter 172, Statutes of 2000
Senate Bill 1692 (Ortiz) – Would have provided enhanced retirement benefits, as specified, to members of the State Teachers’ Retirement System who retire for service and reinstate and perform at least one additional year of service before retiring again. Vetoed by the Governor.

Senate Bill 1694 (Ortiz) - Allows members of the State Teachers’ Retirement System (CalSTRS) who become employed by the state in a bargaining unit that represents educational employees, as specified, or that supervises or manages such employees, to remain in CalSTRS, and allows state members of the Public Employees’ Retirement System (CalPERS) employed by the State Department of Education who are subsequently employed in service that requires membership in CalSTRS to remain in CalPERS. Chapter 880, Statutes of 2000.

Senate Bill 1695 (Ortiz) - Allows contracting agencies of the Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) the option of providing an alternate pre-retirement death benefit to their local firefighter members who have 20 or more years of CalPERS covered service. Chapter 855, Statutes of 2000.

Senate Bill 1696 (Ortiz) – Allows a board of supervisors or a governing board of a district in county participating in the County Employees’ Retirement Act of 1937 the option of applying an improved benefit formula to service credit earned prior to the adoption of the formula. Chapter 495, Statutes of 2000.

Senate Bill 1763 (O’Connell) – Would have allowed legislative employees, as specified, to request a deferred or promotional civil service examination under certain conditions. Vetoed by the Governor.

Senate Bill 1812 (O’Connell) - Would have made a clarifying word change in the law relating to California Highway Patrol compensation by substituting the word "employees" with "officers". Bill not heard in Assembly Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security Committee at the request of the Author. Died.

Senate Bill 1880 (Sher) – Would have required the Public Employees' Retirement System in consultation with the Department of Health Services to contract for a study to determine the feasibility of aggregating the purchase of prescription drugs, and to ensure access to all programs by licensed pharmacies, for various groups, as specified. Vetoed by the Governor.

Senate Bill 1910 (Dunn) - States that a supervisory compensation differential is necessary to compensate state peace officer/firefighter members who are supervisors within the Youth and Adult Correctional Agency. This bill also changes, beginning May 1, 2001, the normal rate of contribution for retirement for state peace officer/firefighter members who are supervisors within the Youth and Adult Correctional Agency from 8% of compensation in excess of $238 to 8% of compensation in excess of $863. Additionally, this bill requires the Department of Personnel Administration to report to the Legislature, on or before March 31, 2001, on the adjustments necessary to eliminate
or reduce remaining compaction in the correction workforce in the Budget Act of 2001. Finally, this bill appropriates $500,000 from the General Fund to implement the provisions of the bill. **Chapter 902, Statutes of 2000.**

**Senate Bill 1928 (Haynes)** – Would have required the Public Employees’ Retirement System and the State Teachers’ Retirement System to report to the Legislature on the extent to which they are invested in foreign companies that pose threats to national security, and encourages the boards of these pension funds not to invest in those companies. **Died in Assembly Appropriations Committee.**

**Senate Bill 1960 (Burton)** - Requires the implementation of a mandatory "fair share" or "agency shop" fee for all public school and community college employees who are members of a bargaining unit. This bill also amends a similar statute relative to the University of California and the California State University to require that the Public Employment Relations Board bear the costs of conducting an election to rescind the organizational security arrangement. **Chapter 893, Statutes of 2000.**

**Senate Bill 1998 (PE&R)** - Makes a variety to minor and technical changes to the Government Code sections relating to the Public Employees’ Retirement System. **Chapter 1002, Statutes of 2000.**

**Senate Bill 2008 (Solis)** - Specifies that if a member of a retirement system operated under the County Employees' Retirement Act of 1937 ('37 Act), who is eligible for a disability retirement, dies of a job-related injury or disease, the survivor would have the choice of receiving either the current optional death allowance or an allowance equal to the monthly disability retirement allowance the member would have received. Additionally, this bill provides that upon the death of a '37 Act retiree or survivor, any allowance earned but unpaid will be paid to the designated beneficiary. **Chapter 497, Statutes of 2000.**

**Senate Bill 2025 (Burton)** - Amends the State Civil Service Act, as it applies to the employment of disabled persons, to provide the same definitions of specified terms as are set forth in the Fair Employment and Housing Act and clarifies who bears responsibility for costs and/or attorney’s fees in writ of mandate proceedings inquiring into the validity of any final administrative order or decision by the State Personnel Board. **Chapter 1048, Statutes of 2000.**

**Senate Bill 2122 (Ortiz)** - Authorizes and encourages the Public Employees' Retirement System and the State Teachers' Retirement System to cooperate and share information that may assist each agency in developing appropriate investment strategies. **Chapter 320, Statutes of 2000.**

**Senate Concurrent Resolution 15 (Ortiz)** - Requests that additional merit award payments, authorized by the State Department of Personnel Administration, be made to specified individuals whose proposals have resulted in annual savings and new revenue gain to the state. **Resolution Chapter 85, Statutes of 1999.**