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Room 120, State Capitol

MINUTES

Call to order:

Chair Her called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Commission Members Present:

Representatives Berg, Cha, Her, Nadeau, Nelson, O'Driscoll, Wolgamott
Senators Frentz, Nelson, Pappas, Rasmusson, Seeberger, Westlin

Commission Member Absent:

Senator Howe

Agenda Items

Approval of meeting minutes

Sen. Pappas moved approval of the February 26, 2024, meeting minutes. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

HFxxxx; SF4424 (Pappas): MSRS Correctional; Adding positions to the positions eligible for coverage; purchase of past service credit.

Sen. Pappas moved SF4424 be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

Sen. Pappas moved Amendment S4424-2A. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

Sean Kelly, Deputy Director, Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement (LCPR), reviewed the staff summary of the bill.

Ethan Vogel, Legislative Director, AFSCME Council 5, testified in support of the bill.

Megan Peterson, Cook, Minnesota Sex Offender Program Moose Lake, testified in support of the bill.

Erin Leonard, Executive Director, Minnesota State Retirement System (MSRS), testified that MSRS is neutral on these types of bills and noted they calculated a rough estimate for 30 people, and the cost would range from \$600 to \$66,000; they were able to calculate for eight employees, with an employee average cost of \$11,000 and an employer average cost of \$30,000.

Cindy Junger, Department of Human Services (DHS), reviewed the process for adding to the positions eligible for Correctional Plan coverage.

Chair Her laid SF4424, as amended, over for possible inclusion in the omnibus pension and retirement bill.

HF 3930 (Frederick); SF 3761 (Frentz): MSRS Correctional; Adding "music therapist" to the positions eligible for coverage; purchase of past service credit.

Chair Her moved HF3930/SF3761 be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

Mr. Kelly reviewed the staff summary of HF3930/SF3761.

Tanner Fritsinger, Political Coordinator, Minnesota Association of Professional Employees, testified in support of the bill.

Ava Olin, Music Therapist-Board Certified, testified in support of the bill.

Ms. Leonard testified that MSRS is neutral on these types of bills and noted the cost to the employee would be \$11,503 and the cost to the employer would be \$33,835 if purchase is made by August 1.

Ms. Junger reviewed the process for adding to the positions eligible for Correctional Plan coverage.

Chair Her laid HF3930/SF3761 over for possible inclusion in the omnibus pension and retirement bill.

HF 4248 (Moller); SF xxxx: Secure Choice Retirement Program; Permitting home and community- based services employees to participate in the program.

Chair Her moved HF4248 be recommended to pass and be incorporated in the omnibus bill.

Sen. Pappas moved Amendment H4248-1A. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

Susan Lenczewski, Executive Director, LCPR, reviewed the staff summary of HF4248.

Ms. Lynn McDonald testified in support of the bill.

A letter of support was received from The Arc Minnesota, Minnesota Disability Law Center, and the Legal Services Advocacy Project.

Chair Her moved HF4248, as amended, be recommended to pass and be incorporated in the omnibus pension and retirement bill. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF 4270 (Becker- Finn); SF 4319 (Pappas): Secure Choice; Modifying requirements applicable to the board of directors; authorizing the appointment of an interim executive director; making technical corrections.

Sen. Pappas moved HF4270/SF4319 be recommended to pass and be incorporated into the omnibus bill.

Ms. Lenczewski reviewed the staff summary of HF4270/SF4319.

Sen Pappas moved HF4270/SF4319 be recommended to pass and be incorporated into the omnibus pension and retirement bill. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.