

1.1 Senator ..... moves to amend SS4643R as follows:

1.2 Page 140, after line 16, insert:

1.3 **"ARTICLE 13**

1.4 **WORK GROUP ON PENSION FORFEITURE FOR FELONY CONVICTION**

1.5 Section 1. **WORK GROUP ON PENSION FORFEITURE FOR FELONY**  
1.6 **CONVICTION.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Work group established; purpose.** The executive director of the  
1.8 Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement (Commission executive director) must  
1.9 convene a work group for the purpose of:

1.10 (1) considering whether legislation is needed to amend applicable Minnesota statutes to  
1.11 require forfeiture of the pension benefit of a member of any covered plan, as defined in  
1.12 Minnesota statutes, section 356.30, if the member is convicted of a felony; and

1.13 (2) if the work group determines legislation is needed, recommending legislation that  
1.14 amends applicable statutes to implement the work group's determination.

1.15 Subd. 2. **Scope.** In addition to fulfilling the purpose described in subdivision 1, if the  
1.16 work group determines legislation is necessary, the work group must consider whether:

1.17 (1) other penalties, short of forfeiture, are appropriate and in what circumstances;

1.18 (2) the felony must have been committed in the course of the member's employment;

1.19 (3) the member's spouse or other beneficiaries will continue to be eligible for a benefit;

1.20 (4) the member's employer, the covered plan's executive director, or another entity or  
1.21 individual will make the determination that forfeiture must occur; and

1.22 (5) any other factors must be considered before a member's pension benefit will be  
1.23 forfeited or otherwise impacted.

1.24 Subd. 3. **Membership.** (a) The members of the work group are the following:

1.25 (1) the executive director of the Minnesota State Retirement System or the executive  
1.26 director's designee;

1.27 (2) the executive director of the Public Employees Retirement Association or the  
1.28 executive director's designee;

1.29 (3) the executive director of the Teachers Retirement Association or the executive  
1.30 director's designee;

(4) the executive director of the St. Paul Teachers Retirement Fund Association or the executive director's designee;

(5) a representative of the Minnesota County Attorneys Association; and

(6) the Commission executive director.

(b) The Commission executive director may invite others to participate in one or more meetings of the work group.

(c) The individuals and organizations specified in paragraph (a) must provide the Commission executive director with the names and contact information for the designees or representatives who will serve on the work group by June 14, 2024.

Subd. 4. **Due date for submitting recommendation to the commission.** The Commission executive director must submit the recommendation of the work group to the chair of the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement by January 10, 2025.

Subd. 5. **Meetings.** (a) The Commission executive director must convene the first meeting of the work group no later than August 1, 2024, and will serve as chair.

(b) Meetings may be conducted remotely or in person or a combination of remotely and in person.

(c) In-person meetings must be held in the offices of the Legislative Coordinating Commission or in the Retirement Systems of Minnesota Building in St. Paul.

Subd. 6. **Compensation; lobbying; retaliation.** (a) Members of the work group serve without compensation.

(b) Participation in the work group is not lobbying under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 10A.

(c) An individual's employer or an association of which an individual is a member must not retaliate against the individual because of the individual's participation in the work group.

Subd. 7. **Administrative support.** Commission staff must provide administrative support for the work group.

Subd. 8. **Expiration.** The work group expires June 30, 2025.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment."

Renumber the articles in sequence

Amend the title accordingly