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Appropriations

HB 1073: Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System - Military Service Credit

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What does this bill do?

This bill authorizes certain members of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System to receive credit for certain military service even if the member receives military service credit in another retirement system; and generally relating to members of the State Retirement and Pension System receiving military service credit.

What is the need for the bill?

Right now, if someone is serving in the National Guard or reserves and they retire into law enforcement, they earn a five-year service credit that is applied towards their retirement. However, if someone is serving as an active duty military member and they retire into law enforcement, they are not receiving that five-year service credit. This bill is crucial to ensuring that we serve those with equality and equity who so proudly served our country. The most important thing we can do for those that are making sure we are safe, while in the military or serving as a law enforcement officer, is to protect their lives in retirement and this bill would do exactly that. With that, I ask for a favorable report on HB1073.