

BY: Appropriations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 720

(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 23, after the semicolon insert "clarifying certain retirement rights of certain former State employees hired by a private contractor under the Child Support Enforcement Privatization Pilot Program;".

On pages 1 and 2, strike beginning with "and" in line 26 on page 1 down through "report" in line 1 on page 2.

On page 2, in line 1, after the semicolon insert "requiring that the funding for a certain pilot program be provided at a certain level; requiring that the Secretary of Budget and Management establish a hiring program for welfare recipients; requiring certain reports on the hiring of welfare recipients;"; and in line 16, strike "Section 14" and substitute "Sections 13 and 14".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 5, in line 32, strike "An" and substitute "A FORMER STATE".

On page 6, strike beginning with the second "A" in line 31 down through "SECRETARY" in line 32 and substitute "ITS DESIGNATION AS A DEMONSTRATION SITE"; in line 35, strike "on"; and strike beginning with "A" in line 35 down through "SUBSECTION" in line 36 and substitute "PRIOR TO ITS DESIGNATION AS A DEMONSTRATION SITE".

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 7, after line 8, insert:

"SECTION 13. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That an individual who is a State employee as of November 1, 1996, who is hired by a private contractor under Section 3 of this Act, and who remains employed by the contractor as of the termination of the Privatization Program

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established under Section 3 of this Act:

(1) may return to State service at any time while the Pilot Program is in existence and on the termination of the Pilot Program at a grade and step comparable to the grade and step that the employee would have attained but for the implementation of the Pilot Program and full restoration of benefits and seniority rights; and

(2) notwithstanding limits under §§ 22-216 and 23-214 of the State Personnel and Pensions Article, may be reinstated as a member of the Employees' Pension System, PART II, CONTRIBUTORY PENSION BENEFIT, or the Employees' Retirement System in accordance with their membership as a State employee and be entitled to the restoration of any service credit to which the individual was entitled before employment with the private contractor whether or not the individual was vested under those systems.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 7, strike beginning with “it” in line 17 down through “Medicaid” in line 27 and substitute “the funding for the pilot program established under Article 88A, § 53A of the Code shall be sufficient to provide upgrade training, as required by the pilot program, to 400 newly employed current and former FIP recipients at a cost not to exceed \$2,500 per recipient”; after line 27, insert:

“SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Secretary of Budget and Management, with assistance provided by the Secretary of Human Resources, develop and implement a plan for hiring welfare recipients by the principal departments within the Executive Branch of State government. Components of the plan shall include, for each agency: the units that could most easily hire welfare clients; the positions most suitable for the welfare population; a proposal for recruiting welfare clients; job retention strategies; and a target number of clients to be recruited. The Secretary of Budget and Management shall report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Appropriations Committee, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, no later than November 1, 1999, on the development of the plan for recruiting and hiring welfare recipients, and annually thereafter on the number of welfare recipients hired and retained by the principal departments within the Executive Branch of State government.”;

and in line 28, strike “4.” and substitute “5.”.