

Department of Legislative Services

Maryland General Assembly

2001 Session

FISCAL NOTE

House Joint Resolution 18 (Delegate A. Jones, *et al.*)

Appropriations

State Retirement and Pension System - Study of Pension Benefits

This joint resolution commissions a study of pension benefits offered by the State Retirement and Pension System (SRPS), including a summary of the benefits offered by the SRPS's plans compared with the pension benefits offered by other state plans, to be performed by the Department of Legislative Services.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Increase in general fund expenditures of up to \$25,000 for consulting services, depending on the extent to which Legislative Services must utilize the services of the State's actuary. Other expenses are assumed to be minimal and could be handled with existing resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: None applicable.

Background: The SRPS consists of several subsystems. State employees are members of: the Employees' Pension System, the Employees' Retirement System, the Teachers' Pension System, the Teachers' Retirement System, the State Police Retirement System, the Judges' Retirement System, and the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System. In addition, certain State employees participate in retirement plans that are not included in

the SRPS, including higher education faculty members and administrators (who may participate in the Optional Retirement Program) and employees of the Mass Transit Administration (who collectively bargain their pension benefits). Conversely, there are plans within the SRPS that include both State and local employees, as well as at least one plan -- the Local Fire and Police Pension System -- that is available only to local employees.

Additional Comments: Legislative Services advises that there are nine plans within the SRPS in which State employees participate. It would not be feasible to compare all nine plans to comparable plans of other states.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): State Retirement Agency; Milliman & Robertson, Inc.;
Department of Legislative Services

Fiscal Note History: First Reader – February 18, 2001
ncs/jr

Analysis by: Matthew D. Riven

Direct Inquiries to:
John Rixey, Coordinating Analyst
(410) 946-5510
(301) 970-5510