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Third Reader

House Bill 399
Appropriations

(Delegate Forbes)(Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

Budget and Taxation

State Retirement and Pension System - Transfers Between Systems - Workgroup
- Extension

This bill extends the date by which the State Retirement Agency (SRA) must submit a report on the findings and recommendations of a workgroup to study the transfer of member service between State and local retirement and pension systems from December 1, 2025, to October 1, 2026. The bill also extends the termination date for the workgroup by one year to June 30, 2027, and specifies that the report must be submitted to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, and the Joint Committee on Pensions. **The bill takes effect June 1, 2026.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Extending the date for the report does not affect governmental operations or finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapters 768 and 769 of 2025 required SRA to convene and staff a workgroup of stakeholders to study the requirements and processes for transfers of member service between State and local retirement and pension systems, and to make recommendations to improve the process of transfers. The report of the workgroup was required to be submitted to the Governor and General Assembly by December 1, 2025, and the workgroup was scheduled to terminate June, 30, 2026. After convening multiple

meetings, the workgroup determined that it required more time to research the issues raised by its members and requested an extension to complete its work.

Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: SB 338 (Senator Lewis Young)(Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions) - Budget and Taxation.

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