

# **HB399 Extension of Title 37 Final Report Date - Su**

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**Testimony in Support of House Bill 399  
State Retirement and Pension System - Transfers Between Systems - Workgroup – Extension  
House Appropriations Committee  
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1:00 P.M.**

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The Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System wishes to express its support for House Bill 399, State Retirement and Pension System - Transfers Between Systems - Workgroup - Extension. House Bill 399 is legislation sponsored by the Joint Committee on Pensions at the request of the Board.

Chapters 768 and 769 of 2025 established a workgroup to review the provisions Title 37 of the State Personnel and Pensions Article. House Bill 399 extends the date that the State Retirement Agency (Agency) is required to submit the findings and recommendations of the workgroup, including the need for any legislative initiatives, from December 1, 2025 to October 1, 2026.

The provisions of Title 37 govern transfers of service credit from one State or local retirement or pension system to another State or local retirement system. During the 2025 interim, the workgroup met several times to discuss the provisions included in Title 37. The last meeting of the workgroup took place in September, at which time we concluded discussing the provisions of Title 37. However, many of the issues we discussed over the interim require additional research regarding the legislative history of certain provisions before a draft of any recommended legislative changes can be prepared and submitted in a final report. This new submission date will provide the Agency with additional time to conduct the research necessary for the final recommendations of the workgroup and allow the Joint Committee on Pensions to consider any recommendations for amendments to Title 37 for the 2027 session during its 2026 interim meetings.

We appreciate being given this opportunity to express our support to the Appropriations Committee for this legislation and would request a favorable report on House Bill 399.

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Testimony of Delegate Cathi Forbes

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***What this bill does***

This legislation would extend the time for the workgroup convened by the State Retirement Agency to study [Title 37 of the State Personnel and Pensions article](#) that governs transfer of service from any State or local retirement or pension system to another State or local retirement or pension system. This workgroup was established by [HB 584](#) in the 2024 legislative session and will make recommendations to improve the process of transfers between systems.

This legislation allows the workgroup to continue its mission and extends the due date for the report of the findings and recommendations from December 1, 2025 to October 1, 2026.

***Why this is necessary***

Provisions within Title 37 include those that address the types of service credit that may be transferred from one system to another, the member contributions and interest that must accompany those transfers, and the time frame under which the transfers must be made.

After convening during the 2025 legislative interim, the workgroup determined that additional research would be required regarding the history of statutory provisions before legislative options could be determined.

***Why you should vote for this bill***

This workgroup is doing its due diligence to ensure any recommendations it brings forth provide clarity to the state statutes and that the Retirement Agency is able to implement the provisions.

I ask for a favorable report. Thank you.