

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5354

AS OF MARCH 6, 1991

Brief Description: Revising the cost-of-living allowance for certain retirees.

SPONSORS: Senators Saling, Bauer, Rasmussen, Moore, Nelson, Jesernig, Vognild, Madsen, Skratek, von Reichbauer, Gaspard, Wojahn, West and Stratton.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

Staff: Denise Graham (786-7715)

Hearing Dates: March 7, 1991

BACKGROUND:

A retiree in Plan I of the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS I) or the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS I) receives an annual cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) of up to 3 percent when purchasing power erodes to less than 60 percent of that at age 65.

A TRS I or PERS I member may retire at any age with 30 years of service, at age 55 with 25 years of service or at age 60 with five years of service.

SUMMARY:

Beginning July 1991, a TRS I or PERS I retiree who is at least 65 years of age receives an annual COLA of up to 3 percent when purchasing power erodes to less than 60 percent of that at retirement.

Appropriation: none

Revenue: none

Fiscal Note: available

Effective Date: The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect immediately.