
SENATE BILL 5369

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By Senator Schoesler; by request of Select Committee on Pension Policy

1 AN ACT Relating to directing the department of retirement systems
2 to create rules regarding automatic refunds of retirement
3 contributions in the retirement systems listed in RCW 41.50.030; and
4 adding a new section to chapter 41.50 RCW.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 41.50
7 RCW to read as follows:

8 (1) By January 1, 2022, the department will establish by rule an
9 effective means of:

10 (a) Identifying inactive accounts of nonvested members of the
11 retirement systems listed in RCW 41.50.030 whose account balance is
12 less than one thousand dollars; and

13 (b) Providing for the orderly closing and refunding of member
14 account balances in those accounts in accordance with the federal
15 internal revenue code.

16 (2) The refund of a member's account balance will terminate all
17 rights to future benefits, unless otherwise restored under the rules
18 for each of the respective retirement systems.

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