

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY MUTH, FONTANA, SCHWANK, GEBHARD, COMITTA, KEARNEY,
CAPPELLETTI, L. WILLIAMS AND BREWSTER, DECEMBER 2, 2021

REFERRED TO APPROPRIATIONS, DECEMBER 2, 2021

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled
2 "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the
3 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the
4 Executive Department thereof and the administrative
5 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,
6 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or
7 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or
8 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative
9 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and
10 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative
11 officers, and of the several administrative departments,
12 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the
13 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive
14 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of
15 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and
16 other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards,
17 and commissions; providing for judicial administration; and
18 prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation
19 of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of
20 certain departments, boards and commissions shall be
21 determined," providing for the State Employees' Retirement
22 System and the Public School Employees' Retirement System to
23 testify in the hearing process before the Appropriations
24 Committee of the Senate and the Appropriations Committee of
25 the House of Representatives.

26 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
27 hereby enacts as follows:

28 Section 1. The act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known
29 as The Administrative Code of 1929, is amended by adding an

1 article to read:

2 ARTICLE VI-C

3 STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND

4 PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

5 Section 601-C. Scope of article.

6 This article relates to SERS and PSERS testimony in the
7 hearing process of the Appropriations Committee of the Senate
8 and of the Appropriations Committee of the House of
9 Representatives.

10 Section 602-C. Definitions.

11 The following words and phrases when used in this article
12 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
13 context clearly indicates otherwise:

14 "PSERS." The Public School Employees' Retirement System.

15 "SERS." The State Employees' Retirement System.

16 Section 603-C. Reports and hearings.

17 (a) Budget estimates.--SERS and PSERS shall submit written
18 estimates to the Secretary of the Budget as required of
19 administrative departments, boards and commissions under section
20 615. Estimates shall be submitted from time to time as requested
21 by the Governor, but in no event less than once every fiscal
22 year.

23 (b) Testimony.--SERS and PSERS shall annually appear before
24 the Appropriations Committee of the Senate and the
25 Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives to
26 testify as to the fiscal status of each respective pension
27 system and to make requests for appropriations.

28 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.