

Legislative Attacks on Retirement Security Defeated by Local 1000

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SB 32	(Moorlach R) California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2018.
	Status: 1/13/2018-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(1). (Last location was P.E. & R. on 3/8/2017)
	Summary: Would create the Citizens' Pension Oversight Committee to serve in an advisory role to the Teachers' Retirement Board and the Board of Administration of PERS. The bill would require the committee, on or before January 1, 2019, and annually thereafter, to review the actual pension costs and obligations of PERS and STRS and report on these costs and obligations to the public.
SB 454	(Moorlach R) Public employees' health benefits.
	Status: 1/13/2018-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(1). (Last location was P.E. & R. on 3/2/2017)
	Summary: Would, for state employees who are first employed and become members of the retirement system on or after January 1, 2018, limit the employer contribution for annuitants to 80% of the weighted average of the health benefit plan premiums for an active employee enrolled for self alone, during the benefit year to which the formula is applied, for the 4 health benefit plans with the largest state civil service enrollment, as specified.
SB 1031	(Moorlach R) Public employees' retirement: cost-of-living adjustments: prohibitions.
	Status: 4/24/2018-April 23 set for first hearing. Failed passage in committee. (Ayes 1. Noes 3.) Reconsideration granted.
	Summary: Would prohibit a public retirement system, as defined, from making a cost-of-living adjustment to any allowance payable to, or on behalf of, a person retired under the system who becomes a new member on or after January 1, 2019, or to any survivor or beneficiary of that member or person retired under the system, for any year in which the unfunded actuarial liability of that system is greater than 20%. The bill would require that the determination of unfunded actuarial liability be based on a specified financial report and would apply the prohibition on cost-of-living adjustments, if any, to the calendar year following the fiscal year upon which the report is based.
SB 1032	(Moorlach R) California Public Employees' Retirement System: contract members: termination.
	Status: 4/24/2018-April 23 set for first hearing. Failed passage in committee. (Ayes 1. Noes 3.) Reconsideration granted.
	Summary: Would authorize a contracting agency to terminate its contract with the Board of Administration of the Public Employees' Retirement System at the agency's will and would not require the contracting agency to fully fund the board's pension liability upon termination of the contract. The bill would authorize the board to reduce the member's benefits in the terminated agency pool by the percentage of liability unfunded. The bill would also authorize a contracting agency who terminates its contract with the board to transfer the assets accumulated in the system to a pension provider designated by the contracting agency.
SB 1033	(Moorlach R) Public employees' retirement: reciprocal benefits: actuarial liability.
	Status: 4/24/2018-April 23 set for first hearing. Testimony taken.
	Summary: Would require that an agency participating in PERS that increases the compensation of a member who was previously employed by a different agency to bear all actuarial liability for the action, if it results in an increased actuarial liability beyond what would have been reasonably expected for the member. The bill would require, in this context, that the increased actuarial liability be in addition to reasonable compensation growth that is anticipated for a member who works for an employer or multiple employers over an extended time. The bill would require, if multiple employers cause increased liability, that the liability be apportioned equitably among them.
SB 1149	(Glazer D) Public employees' retirement: defined contribution program.
	Status: 4/24/2018-April 23 set for second hearing. Failed passage in committee. (Ayes 1. Noes 3.) Reconsideration granted.

	Summary: Would create a new optional defined contribution plan for new state employees who first begin employment in a miscellaneous or industrial classification on or after January 1, 2020, and who were not members of any public retirement system prior to that date. The bill would require state employees who are subject to the bill's provisions, within 30 days of beginning employment, to choose either to contribute to the defined contribution plan or to become a member of PERS. The bill would require, if an employee fails to make this decision within the above timeframe, that the employee automatically be placed in PERS.
SCA 1	(Moorlach R) Retirement savings plans: funding prohibition: General Fund.
	Status: 6/27/2017-June 26 set for first hearing. Failed passage in committee. (Ayes 2. Noes 3.)
	Summary: Would prohibit the state from incurring any liability for payment of the retirement savings benefit earned by program participants in the California Secure Choice Retirement Savings Program. The measure would also prohibit the appropriation, transfer, or encumbrance of moneys in the General Fund for the purposes of the program, including any unfunded liability that the program may incur, unless the appropriation, transfer, or encumbrance is for funding the startup and first-year administrative costs for the program.
SCA 8	(Moorlach R) Public employee retirement benefits.
	Status: 6/20/2017-June 26 set for first hearing canceled at the request of author.
	Summary: Would permit a government employer to reduce retirement benefits that are based on work not yet performed by an employee regardless of the date that the employee was first hired, notwithstanding other provisions of the California Constitution or any other law. The measure would prohibit it from being interpreted to permit the reduction of retirement benefits that a public employee has earned based on work that has been performed, as specified. The measure would define government employer and retirement benefits for the purposes of its provisions.

SCA 10	(Moorlach R) Public employee retirement benefits.
	Status: 6/20/2017-June 26 set for first hearing canceled at the request of author.
	Summary: Would prohibit a government employer from providing public employees any retirement benefit increase until that increase is approved by a 2/3 vote of the electorate of the applicable jurisdiction and that vote is certified. The measure would define retirement benefit to mean any postemployment benefit and would define benefit increase as any change that increases the value of an employee's retirement benefit. The measure would define a government employer to include, among others, the state and any of its subdivisions, cities, counties, school districts, special districts, the Regents of the University of California, and the California State University.