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2011 Legislative Update

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2011 legislation related to the New Hampshire Retirement System is listed below.

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COMMITTEE KEY: SCOPEPR = Special Committee on Public Employees Pensions Reform;
 ED&A = Executive Departments & Administration.

BILL #	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	PRIMARY SPONSOR	NOTES
HB 2	Relative to state fees, funds, revenues and expenditures. (Includes sections related to NHRS)	K. Weyler	6/29/11: HB2 became law without Governor's signature, effective immediately for some provisions and effective 7/1/11 for others. Chapter 0224, Laws of 2011.
HB 227	Relative to the membership of the retirement system board of trustees.	K. Hawkins	3/4/11: Bill retained in SCOPEPR Committee.
HB 231	Relative to payment of medical benefits for state retirees, their spouses and dependents.	N. Kurk	4/13/11: Senate ED&A Committee Report of Inexpedient to Legislate; Motion adopted by Senate on a roll call vote of 24-0. Bill is dead.
HB 265	Redefining earnable compensation in the retirement system for new and nonvested members in service.	K. Hawkins	3/4/11: Bill retained in SCOPEPR Committee.
HB 360	Establishing a state defined contribution retirement plan for state and political subdivision members of the retirement system and establishing a committee to study the transition of current employees into the new plan and administration of the new plan.	D. McGuire	3/15/11: SCOPEPR Committee Report of Inexpedient to Legislate: Motion adopted by voice vote. Bill is dead.
HB 437	Relative to the definition of marriage.	D. Bates	3/3/11: Retained in House Judiciary Committee.
HB 443	Establishing that marriage between one man and one woman shall be the only legal domestic union that shall be valid or recognized in this state.	L. Pepino	3/3/11: Retained in House Judiciary Committee.
HB 456	Relative to the calculation of average final compensation for the purpose of determining retirement system benefits.	C. Sova	3/15/11: SCOPEPR Committee Report of Inexpedient to Legislate: Motion adopted by voice vote. Bill is dead.
HB 460	Relative to the retirement age for group II members.	K. Hawkins	3/4/11: Bill retained in SCOPEPR Committee.

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HB 461	Relative to repealing the authority for retirement system members to purchase service credit for certain out-of-state service.	K. Hawkins	6/9/11: Governor signed HB 461, effective 8/8/11. Chapter 0158, Laws of 2011. (Note: This authority was repealed in HB2 effective 6/29/11)
HB 462	Relative to the determination of employer assessments for excess benefits paid by the employers in the retirement system.	K. Hawkins	06/30/11: Governor signed HB 462, effective 7/1/11. Chapter 0230, Laws of 2011.
HB 463	Relative to the retirement system maximum initial benefit limitation.	K. Hawkins	3/4/11: Bill retained in SCOPEPR Committee.
HB 464	Requiring the transfer of certain group II special account funds to the state annuity accumulation fund.	K. Hawkins	5/11/11: Governor signed HB 464, effective 5/11/11. Chapter 0060, Laws of 2011.
HB 465	Relative to the number of years for calculating average final compensation for retirement system benefits.	K. Hawkins	3/4/11: Bill retained in SCOPEPR Committee.
HB 491	Relative to divestiture of retirement system assets relating to Sudan.	K. Hawkins	5/9/11: Governor signed HB 491, effective 5/9/11. Chapter 0053, Laws of 2011.
HB 492	Establishing a deferred retirement benefit in the judicial retirement plan, and relative to benefits related to service of certain judges of probate retiring because of permanent disability.	J. Wall	3/15/11: SCOPEPR Committee Report of Inexpedient to Legislate: Motion adopted by voice vote. Bill is dead.
HB 537	Reducing retirement allowances paid by the New Hampshire retirement system.	J. Reagan	On 2/23/11: SCOPEPR Report: Inexpedient to Legislate: Motion Adopted on Voice Vote. Bill is dead.
HB 569	Establishing domestic union as a valid contract and extending certain rights to parties to a domestic union.	P. Bolster	3/17/11: Inexpedient to Legislate: Motion Adopted on Roll Call Vote, 232-59. Bill is dead.
HB 580	New Title: Establishing a committee to study collective bargaining by public employees.	N. Kurk	5/27/11: Governor signed HB 580, effective 5/27/11. Chapter 0101, Laws of 2011.
SB 3	Making comprehensive changes to the state retirement system.	J. Bradley	6/13/11: Vetoed by Governor.
SB 33	Relative to retired state employee contributions for medical benefits costs.	L. D'Allesandro	7/13/11: Governor signed SB33, effective 7/1/11. Chapter 0242, Laws of 2011.
SB 75	Relative to clarification of part-time service in the state retirement system.	L. D'Allesandro	7/13/11: Governor signed SB75, effective 7/13/11. Chapter 0248, Laws of 2011.