

2021 MN Legislative Session, Regular Session

Pensions and Retirement Omnibus Bill - Chapter 22, Article 9 Work Groups for 911 Telecommunicators and Supplemental State Aid, Sec.1 (May 21, 2021)

Section 1.

WORKING GROUP TO STUDY 911 TELECOMMUNICATOR PENSION BENEFITS.

Subdivision 1. Membership.

(a) The executive director of the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement shall convene a working group for the purpose of studying 911 telecommunicator pension benefits. The working group must consist of the following:

- (1) a representative from the Association of Minnesota Counties;
- (2) a representative from the League of Minnesota Cities;
- (3) a representative from the Minnesota Inter-County Association;
- (4) a representative from the Department of Public Safety;
- (5) a representative from the Minnesota Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (MN APCO) or the National Emergency Number Association of Minnesota (NENA of MN);
- (6) the executive director of the Public Employees Retirement Association, or the executive director's designee;
- (7) the executive director of the Minnesota State Retirement System, or the executive director's designee;
- (8) a 911 telecommunicator who works for a county or municipality;
- (9) a 911 telecommunicator who works for the state;
- (10) a member of the public employees local government correctional service retirement plan, designated by the board of trustees of the Public Employees Retirement Association; and
- (11) a member of the state correctional employees retirement plan, designated by the board of directors of the Minnesota State Retirement System.

(b) In addition to the working group members listed in paragraph (a), the executive director may invite any other individuals with expertise or experience that the executive director believes will assist the work of the group to participate as members of or advisors to the group. The organizations specified in paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (7), must provide the executive director with a designated member to serve on the working group by June 15, 2021.

Subd. 2. Duties; report.

The working group must submit a report to the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement by March 1, 2022. The report must recommend whether changes to the pension plan coverage for 911 telecommunicators are appropriate. If the working group finds that such changes are appropriate, the working group must recommend changes to the pension plan coverage for 911 telecommunicators. The recommended changes may include but are not limited to moving 911 telecommunicators to the correctional plans.

Subd. 3.

First meeting; chair.

The executive director must convene the first meeting of the working group by August 1, 2021. At the first meeting, the members must elect a chair. The working group may conduct meetings remotely.

Subd. 4.

Compensation; lobbying; retaliation.

(a) Members serve without compensation.

(b) Participation in the working group shall not be considered lobbying under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 10A.

(c) An individual's employer or an association of which an individual is a member shall not retaliate against the individual because of the individual's participation in the working group.

Subd. 5.

Administrative support.

The executive director must provide administrative support for the working group.

Subd. 6.

Expiration.

The working group expires June 30, 2022.