

INDEPENDENT FISCAL OFFICE

October 28, 2019

The Honorable Garth D. Everett House State Government Committee Chairman Pennsylvania House of Representatives 400 Irvis Office Building Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: Requested Actuarial Note for House Bill 1963, Printer's Number 2705

Dear Chairman Everett:

I am writing in response to your request of October 24, 2019 concerning an actuarial note for House Bill 1963, Printer's Number 2705. The bill would amend Title 24 (Education) and Title 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, by prohibiting the use of collared employer contribution rates moving forward for the State Employees' Retirement System (SERS) and the Public School Employees' Retirement System (PSERS) after June 30, 2019. The bill takes effect 30 days after being signed into law.

Under section 615-B of the Administrative Code of 1929, the Independent Fiscal Office (IFO) has the responsibility to review legislative changes that may affect public employee pension or retirement plans and to provide actuarial notes for such legislation. The IFO reviewed House Bill 1963, Printer's Number 2705 and determined that the actuarial cost impact would be de minimis. Based on that determination, the bill does not require an actuarial note prior to further consideration by the General Assembly. The office reviewed the legislation for actuarial cost impact, but it has not reviewed the provisions for legal, administrative or policy implications.

I trust this letter adequately responds to your request. If I may be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact me at (717) 230-8293.

Sincerely,

Matthew J. Knittel

Director, Independent Fiscal Office

cc: Governor Tom Wolf

Members of the General Assembly