



INDEPENDENT FISCAL OFFICE

June 24, 2020

The Honorable Stanley Saylor
Chairman, Appropriations Committee
Pennsylvania House of Representatives
245 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: Requested Actuarial Note for House Bill 1964, Printer's Number 2897

Dear Chairman Saylor:

I am writing in response to your request of June 24, 2020 concerning an actuarial note for House Bill 1964, Printer's Number 2897. The bill contains language regarding transparency measures and reporting requirements for the State Employees' Retirement System (SERS) and the Public School Employees' Retirement System (PSERS). The language contained in the bill was previously analyzed by the Independent Fiscal Office (IFO) for House Bill 1964, Printer's Number 2765 and Amendment A03442 to that bill on November 18, 2019. Both letters can be found on the IFO's website. House Bill 1964, Printer's Number 2765 was found to have a potential, but unquantifiable, actuarial impact. Amendment A03442 to that bill removed a single provision that could have had the largest potential financial and actuarial impact as noted by both systems.

Under section 615-B of the Administrative Code of 1929, the 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 1964, Printer's Number 2897 and determined that there would be no material actuarial impact. Based on this 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 provide further assistance, please contact me at (717) 230-8293.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matthew J. Knittel".

Matthew J. Knittel
Director, Independent Fiscal Office

cc:
Governor Tom Wolf
Members of the General Assembly