

CONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

AB 2780 (Committee on Public Employment and Retirement)

As Amended August 6, 2026

Majority vote

SUMMARY

Makes various minor, technical, and conforming changes to provisions of the Education Code and Government Code governing the California State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS), the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS), the Department of Human Resources (CalHR), and the 20 independent County Employees Retirement Systems.

Senate Amendments

- 1) Authorize a former California Council on Science and Technology (CCST) fellow to purchase one year of service credit for time served as a CCST fellow if they become a CalPERS member.
- 2) Make a technical amendment, including resolving a code conflict with Senate Bill 1207 (Laird) of the current legislative session.

COMMENTS

Each year, the various public employee retirement system segments and the CalHR may propose minor, technical, clarifying, or conforming changes to the various laws within their respective administrative jurisdictions to support and continue the efficient and effective administration of those laws. This bill represents those ongoing efforts.

Please refer to the various policy committee analyses for a full discussion of this bill.

According to the Author

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Arguments in Support

According to CalSTRS, "[t]his measure contains the annual provisions that make various minor, technical and conforming changes to the Teachers' Retirement Law for CalSTRS. This bill is necessary to permit continued effective administration of CalSTRS."

According to the State Association of California Retirement Systems on behalf of the 20 independent [County Employees Retirement Law of 1937] (CERL) systems, "[t]his bill is necessary to make various technical, conforming, and minor changes to the Education and Government codes necessary for the efficient administration of the state's public retirement systems. Specifically, this measure includes [the State Association of County Retirement Systems] (SACRS)-sponsored provisions to clarify and improve administration within the CERL systems. These changes include clarifying that deferred members are not eligible to vote in or run for active member Miscellaneous and Safety trustee elections; establishing a 10-year statute of limitations for the recovery of overpayments due to fraudulent death benefit reporting; codifying that only the final system is responsible for payment of a lump-sum burial allowance

for reciprocal members; and, defining "concurrent retirement" to allow reciprocal members to retire within 30 days of one another without overlapping service. Collectively, these provisions promote consistency, reduce administrative ambiguity, and strengthen program integrity across CERL systems."

According to the Los Angeles County Employees Retirement Association (LACERA), "[t]hese provisions are precisely the kind of clarifying and conforming changes that provide efficient and effective administration of CERL for LACERA and our fellow systems, consistent with our Board's legislative policy of supporting technical and clarifying updates."

Arguments in Opposition

None.

FISCAL COMMENTS

This bill was passed by the Senate Committee on Appropriations pursuant to Senate Rule 28.8.

VOTES:

ASM PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT AND RETIREMENT: 7-0-0

YES: McKinnor, Lackey, Alanis, Boerner, Garcia, Nguyen, Michelle Rodriguez

ASM APPROPRIATIONS: 14-0-1

YES: Wicks, Hoover, Aguiar-Curry, Caloza, Dixon, Fong, Mark González, Krell, Pacheco, Pellerin, Sharp-Collins, Solache, Ta, Tangipa

ABS, ABST OR NV: Arambula

ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 69-1-10

YES: Addis, Aguiar-Curry, Ahrens, Alanis, Alvarez, Ávila Farías, Bains, Bauer-Kahan, Bennett, Berman, Boerner, Bonta, Bryan, Calderon, Caloza, Carrillo, Castillo, Chen, Connolly, Davies, Dixon, Elhawary, Ellis, Flora, Fong, Gabriel, Garcia, Jeff Gonzalez, Mark González, Hadwick, Haney, Harabedian, Hart, Hoover, Irwin, Jackson, Johnson, Kalra, Krell, Lackey, Lee, Macedo, McKinnor, Muratsuchi, Nguyen, Ortega, Pacheco, Papan, Patel, Patterson, Pellerin, Petrie-Norris, Ramos, Ransom, Rogers, Blanca Rubio, Schiavo, Schultz, Sharp-Collins, Stefani, Ta, Tangipa, Valencia, Wallis, Ward, Wicks, Wilson, Zbur, Rivas

NO: DeMaio

ABS, ABST OR NV: Arambula, Gallagher, Gipson, Lowenthal, Quirk-Silva, Celeste Rodriguez, Michelle Rodriguez, Sanchez, Solache, Soria

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