

HCS HB 214 -- MISSOURI LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

SPONSOR: Viebrock (Deeken)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Retirement by a vote of 10 to 0.

This substitute changes the laws regarding the Missouri Local Government Employees' Retirement System (LAGERS). In its main provisions, the substitute:

- (1) Specifies that a retiree's benefits cannot be reduced because of a negative cost-of-living increase;
- (2) Requires at least a 10% reduction on a partial lump-sum distribution. Currently, if a retiree elects to receive a partial lump-sum distribution, a retiree's monthly allowance will be reduced accordingly based on his or her age at retirement;
- (3) Allows a retiree to authorize LAGERS to deduct premiums for health insurance or long-term care insurance from his or her retirement allowance; and
- (4) Creates a funding mechanism for survivor benefits when a member dies as the result of a duty-related injury or illness.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2010, FY 2011, and FY 2012.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that it is good to allow the retirement system to offer an additional retirement option of joint and 100% survivor and more convenient to allow retirees to have their insurance premiums deducted from their retirement check.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Deeken; and Missouri Local Government Employees' Retirement System.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.