

NO POSITION

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***STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS
STAFF REPORT ON LEGISLATION AFFECTING
THE STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM***

96th General Assembly

SENATE BILL 1479 – Senator Raoul

PROPOSAL

Senate Bill 1479 amends the State Employees' Article of the Pension Code to allow members to establish service credit for up to five furlough days, due to a State fiscal emergency, without making contributions.

COMMENT

Senate Bill 1479 allows SERS members to establish service credit for up to five voluntary or involuntary furlough days that result from a State fiscal emergency. The furlough days must occur between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009, and the member must apply in writing to the System prior to July 1, 2012. The member is not required to make any contributions to establish this service credit. SB 1479 will impact very few members of SERS, and will therefore have a negligible impact on SERS.

For SERS members, an identical provision was offered for furlough days that occurred between December 1, 2001 and January 1, 2003.

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of the staff that the system take no position on Senate Bill 1479.