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Measure Description:

Provides that deputy district attorneys qualify as police officers under Public Employees Retirement System.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Counties, District Attorneys and their Deputies (DAs), Public Employees Retirement System (PERS)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - See analysis.

Analysis:

This bill expands the definition of "police officer" for Public Employee Retirement System (PERS) membership, to include people employed, or appointed, as deputy district attorneys on or after the effective date of the measure. The new police status applies to service performed on or after the effective date of the measure.

Counties

Deputy district attorneys are county employees. PERS Police & Fire status allows a member to retire at an earlier age with an enhanced benefit compared to General Service status. This bill would increase the benefit costs of county deputy district attorney employees. Costs for each county will vary, but are likely to increase each biennium with anticipated PERS benefits cost increases. There may also be an impact on the PERS unfunded accrued liability for counties.

Public Employees Retirement System

There is a minimal fiscal impact to the Public Employees Retirement System.