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**Bill Title:** Relating to retirement of public safety workers; prescribing an effective date.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:** Cities, Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision, Special Districts, Department of Corrections, Department of State Police, Department of the State Fire Marshal, Public Employees Retirement System, Task Force/Committee/Workgroup, Counties

### Summary of Fiscal Impact

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

### Measure Description

The measure creates the 14-member Task Force on Health Insurance Coverage for Retired Police and Fire Members of the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS). The task force is required to evaluate methods for providing health insurance coverage to retired PERS members who served as police officers and firefighters, including methods taken by other states and local agencies, and review impediments to the retirement of these members. The bill directs the Legislative Policy and Research Office (LPRO) and the Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) to provide staff support for the task force.

The measure allows non-legislative members of the task force who meet income eligibility requirements to receive compensation and reimbursement for expenses.

### Fiscal Analysis

The fiscal impact of staffing the task force is anticipated to be absorbed within existing agency resources.

#### Legislative Policy and Research Office

LPRO's current service level budget is designed to support interim committees and a certain number of task forces within existing resources. However, the number of committees and task forces over the last several biennia have increased, and if the work required by this task force, or if the cumulative enactment of other legislation with interim committees and task forces exceeds expenditure levels beyond those assumed in the 2025-27 budget, additional General Fund resources may be required.

To estimate the potential expenditures for staffing this task force, assuming monthly meetings over nine months, would require one Senior Legislative Analyst assigned full-time to the task force (0.38 FTE), one Research Analyst assigned part-time to the task force (0.13 FTE), and one Committee Assistant assigned half-time to the task force (0.19 FTE).

#### Legislative Fiscal Office

LFO anticipates the use of an existing Principal Legislative Analyst (0.08 FTE) to support the work of the task force and reporting to the interim committee. Additionally, LFO's budget does not include budgeted funds for task force compensation and expenses, although such costs are anticipated to be minimal. If the work required by this task force, or if the cumulative enactment of other legislation with interim committees and task forces

exceeds expenditure levels beyond those assumed in the 2025-27 budget, additional General Fund resources may be required.

**Legislative Assembly**

The bill is also expected to have a minimal impact on the Legislative Assembly. Although the 2025-27 Legislative Assembly budget contains funds allocated for interim committees and task forces, if the work required by this task force, or if the cumulative enactment of other legislation with interim committees and task forces exceeds expenditure levels beyond those assumed in the 2025-27 budget, additional General Fund resources may be required.

Members of the task force who are legislative members are entitled to per diem and travel reimbursement. The task force would not incur additional costs to the Legislative Assembly budget if the meetings are held at the Capitol building during the Legislative Session, or Task Force or Legislative Days.

**Other Entities**

The measure has a minimal fiscal impact to the remaining entities for reimbursement for expenses to employees who are members of the task force.

**Relevant Dates**

The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage, and the task force sunsets on June 30, 2026.

The task force is to report to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to government by January 1, 2026.