



## CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST FOR SB 120

**Citations Affected:** IC 4-3-3-1.1; IC 5; IC 21-6.1; IC 36-8.

**Synopsis:** Public employee retirement systems. Proposed conference committee report for ESB 120. Provides that the retirement benefit for a former governor that is not paid under PERF is a percentage of the current salary of the governor rather than a percentage of the highest annual salary the former governor received as governor. Provides that the new base for determining the retirement benefit for a former governor applies to any payment made after June 30, 1998. Provides that after June 30, 1999, a member of the 1977 police officers' and firefighters' pension and disability fund is eligible to retire at 52 years of age. Provides that after June 30, 1999, a member may receive reduced benefits if the member retires at 50 years of age. Creates a formula specifying the benefits to be received if the member retires after 50 years of age but before 52 years of age. Provides that a member of a 1925, 1937, or 1953 fund who has converted to the 1977 fund who retires or becomes disabled on or before June 30, 1998, shall be treated as a member of the 1977 fund for purposes of payment of benefits. Provides that if a retired legislator's spouse pays the amount the retired legislator would have been required to pay for group health insurance coverage, the spouse's eligibility to continue group health insurance coverage is not affected by the retired legislator's eligibility for Medicare. Provides that the person claiming the service credit and the governmental unit that employed the person must make contributions to PERF equal to the amount that the person and the governmental unit would have paid to PERF for the period during which PERF service credit was denied and must agree to continue making such contributions for any continuing service in the position covered by PERF. Allows a municipal park ranger in Evansville to become a member of the 1977 police officers' and firefighters' pension fund (instead of the public employees' retirement fund) if the park ranger completed the number of weeks of training at the Indiana law enforcement training academy that were required at the time the park ranger attended the academy. (Current law requires the park ranger to have completed 12 weeks of training.) Provides for service credit in the 1977 fund for prior service in a PERF-covered position for such a park ranger. Makes the following changes to the public retirement funds: (1) Removes the deadlines on time available to purchase certain types of service credit in the public employees' retirement fund (PERF) and the Indiana state teachers' retirement fund (TRF). (2) Adds a claim period for death in service benefits in PERF and TRF. (3) Allows transfer of partial service in PERF and TRF. (4) Specifies disability payments procedures for PERF and TRF. (5) Provides the TRF board with the authority to review records of public entities that contribute to TRF. (6) Allows the TRF board to impose a penalty for late reports and payments. (7) Allows a surviving spouse or a surviving dependent of a member of PERF or TRF who is entitled to a survivor benefit to elect to receive a lump sum payment or an amount equal to the member's federal income tax basis in the member's annuity savings account as of December 31, 1986. (8) Provides that a member of TRF may purchase substitute teaching service credit under certain conditions. (9) Excludes from TRF substitute teachers who do not have an associate or baccalaureate degree. (10) In the 1977 police officers' and firefighters' pension and disability fund (the 1977 fund), changes the appeal process for the degree of impairment to be similar to the process of the determination of disability. (11) Provides that contracts entered into by the PERF board or TRF board may be for a term of not more than five years, with an ability to renew. (This conference committee report: (1) deletes the provisions concerning PERF credit for a person who was erroneously enrolled in PERF; and (2) deletes the



provision requiring the pension management oversight commission to study the creation of a separate pension system for town marshals.)

**Effective:** April 1, 1998; July 1, 1998.



Adopted	Rejected
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## CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

**MR. SPEAKER:**

*Your Conference Committee appointed to confer with a like committee from the Senate upon Engrossed House Amendments to Engrossed Engrossed Senate Bill No. 120 respectfully reports that said two committees have conferred and agreed as follows to wit:*

that the Senate recede from its dissent from all House amendments and that the Senate now concur in all House amendments to the bill and that the bill be further amended as follows:

- 1 Page 12, delete lines 37 through 42.
- 2 Delete pages 13 through 14.
- 3 Page 15, delete lines 1 through 27.
- 4 Page 19, line 23, delete "IC 21-6.1-4-4.6" and insert "IC
- 5 21-6.1-4-4.7".
- 6 Page 19, line 25, delete "4.6." and insert "**4.7.**".
- 7 Page 37, delete lines 31 through 39.
- 8 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.  
(Reference is to ESB 120 as reprinted February 23, 1998.)

**Conference Committee Report**  
**on**  
**Engrossed Senate Bill 120**

**S**igned by:

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Senator Harrison

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Representative Bauer

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Senator Randolph

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Representative Buell

**Senate Conferees**

**House Conferees**