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### **Committee approves transfer of retirement benefits for out of state police and firefighters**

INDIANAPOLIS – The Senate Pensions and Labor committee voted 10 to 0 yesterday to approve House Bill (HB) 1008 that would allow law enforcement officers and firefighters who move to Indiana to purchase service credit for their Indiana retirement plan for years of service in another state. State Senator Jim Arnold (D-LaPorte), who is sponsoring the legislation, says the new law would allow police and firefighters who served in another state to consolidate their time of service under their Indiana retirement plan.

“This bill would allow police and firefighters who worked in other states during their career to receive the benefits they earned in another states after they serve in Indiana,” said Arnold. “It is a fair bill that allows police and firefighters to purchase their benefits on a neutral basis with little to no impact on the Indiana retirement funds for public safety officers.”

Arnold said this would provide equity in the system by allowing these people in special circumstances to consolidate their benefits. HB 1008 will now move to the senate floor for consideration by the full body.

Arnold is also sponsoring HB 1040 that would extend the final report date and expiration date of the Lake Management Work Group to July 1, 2012. This group monitors the problems and issues associated with the state, county and local management of lakes and local watersheds.

Arnold is also sponsoring HB 1232 that would allow for people to remove a logjam or mass of wood debris that has accumulated on stream. Sen. Arnold said that this would not include the removal of beaver dams, but would allow those people affected by flooding in the state to remove logjams that can further damage their property.

HB 1040 and HB 1232 are not yet scheduled for a committee hearing in the Senate, but Arnold hopes to see this legislation move through the process.

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