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Senate approves Arnold measure to benefit retired police, firefighters
Second Arnold measure approved to protect veterans' benefits

INDIANAPOLIS – The State Senate voted unanimously on Thursday 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.

“Police and firefighters go out every day to serve and protect their community. This option to transfer benefits to an Indiana retirement plan honors that service, even if it began in another state,” said Arnold.

Arnold said this would provide equity in the system by allowing those in special circumstances to consolidate their benefits. HB 1008 will now move to the House to consider changes made by the Senate.

The Senate also unanimously passed HB 1165 that would protect a veteran’s service-connected benefits from being seized through legal action to collect a debt. The bill is sponsored in the Senate by Arnold and will take what is already federal law and put it into state statute.

“Veterans benefits are earned for years of service to our country, and the veterans and their families deserve to have those benefits protected,” said Arnold.

HB 1165 will now move to the House to consider changes made by the Senate.

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