

149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL NOTE

BILL: HOUSE BILL NO. 477

SPONSOR: Representative Lynn

DESCRIPTION: AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 RELATING TO THE STATE EMPLOYEES' PENSION

PLAN.

Assumptions:

1. This Act becomes effective upon signature by the Governor.

2. This Act is effective until January 1, 2019.

- 3. This Act changes the reduced service pension eligibility to allow for a post-2011 state employee with five (5) years of credited service and has attained age 62.
- 4. Prior to eligibility, the employee must prove the following:
 - a. Immediately prior to becoming a post-2011 employee, the employee was employed by a non-state employer;
 - b. While employed by the non-state employer, the employee vested in a pension plan and the amount payable to the employee was projected to be greater than the amount projected to be payable to the employee as a post-2011 employee, based on the employment under which the employee first became a post-2011 employee; and
 - c. The employee would not have resigned from employment with the non-state employer, but for the employee's reasonable understanding that the employee would qualify for a vested right to a pension as a pre-2011 employee.
- 5. The reduced service pension amount payable to an employee is reduced by 4/10 percent of each month the employee has less than 15 years.
- 6. Based on an average annual salary of \$50,000 per employee, the Office of Management and Budget, Pensions Office estimates the present value cost for lifetime of benefits at \$28,300 per eligible employee.

Cost:

Fiscal Year 2019: \$28,300 per eligible employee

Fiscal Year 2020: \$0 Fiscal Year 2021: \$0

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