

2 **SSB 5180** - S AMD - 463
3 By Senators Winsley and Loveland

4 ADOPTED WITH FLR 465 - 4/21/99

5 On page 150, after line 5, insert the following:

6 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 718.** For the period from July 1, 1999, through
7 June 30, 2001, a one hundred fifty thousand dollar death benefit shall
8 be paid as a sundry claim to a teacher's estate if the teacher is
9 killed in the course of employment. The determination of eligibility
10 for the benefit shall be made consistent with Title 51 RCW by the
11 department of labor and industries. The department of labor and
12 industries shall notify the director of the department of general
13 administration if a teacher's estate is determined to be eligible for
14 payment under this section."

15 Renumber the sections consecutively and correct any internal
16 references accordingly.

17 **SSB 5180** - S AMD - 465
18 By Senators Loveland, Fraser and Long

19 ADOPTED WITH FLR 463 4/21/99

20 On page 153, after line 13, insert the following:

21 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 721. FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF RETIREMENT**
22 **SYSTEMS--PENSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

23 Department of Retirement Systems Expense Account
24 Appropriation \$ 181,000

25 The appropriation in this section is subject to the following
26 conditions and limitations:

- 27 (1) The state pension advisory committee is created in the
28 department of retirement systems for the period July 1, 1999, through
29 June 30, 2001. The committee membership shall consist of: (a) Four
30 active members of the state retirement systems, to be appointed by the
31 governor; (b) three retired members of the state retirement systems,
32 appointed by the governor; (c) three local government employer

1 representatives, to be appointed by the governor; (d) the director of
2 the department of retirement systems; and (e) the director of the
3 office of financial management. The governor shall appoint one of the
4 committee members to be committee chair.

5 (2) Within the level of funding provided in this section, the state
6 pension advisory committee shall review changes in state pension
7 benefits which have been enacted since 1990 and may make
8 recommendations to the joint committee on pension policy regarding:
9 (a) Major pension system priorities and goals for the next five to ten
10 years; (b) proposals for promoting equity between state pension
11 systems; and (c) a prioritized list of proposed pension system changes.

12 In developing its recommendations the committee shall take into
13 consideration constraints on the state's and local government's fiscal
14 capacity, the changing nature of the work force and employment
15 patterns, issues of cost-shifting between employees groups, and
16 disproportionalities between how much employees in different age groups
17 would pay in increased contributions for a benefit increase compared to
18 the value of the benefit increase.

19 The committee shall also advise the department of retirement
20 systems regarding the content and design of the department's annual
21 report on the state retirement systems.

22 The committee shall report its recommendations, if any, to the
23 joint committee on pension policy no later than June 1, 2000.

24 (3) Committee staff support shall be provided by one professional
25 position employed by the department of retirement systems from the
26 funding provided in this section.

27 (4) In conducting its review the pension advisory committee shall,
28 to the greatest extent feasible, make use of fiscal notes, studies, and
29 other analysis which has already been completed by the office of the
30 state actuary. The committee may also expend not more than \$60,000 for
31 actuarial services to assist with: (a) Committee education, including
32 a review of tax-deferred savings options available to public employees;
33 (b) the development of recommendations as provided in subsection (2) of
34 this section; and (c) the review and evaluation of fiscal notes and
35 analysis done by the office of the state actuary. The contract for
36 actuarial services shall be entered into by the department of
37 retirement systems for the committee."

1 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any
2 internal references accordingly.

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EFFECT: Provides a \$150,000 death benefit for teachers who are killed in the course of their employment. The benefit would be paid as a sundry claim through the department of general administration.

EFFECT: Provides funding for a pension advisory committee for the 1999-2001 biennium.

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