

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5061

As of February 7, 2017

Title: An act relating to military service credit for members of the Washington state patrol retirement system.

Brief Description: Addressing military service credit for members of the Washington state patrol retirement system.

Sponsors: Senators O'Ban, Pedersen, Fortunato, Sheldon, Miloscia, Zeiger, Wilson, Warnick, Becker, Brown and Rolfes.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Ways & Means: 2/08/17.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Provides non-interruptive, or prior, military service credit for members of the Washington State Patrol Retirement Systems (WSPRS) Plan 2 to match the provisions of WSPRS Plan 1.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

Staff: Amanda Cecil (786-7460)

Background: The Washington State Patrol Retirement System (WSPRS) provides retirement and disability benefits to fully commissioned officers of the Washington State Patrol (WSP). There are two tiers of benefits in WSPRS: Plan 1, which was closed on December 31, 2002; and Plan 2, which has covered all fully commissioned officers of the WSP that received their commissions after that date.

Any member commissioned prior to January 1, 2003, with 25 years of service in the WSP, and enrolled in WSPRS Plan 1 may have the member's service in the uniformed services credited as a member whether or not the individual left the employ of the WSP to enter such uniformed services. Members of WSPRS Plan 2 may have military service credit granted to them under several circumstances, but all require that the service be interruptive, meaning that the member leaves state service to enter the uniformed services of the United States.

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Only two plans in the Washington State retirement systems allow for the inclusion of up to five years of prior, or non-interruptive, military service when determining a member's total service credit for calculating their retirement allowance: Public Employees' Retirement System Plan 1 and WSPRS Plan 1.

Summary of Bill: The bill as referred to committee not considered.

Summary of Bill (Proposed Substitute): Any member of the WSPRS with 25 years of service in the WSP may count up to five years of military service credited as a member whether or not the individual left the employment of the WSP to do so.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.