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2021 Legislative Update

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CERL BILLS



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SB 634 – SACRS Sponsored Bill

- Includes various cleanup changes to the CERL:
 - clarifying that a 37 Act Retirement board may contract with a private physician to provide medical advice to the board as part of the board's duties related to processing disability claims
 - changing an obsolete Education Code reference to existing statutory reference related to when a 37 Act system member may opt to continue as a member of the 37 Act system instead of enrolling in CalSTRS.
- Signed by Governor into law on September 16



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AB 845 (Rodriguez) - COVID-19 Presumption

- Creates a rebuttable presumption for members that a COVID-19 related illness contracted on the job must be eligible for an in-service disability retirement.
- The provisions sunset January 1, 2023.
- Sponsored by SEIU
- This bill was signed into law by the Governor on July 23.



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AB 826 (Irwin) – Compensation Earnable

- Gut-and-Amend that prescribes that the definition of compensation earnable in CERL includes any form of remuneration, whether paid in cash or as in-kind benefits, if certain requirements are met.
- Sponsored by SEIU & Ventura County Board of Supervisors
- Days before the end of session, amended to only apply to Ventura County.
- Moved to the inactive file – 2-year bill



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AB 498 (Quirk Silva) – Compensation Earnable

- Another gut-and-amend on compensation earnable
- Amended too late in session to move in 2021, but eligible to move in 2022.



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OTHER BILLS OF INTEREST



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AB 361 (Rivas) – Public Meeting Requirements

- Early in pandemic, Governor Newsom relaxed Brown Act requirements for public agencies to meet remotely.
- AB 361 (Rivas) allows public agencies to continue to meet remotely under local/state declared emergencies
- Signed by Governor into law on September 16—effective immediately.



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AB 339 (Lee) – Public Meeting Requirements

- Would require City Councils and Boards of Supervisors with over 250k residents to provide both in person and teleconference options for the public to attend their meetings.
- Vetoed by the Governor



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2022 SACRS Sponsored Bill

- SACRS Legislative Committee fielded bill ideas from SACRS membership then reviewed and drafted language suitable for a cleanup bill.
- The Board approved this language in September
- will come up for Membership approval at the Business meeting this week



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QUESTIONS?