



SENATE BILL 311: No Waiting Period Under LGERS/VFDF Grants.

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| Committee: | House Pensions and Retirement. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House | Date: | August 17, 2021 |
| Introduced by: | Sen. Corbin | Prepared by: | Jason Moran-Bates Committee Staff |
| Analysis of: | PCS to Second Edition S311-CSBCp-51 | | |

OVERVIEW: *The PCS to Senate Bill 311 would prohibit employers from imposing a waiting period on employees who are eligible for membership in the Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System (LGERS). It would also update the Volunteer Fire Department Fund (VFDF) grant matching requirements.*

CURRENT LAW: Under current law, local government employers may impose a waiting period before otherwise eligible employees can become members of LGERS. Grants made under the Volunteer Fire Department Fund must be matched by the entity applying for the grant on a dollar-for-dollar basis, unless the entity receives less than \$50,000 in municipal and county funding. Those entities must match with one dollar of their own funds for every three dollars in grant money.

BILL ANALYSIS:

Section 1 would prevent employers who participate in LGERS from imposing a waiting period on employees who are eligible to become members of the system.

Section 2 would require volunteer fire departments to match funds awarded under the VFDF as follows:

- Entities that receive less than \$50,000 in municipal and county funding would not be required to match the grant funding.
- Entities that receive between \$50,000 and \$75,000 in municipal and county funding would be required to match one dollar for every three dollars in grant funding.
- Entities that receive more than \$75,000 in municipal and county funding would be required to match on a dollar-for-dollar basis.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This bill would be effective October 1, 2021.

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