



H. 3066 Urgent Notice Alternate Language Confirmed

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SCSEA Confirms Attempt to Insert Alternate Language in 3rd Reading of H. 3066

The SCSEA has confirmed there will be an attempt to strike the current language on Third Reading of H. 3066. Following is the Sheheen/Massey Amendment which passed on Second Reading prior to the close of the legislative session on June 2, 2011:

(J)(1) Effective July 1, 2013, the following offices, divisions, or components of the State Budget and Control Board and the Department of Administration are transferred to, and incorporated into, an administrative agency of state government to be known as the Public Employee Benefit Agency:

- (a) the Employee Insurance Program;
- (b) the Retirement Division.

It is our understanding there will be an attempt to strike the current language in the Sheheen/Massey Amendment and the following alternate language inserted:

(D) Effective January 1, 2013, the Employee Insurance Program and the Retirement Division of the State Budget and Control Board are transferred to, and incorporated into a cabinet agency of state government to be known as the Public Employee Benefit Trust.

The reference to "cabinet agency of state government" almost certainly implies the Employee Insurance Program and the Retirement Division would be under the control of the Executive Branch (Office of the Governor).

Even more disturbing, the section pertaining to the new Public Employee Benefit Trust has not been completed. Only the following notice has been inserted:

Part X Miscellaneous

SECTION ____ PUBLIC EMPLOYEE BENEFIT TRUST (NOTE: AWAITING LANGUAGE)

URGENT CALL TO ACTION CONTACT YOUR SENATORS IMMEDIATELY

It is our understanding the Strike and Insert attempt will take place this Wednesday, January 18, 2012. If successful, the victory will reportedly be announced by Governor Haley during the State of the State Address on Wednesday evening.

The SCSEA DOES NOT SUPPORT the alternate language. We will insist on the language contained in the Sheheen/Massey Amendment without ANY CHANGES.

Please express our position to your Senators. If the Sheheen/Massey Amendment is not included and as written, it could open the door to changes in the Employee Insurance Program that impact state employee and retiree benefits.

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