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Executive Summary of Commission Staff Materials

Affected Pension Plan(s): PERA-P&F
Relevant Provisions of Law: Minnesota Statutes, Section 353.64 New Subdivision 6a
General Nature of Proposal: Adds Membership Exclusion for Certain University of Minnesota Police Officers
Date of Summary: March 30, 2005

Specific Proposed Changes

- Excludes from PERA-P&F membership those University of Minnesota police officers required by the Board of Regents to be members of the University of Minnesota Faculty Retirement plan

Policy Issues Raised by the Proposed Legislation

1. Reversal of membership policy in force since 1978.
2. Potentially subverts PERA-P&F reemployed annuitant earnings limit provision.
3. Coverage change brings police state aid reduction.
4. Timeframe applicability unclear.
5. Unclear extent of University of Minnesota support.

Potential Amendments

Technical/Clarification Amendments:

Amendment LCPR05-189 clarifies inclusion of University of Minnesota police officers in PERA-P&F coverage if police officer is not required to be a member of the University of Minnesota Faculty Retirement Plan. Provision inadvertently repealed in 1989.

Amendment LCPR05-190 adds specific reference to police state aid ineligibility of affected University of Minnesota police officers to police state aid police officer certification law.

Substantive Amendment:

Amendment LCPR05-191 makes PERA-P&F membership exclusion provision applicable only to future University of Minnesota police officers.