

Virginia Retirement System

Revised 2001 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB2081

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☒ Engrossed
Second House ☒ In Committee ☒ Substitute ☒ Enrolled

2. Patron Putney

3. Committee Courts of Justice

4. Title Law Officers' Retirement System.

5. Summary/Purpose:

This bill modifies the retirement allowance paid under the Virginia Law Officers' Retirement System ("VaLORS") by increasing from 1.7% to 2.0% the percentage of average final compensation multiplied by the years of creditable service in a position covered under VaLORS, the State Police Officers Retirement System (SPORS) or special benefits for law enforcement officers and firefighters (LEOS/FIRE), and by deleting the supplemental allowance currently paid to members upon retirement until age sixty-five (currently \$9,264 annually). The bill applies to employees who become members of VaLORS on or after July 1, 2001, and to current employees who elect to accept the modifications by October 31, 2001. The Senate substitute proposed by the Committee on Courts of Justice changes the period during which the \$9,264 monthly State Police Officers Retirement System (SPORS) supplement (currently \$772/month) is paid. The supplement is currently paid from retirement until age 65. This Senate substitute changes the payment period to retirement until the member reaches eligibility for full retirement under the Social Security Act. By reference, the substitute also extends the period for payment of the supplement to local employees covered under special benefits for law enforcement officer and firefighters (LEOS/FIRE).

6. Fiscal Impact Estimate is:

6a. Expenditure Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2000-01	-0-		
2001-02	\$655,000		State GF
	\$493,000		SPORS GF
	\$73,000		State NGF
	\$65,000		SPORS NGF
	\$3,540,000		Localities (Aggregate)
2002-03	\$681,000		State GF
	\$513,000		SPORS GF
	\$76,000		State NGF
	\$68,000		SPORS NGF
	\$3,682,000		Localities (Aggregate)

7. Budget amendment necessary: None

8. Fiscal implications: See fiscal impact shown above.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: VRS and state agencies having employees who participate in SPORS and VALORS. Localities that have elected to provide LEOS/FIRE.

10. Technical amendment necessary: None

11. Other comments: This bill is similar, but not the same as, SB994.

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