Virginia Retirement System 2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

1.	Bill Number: HB2095
	House of Origin X Introduced Substitute Engrossed
	Second House
2.	Patron: Jones
3.	Committee: Appropriations
1.	Title: Virginia Retirement System; loss of benefits for certain felony convictions.
5.	Summary: Virginia Retirement System; loss of benefits for certain felony convictions. Provides that a member of any of the retirement programs administered by the Virginia Retirement System forfeits his retirement benefits if it is determined that he has been convicted of a felony that arose out of misconduct in any position covered under the retirement programs administered by the Virginia Retirement System.
5.	Budget Amendment Necessary: No
7.	Fiscal Impact Estimates: There is no fiscal impact.
8.	Fiscal Implications: None
9.	Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: VRS, state agencies and VRS participating employers
10.	Technical Amendment Necessary: No
11	Other Commenter

Other Comments:

- Precludes a VRS member or retiree from receiving any form of benefits from VRS if a persons's employer determines that a felony arose from his misconduct while serving in his position on or after July 1, 2011.
- Clarifies that the identity of the employer for constitutional officers in the context of this legislation is the governing body of any locality served by the constitutional officer.
- The employer's determination is appealable to the circuit court. A decision by the circuit court shall be final.
- Clarifies that any service credit lost under the statute may not be purchased at a later time.

• Removes the existing statutory language regarding loss of benefits to reduce ambiguity and the chance of confusion or misapplication.

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