

2017 LEGISLATION AFFECTING CalSTRS

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STATE LEGISLATION

AB 20 (Kalra) Amended: 4/17/17	Author	Requires the CalSTRS and CalPERS boards to report, on or before April 1, 2018, to the Legislature and the Governor regarding investments in and engagement with companies constructing, or funding the construction of, the Dakota Access Pipeline. Also requires the CalSTRS and CalPERS boards to consider factors related to tribal sovereignty and indigenous tribal rights when selecting or rejecting investments.	To be presented to the board in June Oppose, unless amended, position on introduced version	Assembly Appropriations Committee
AB 946 (Ting) Amended: 3/28/17	Author	Prohibits the CalSTRS and CalPERS boards from making additional or new investments or renewing existing investments in any company that contracts or subcontracts to build, maintain or provide material for President Trump's Border Wall. Requires the CalSTRS and CalPERS boards to engage with, and to liquidate their investments in, such a company within 12 months of the company contracting or subcontracting to provide work or material for a border wall. Requires the boards, by January 1, 2019, to report to the Legislature any investment actions related such companies, subject to the fiduciary duty of these boards. Indemnifies board members, officers and employees of and investment managers under contract with CalSTRS and CalPERS for actions related to the bill.	Oppose	Not heard in Assembly PER&SS Committee
AB 1310 (Allen) Introduced: 2/17/17	Author	Requires CalSTRS and other public retirement systems, as defined, to disclose the unfunded liability and healthcare debt of the system on each member statement provided to members of the system.	Oppose	Held in Assembly PER&SS Committee
AB 1325 (PER&SS) Amended: 4/17/17	CalSTRS	Makes various technical, conforming or minor changes to the Teachers' Retirement Law to facilitate efficient administration of the State Teachers' Retirement Plan.	Sponsor	Assembly Appropriations Committee

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AB 1451 (McCarty) Amended: 4/17/17	Author	Exempts from the annual postretirement earnings limit the compensation earned by a retired member who returns to work to fulfill a critical need in a position due to a teacher shortage in the area of special education, mathematics, science or bilingual education. Requires a local school district, county office of education or other local educational agency exercising this exemption to submit specified documentation to substantiate a retired member's eligibility.	Author dropped bill before board position adopted	Not heard in Assembly PER&SS Committee
AB 1597 (Nazarian) Introduced: 2/17/17	Author	Prohibits the CalSTRS and CalPERS boards from making additional or new investments or renewing existing investments in any investment vehicle issued, owned, controlled or managed by the government of Turkey, and requires divestment from those investments within six months of the passage of a federal law imposing sanctions on Turkey, subject to the fiduciary duty of these boards. Requires these boards, within one year of the passage of such a federal law, to report to the Legislature any investments in a Turkish investment vehicle and other specified information. Indemnifies present, former and future board members, officers and employees of and investment managers under contract with those retirement systems for actions related to the bill.	Oppose	Assembly Appropriations Committee
SB 32 (Moorlach) Amended: 3/2/2017	Author	Creates the Citizens' Pension Oversight Committee to advise the CalSTRS and CalPERS boards, to review the actual pension costs and obligations of the systems, and to report to the public. Further defines "normal monthly rate of pay or base pay." Increases the final compensation period for new members on or after January 1, 2018, to at least 60 consecutive months, or at least five consecutive school years. Prohibits a public retirement system from making cost of living adjustments to benefits when the unfunded actuarial liability of either CalSTRS or CalPERS is greater than zero. Stipulates that the applicable benefit structure for new members who leave employment with and then are reemployed by an employer participating in a public retirement system as specified.	Oppose	Held in Senate PE&R Committee

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SB 560 (Allen) Amended: 4/17/17	Author	Requires the CalSTRS and CalPERS boards to consider the financial climate risk, as defined, in their management of any funds they administer. By January 1, 2020, and annually thereafter, requires the boards to include the financial climate risks of their investments and their related engagement, as specified, in their comprehensive annual financial reports.	To be presented to the board in June Oppose position on introduced version	Senate Appropriations Committee
SB 571 (Pan) Introduced: 2/17/17	Author	Authorizes a state or local public employer participating in an employee supplemental retirement savings plan to provide automatic enrollment and automatic escalation.	Two-year bill	Senate PE&R Committee
SB 601 (Morrell) Introduced: 2/17/17	Author	Requires the CalSTRS board to provide a description of the discount rate the board uses for reporting liabilities, a calculation of liabilities based on a discount rate that is 2 percent below the CalSTRS long-term rate of investment return assumption, and a calculation of liabilities based on a discount rate equal to the yield on a 10-year United States Treasury note in the year prior to the report.	Bill held in committee before board position adopted	Held in Senate PE&R Committee
SCA 8 (Moorlach) Introduced: 2/15/17	Author	Permits a government employer to reduce retirement benefits that are based on work not yet performed by an employee regardless of the date that the employee was first hired, notwithstanding other provisions of the California Constitution or any other law. Prohibits the measure from being interpreted to permit the reduction of retirement benefits that a public employee has earned based on work that has been performed.	Oppose	Senate PE&R Committee
SCA 10 (Moorlach) Introduced: 2/17/17	Author	Prohibits a government employer from providing public employees any retirement benefit increase, as defined, until that increase is approved by a two-thirds vote of the electorate of the applicable jurisdiction and that vote is certified.	Oppose	Senate PE&R Committee

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FEDERAL LEGISLATION

H.R. 10 (Hensarling-TX) Introduced: 4/26/17	Author	Repeals provisions of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and changes shareholder proposal thresholds.	To be presented to the board in June	House Committee on Education and the Workforce
H.R. 985 (Goodlatte-VA) Amended: 2/9/17	Author	Places restrictions on the ability for courts to approve class action lawsuits.	To be presented to the board in June	Senate Committee on the Judiciary
H.R. 1205 (Davis-IL) Introduced: 2/21/17	Author	Repeals the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision.	To be presented to the board in June	House Committee on Ways and Means