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**SENATE BILL 10-021**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER PENSION PLAN.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)*

**Police Officers' and Firefighters' Pension Reform Commission.**

Makes the following changes to the "Volunteer Firefighter Pension Act":

- ! Eliminates the exclusion of the reimbursement for lost wages from the definition of "compensation", as the term is used in the definition of "volunteer firefighter";
- ! Permits retired fire department members, including those who have returned to active service, to serve on the board of trustees of a volunteer firefighter pension fund (fund);
- ! Eliminates an investment restriction on a trustee of a fund;

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.

*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*

*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

- and  
! Eliminates the requirement that the board of trustees of a fund deliver a copy of a report on the condition of the fund to the board of directors of its fire protection district.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** 31-30-1102 (9), Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
3 amended to read:

4 **31-30-1102. Definitions.** As used in this part 11, unless the  
5 context otherwise requires:

6 (9) (a) "Volunteer firefighter" means a firefighter who renders  
7 service to a fire department in a municipality, county, or district, who  
8 does not receive compensation as a firefighter, and who is not classified  
9 as an employee for purposes of the federal "Fair Labor Standards Act of  
10 1938", as amended, based on payments, fees, or benefits that the  
11 firefighter receives. "Volunteer firefighter" may include other  
12 designations or titles given to firefighters provided that the firefighter  
13 meets all of the requirements for being a volunteer firefighter in this part  
14 11.

15 (b) For the purposes of this subsection (9), "compensation" does  
16 not include:

17 (I) Actual expenses incurred by and reimbursed to a volunteer  
18 firefighter;

19 ~~(II) Salary lost as a consequence of actual firefighting duties~~  
20 ~~causing the absence of the volunteer firefighter from normal employment;~~

21 (III) Participation in or receipt of benefits from the fund;

22 (IV) Participation in or receipt of benefits upon termination of  
23 volunteer services to any district or municipality provided as part of an

1 internal revenue code qualified volunteer service award plan established  
2 for the benefit of volunteer firefighters;

3 (V) Payments from federal moneys, either through the district or  
4 municipality or to the volunteer firefighter directly, for participation in a  
5 temporary emergency incident;

6 (VI) Nominal fees or benefits paid on a per-call basis or as part of  
7 an annual merit or recognition award program or other incentive award  
8 program.

9 **SECTION 2.** 31-30-1105 (1) (c), Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
10 amended to read:

11 **31-30-1105. Board - fire protection district.** (1) In a fire  
12 protection district, the board must consist of the following members:

13 (c) ~~Two fire department members elected by the fire department~~  
14 ~~members~~ TWO INDIVIDUALS ELECTED FROM ONE OR MORE OF THE  
15 FOLLOWING GROUPS TO THE EXTENT SUCH GROUPS EXIST AT THE TIME OF  
16 ELECTION: FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERS, RETIRED FIRE DEPARTMENT  
17 MEMBERS, OR RETIRED FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERS RETURNED TO ACTIVE  
18 SERVICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 31-30-1132. ALL MEMBERS IN EACH  
19 GROUP EXISTING AT THE TIME OF ELECTION SHALL BE GIVEN THE  
20 OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE FOR THE TWO INDIVIDUALS. THE TWO INDIVIDUALS  
21 SHALL SERVE for two-year terms; except that, at the initial election, one  
22 ~~member~~ INDIVIDUAL shall be elected for two years and one ~~member~~  
23 INDIVIDUAL for one year. In all subsequent elections, these ~~members~~  
24 INDIVIDUALS shall be elected for two years.

25 **SECTION 3.** 31-30-1113 (2), Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
26 amended to read:

27 **31-30-1113. Fund investments.** (2) Upon the board's direction,

1 the treasurer of a municipality or district may invest part of the fund  
2 available for investment, with or without one or more other volunteer  
3 firefighter pension funds, in a noninsured trust pension plan with a bank  
4 or trust company authorized to exercise trust powers in this state as a  
5 trustee. The trustee's investment of fund moneys is governed by article  
6 1.1 of title 15, C.R.S. ~~but the trustee shall at all times hold fixed-income~~  
7 ~~obligations having a book value or cost of not less than sixty percent of~~  
8 ~~the total contributions made to the trust less the amounts paid out.~~

9 **SECTION 4.** 31-30-1119, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended  
10 to read:

11 **31-30-1119. Board report - municipality.** The board shall make  
12 a report to the governing body of the municipality ~~or the board of~~  
13 ~~directors of its district, whichever is applicable,~~ on the condition of the  
14 fund. The board shall submit the report to the governing body ~~or board~~  
15 ~~of directors~~ before the last meeting in February and the last meeting in  
16 August of each year.

17 **SECTION 5. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
18 shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
19 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
20 11, 2010, if adjournment sine die is on May 12, 2010); except that, if a  
21 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
22 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
23 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part shall not take effect  
24 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
25 November 2010 and shall take effect on the date of the official  
26 declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.