





# Retirement Board Order

## Sacramento County Employees' Retirement System

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Before the Board of Retirement  
September 20, 2023

AGENDA ITEM:

### State Association of County Retirement Systems Legislative Update— September 2023

THE BOARD OF RETIREMENT hereby approves Staff's recommendation to receive and file the State Association of County Retirement Systems (SACRS) Legislative Update for September 2023.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above order was passed and adopted on September 20, 2023 by the following vote of the Board of Retirement, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ALTERNATES:  
(Present but not voting)

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James Diepenbrock  
Board President

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Eric Stern  
Chief Executive Officer and  
Board Secretary



September 6, 2023

TO: State Association of County Retirement Systems

FROM: Edelman Gilbert Robson & Smith, LLC

RE: **Legislative Update – September 2023**

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Last week, the Legislature met the fiscal committee deadline of September 1. On this day, both the Senate and Assembly Appropriations Committee held their Suspense File hearing, where they dispensed with hundreds of bills at once. The Senate held a little over 20% of the Assembly bills in this Committee while the Assembly held a little over 15% of the Senate bills that it heard on the Suspense File. Bills that are held in the Appropriations Committee are generally considered dead, aside from a small portion of bills that are held as “two year bills” that are eligible to move again early in January.

The Legislature is now in the final two weeks of session– Legislators must pass bills off the floor of the second house, and if needed, the floor of the house of origin for concurrence, before the Legislature adjourns on September 14.

The Governor will then have a month to consider the bills that were placed on his desk at the end of session. The Legislature will remain on recess until 2024, reconvening on January 3.

### **Senate Leadership Update**

On Monday August 28, the Senate Democratic Caucus announced its next leader – Senator Mike McGuire was selected as the Senate Pro Tem Designee. Once the transition occurs, he will replace the current Pro Tem, Senator Toni Atkins, who is terming out in 2024. At this point, it is expected the transition will occur in 2024 and Senator Atkins will remain in her post for the duration of session. Senator McGuire terms out in 2026.

### **Legislation of Interest**

**SB 885 (Committee on Labor, Public Employment and Retirement).** This is the annual committee omnibus bill that contains various cleanup provisions for CalSTRS, CalPERS and CERL systems. The amendments to the CERL make non-substantive, technical changes as well as conform provisions on Required Minimum Distributions to federal law under the SECURE ACT 2.0 by referencing the federal law instead of a specific age.

The Governor signed this bill into law.

**AB 1020 (Grayson) – CERL Disability Presumptions.** This bill would establish several new disability retirement presumptions for various injuries and illnesses in the CERL, similar to provisions that exist in the Labor Code. The bill is sponsored by the California Professional Firefighters. The author and sponsor agreed to technical clarifications proposed by SACRS that were amended into the bill in June. CSAC remains opposed to the bill.

The bill is pending a vote on the Senate Floor.

**AB 1637 (Irwin) - Local Government Websites and Email Addresses.** This bill requires cities and counties to use a ".gov" or ".ca.gov" domain for websites and email addresses by January 1, 2029. This bill passed out of the Senate Appropriations Committee on Friday and is now pending a vote on the Senate Floor.

### **Public Meeting Bills**

**AB 557 (Hart) - Brown Act Emergency Teleconferencing Sunset Extension.** This bill would remove the sunset in current law to allow teleconferencing during certain emergencies as well as increase the time period when the Board must renew the findings of an emergency or need for social distancing from 30 days to 45 days. The bill is pending a vote on the Senate Floor.

**SB 537 (Becker) - Teleconference Flexibilities.** This bill would allow expanded teleconference flexibilities for multijurisdictional, cross county legislative bodies if certain requirements are met, along with adding to the list of circumstances where a member is permitted to participate remotely. The bill has been narrowed considerably as it advanced through various policy committees in each house. The bill is pending a vote on the Assembly Floor.