


**2018 REGULAR SESSION  
ACTUARIAL NOTE SB 4**

<p><b>Senate Bill 4 SLS 18RS-44 Original</b></p> <p><b>Author: Senator Peacock Date: March 5, 2018 LLA Note SB 4.01</b></p> <p><b>Organizations Affected: All State and Statewide Retirement Systems</b></p> <p><b>OR NO IMPACT APV</b></p>	<p>This Note has been prepared by the Actuarial Services Department of the Legislative Auditor with assistance from either the Fiscal Notes staff of the Legislative Auditor or staff of the Legislative Fiscal Office. The attachment of this Note provides compliance with the requirements of R.S. 24:521 as amended by Act 353 of the 2016 Regular Session.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">   <b>Paul T. Richmond, ASA, MAAA, EA</b>  <b>Manager Actuarial Services</b> </div>
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**Bill Header:** RETIREMENT SYSTEMS: Provides for the independence of state and statewide retirement systems' actuaries. (6/30/18).

**Cost Summary:**

The estimated actuarial and fiscal impact of SB 4 on the retirement systems and their plan sponsors is summarized below. Actuarial costs pertain to estimated changes in the *actuarial present value of future benefit payments*. Fiscal costs or savings pertain to changes to all cash flows over the next five year period including retirement system cash flows, OPEB cash flows, or cash flows related to other government entities.

An increase in actuarial costs is denoted throughout the actuarial note by “Increase” or a positive number. Actuarial savings are denoted by “Decrease” or a negative number. An increase in expenditures or revenues (fiscal impact) is denoted by “Increase” or a positive number. A decrease in expenditures or revenues is denoted by “decrease” or a negative number.

**Estimated Actuarial Impact:**

The top part of the following chart shows the estimated change in the *actuarial present value of future benefit payments and expenses*, if any, attributable to the proposed legislation. The bottom part shows the effect on cash flows.

<b>Actuarial Costs Pertaining to:</b>		<b>Actuarial Cost</b>
The Retirement Systems		\$0
Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB)		0
Other Government Entities		0
Total		\$0
<b>Five Year Fiscal Cost Pertaining to:</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Revenues</b>
The Retirement Systems	See Fisc Note	See Fisc Note
Other Post Employment Benefits	0	0
Other Government Entities	0	0
Total	See Fisc Note	See Fisc Note

**Bill Information**

**Current Law**

Current law imposes a fiduciary duty on any person who exercises any discretionary authority or discretionary control with respect to the management of retirement system funds or assets, and any person who renders investment advice or services for compensation, direct or indirect, with respect to system funds or assets.

**Proposed Law**

SB 4 authorizes the board of trustees of any state or statewide retirement system to appoint an actuary or actuaries, independently or jointly.

SB 4 also provides that the duties assigned to the actuary will be limited to the practice of actuarial science or ministerial duties that do not require supervision or discretionary control over the administration or management of the system.

**Implications of the Proposed Changes**

SB 4 allows a board to hire an actuary or actuaries.

The actuary or actuaries serving in an actuarial capacity will not be allowed to serve in a supervisory or discretionary role with respect to administration or management of the system, and will therefore not be subject to the duties of a fiduciary. In other words, an actuary who is performing actuarial services for a state or statewide retirement system may not also serve as the plan administrator for such system.

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**I. ACTUARIAL ANALYSIS SECTION**

**A. Analysis of Actuarial Costs  
(Prepared by the LLA)**

This section of the actuarial note pertains to actuarial costs or savings associated with the retirement systems, with OPEB, and with other government entities.

**1. Retirement Systems**

The actuarial cost or savings of SB 4 associated with the retirement systems is estimated to be \$0. Our analysis is summarized below.

Authorizing a board to appoint one or more actuaries and limiting the role of the actuary with respect to the system does not change the benefits payable by the system in any way.

**2. Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB)**

The actuarial cost or savings of SB 4 associated with OPEB, including retiree health insurance premiums, is estimated to be \$0. Our analysis is summarized below.

The liability for post-retirement medical insurance protection provided to retirees is not affected by changing provisions about the appointment and role of the actuary.

**3. Other Government Entities**

The actuarial cost or savings of SB 4 associated with government entities other than those identified in SB 4, is estimated to be \$0. Our analysis is summarized below.

The only government entities affected by SB 4 are the state and statewide retirement systems and their sponsors. Other entities are unaffected by SB 4.

**B. Actuarial Data, Methods and Assumptions  
(Prepared by the LLA)**

Unless indicated otherwise, the actuarial note for SB 4 was prepared using actuarial data, methods, and assumptions as disclosed in the most recent actuarial valuation report adopted by PRSAC. The data, methods and assumptions are being used to provide consistency with the actuary for the retirement system who may also be providing testimony to the Senate and House retirement committees.

**C. Actuarial Caveat  
(Prepared by the LLA)**

There is nothing in SB 4 that will compromise the signing actuary's ability to present an unbiased statement of actuarial opinion.

**II. FISCAL ANALYSIS SECTION**

Tables A, B, C, and D have been prepared by the LLA. These tables include information developed by the LLA from its own sources as well as information supplied by Tanesha Morgan of the Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO). Table D includes all costs and savings pertaining to Louisiana government.

The LFO has requested that the information supplied by Tanesha Morgan be included in the actuarial note verbatim and without any changes. This information is shown below under Fiscal Costs Received by the LLA from the LFO. The reader should note that complete fiscal cost information is contained within Table D. Fiscal costs developed by the LFO only reflect the portion of Table D that was supplied by the LFO.

Table A pertains to fiscal costs or savings associated with the retirement systems; Table B pertains to OPEB; Table C pertains to fiscal costs associated with government entities other than the retirement systems and sponsors. Table D is the cumulative sum of Tables A, B, and C.

**A. Estimated Fiscal Impact – Retirement Systems  
(Prepared by the LLA using information obtained from the LFO)**

**1. Narrative**

Table A shows the estimated fiscal impact of the proposed legislation on the retirement systems and the government entities that sponsor them. Fiscal costs and savings include both administrative and actuarial costs and savings. A fiscal cost is denoted by "Increase" or a positive number. Fiscal savings are denoted by "Decrease" or a negative number. A revenue increase is denoted by "Increase" or a positive number. A revenue decrease is denoted by "Decrease" or a negative number.

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**Retirement System Fiscal Cost: Table A**

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-2020</b>	<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>5 Year Total</b>
State General Fund	See Below	See Below	See Below	See Below	See Below	See Below
Agy Self Generated	See Below	See Below	See Below	See Below	See Below	See Below
Stat Deds/Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Funds	0	0	0	0	0	0
Local Funds	See Below	See Below	See Below	See Below	See Below	See Below
Annual Total	See Below	See Below	See Below	See Below	See Below	See Below

<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-2020</b>	<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>5 Year Total</b>
State General Fund	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Agy Self Generated	0	See Below	See Below	See Below	See Below	See Below
Stat Deds/Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Funds	0	0	0	0	0	0
Local Funds	0	0	0	0	0	0
Annual Total	\$ 0	See Below	See Below	See Below	See Below	See Below

SB 4 will have the following effects on retirement related fiscal costs and revenues during the five year measurement period.

2. Expenditures:

- a. Expenditures of a retirement system (Agy Self-Generated) may increase or decrease if SB 4 is enacted. If the duties assigned to an actuary currently extend beyond the practice of actuarial science or ministerial duties, the board may be required to find another advisor to assist on other types of administrative services. The replacement advisor may charge more or less than the current actuary charges.
- b. Expenditures from the General Fund may increase or decrease to the extent that it becomes necessary to employ additional advisors. Such costs or savings will cause employer contribution rates to increase or decrease.
- c. Expenditures from Local Funds may increase or decrease to the extent that it becomes necessary to employ additional advisors. Such costs or savings will cause employer contribution rates to increase or decrease.

3. Revenues:

- a. Revenues of the retirement systems (Agy Self-Generated) will increase or decrease to the extent that employer contribution requirements increase or decrease.

**B. Estimated Fiscal Impact – OPEB  
(Prepared by LLA)**

1. Narrative

Table B shows the estimated fiscal impact of SB 4 on actuarial costs or savings associated with OPEB and the government entities that sponsor these benefit programs. Fiscal costs or savings in Table B include administrative costs associated with the government entity sponsoring the OPEB program. A fiscal cost is denoted by “Increase” or a positive number. Fiscal savings are denoted by “Decrease” or a negative number. A revenue increase is denoted by “Increase” or a positive number. A revenue decrease is denoted by “Decrease” or a negative number.

**OPEB Fiscal Cost: Table B**

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-2020</b>	<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>5 Year Total</b>
State General Fund	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Agy Self Generated	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stat Deds/Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Funds	0	0	0	0	0	0
Local Funds	0	0	0	0	0	0
Annual Total	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-2020</b>	<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>5 Year Total</b>
State General Fund	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Agy Self Generated	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stat Deds/Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Funds	0	0	0	0	0	0
Local Funds	0	0	0	0	0	0
Annual Total	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

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SB 4 will have no effect on OPEB related fiscal costs and revenues during the five year measurement period.

**C. Estimated Fiscal Impact: Other Government Entities (unrelated to the retirement systems or OPEB)  
(Prepared by the LLA using information obtained from the LFO)**

1. Narrative

From time to time, legislation is proposed that has an indirect effect on cash flows associated with other government entities, unrelated to the retirement systems or OPEB. Table C shows the estimated fiscal impact (administrative and actuarial) of SB 4 on such government entities. A fiscal cost is denoted by “Increase” or a positive number. Fiscal savings are denoted by “Decrease” or a negative number.

**Fiscal Costs for Other Government Entities: Table C**

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-2020</b>	<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>5 Year Total</b>
State General Fund	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Agy Self Generated	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stat Deds/Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Funds	0	0	0	0	0	0
Local Funds	0	0	0	0	0	0
Annual Total	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-2020</b>	<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>5 Year Total</b>
State General Fund	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Agy Self Generated	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stat Deds/Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Funds	0	0	0	0	0	0
Local Funds	0	0	0	0	0	0
Annual Total	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

SB 4 will have the following effects on fiscal costs and revenues related to other government entities during the five year measurement period.

2. Expenditures:

a. There is no anticipated material effect on expenditures for governmental entities other than the retirement systems and their sponsors.

3. Revenues:

a. There is no anticipated material effect on revenues of governmental entities other than the retirement systems and their sponsors.

**D. Estimated Fiscal Impact – All Retirement Systems, OPEB, and All Government Entities  
(Prepared by LLA)**

1. Narrative

Table D shows the estimated fiscal impact of SB 4 on all government entities within the state of Louisiana. Cell values in Table D are the sum of the respective cell values in Table A, Table B, and Table C. A fiscal cost is denoted by “Increase” or a positive number. Fiscal savings are denoted by “Decrease” or a negative number. A revenue increase is denoted by “Increase” or a positive number. A revenue decrease is denoted by “Decrease” or a negative number.

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**Total Fiscal Cost: Table D (Cumulative Costs from Tables A, B, & C)**

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-2020</b>	<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>5 Year Total</b>
State General Fund	See Table A	See Table A	See Table A	See Table A	See Table A	See Table A
Agy Self Generated	See Table A	See Table A	See Table A	See Table A	See Table A	See Table A
Stat Deds/Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Funds	0	0	0	0	0	0
Local Funds	See Table A	See Table A	See Table A	See Table A	See Table A	See Table A
Annual Total	See Table A	See Table A	See Table A	See Table A	See Table A	See Table A

<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-2020</b>	<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>5 Year Total</b>
State General Fund	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Agy Self Generated	See Table A	See Table A	See Table A	See Table A	See Table A	See Table A
Stat Deds/Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Funds	0	0	0	0	0	0
Local Funds	0	0	0	0	0	0
Annual Total	See Table A	See Table A	See Table A	See Table A	See Table A	See Table A

**Fiscal Costs Received by the LLA from the LFO**

1. Narrative

Proposed law provides that any duties assigned by the board of trustees of a state retirement system to an actuary shall only relate to the practice of actuarial science or ministerial duties that do not require supervision of the retirement system's management.

**Fiscal Costs for Other Government Entities: Table C**

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-2020</b>	<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>5 Year Total</b>
State General Fund	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Agy Self Generated	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stat Deds/Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Funds	0	0	0	0	0	0
Local Funds	0	0	0	0	0	0
Annual Total	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-2020</b>	<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>5 Year Total</b>
State General Fund	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Agy Self Generated	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stat Deds/Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Funds	0	0	0	0	0	0
Local Funds	0	0	0	0	0	0
Annual Total	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

SB 4 will have the following effects on fiscal costs and revenues related to other government entities during the five year measurement period.

2. Expenditures:

*There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure.*

3. Revenues:

*There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.*

**Credentials of the Signatory Staff:**

Paul T. Richmond is the Manager of Actuarial Services for the Louisiana Legislative Auditor. He is an Enrolled Actuary, a member of the American Academy of Actuaries, a member of the Society of Actuaries and has met the Qualification Standards of the American Academy of Actuaries necessary to render the actuarial opinion contained herein.

John D. Carpenter, Legislative Fiscal Officer has supervised the preparation of the fiscal analyses contained herein.

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**Information Pertaining to Article (10)(29(F) of the Louisiana Constitution**

SB 4 contains a retirement system benefit provision having an actuarial cost.

No member of any of the systems will receive a larger benefit with the enactment of SB 4 than what he would have received without SB 4.

**Dual Referral Relative to Total Fiscal Costs or Total Cash Flows:**

The information presented below is based on information contained in Table D for the first three years following the 2018 regular session.

**Senate**

**House**

13.5.1 Applies to Senate or House Instruments.  
If an annual fiscal cost  $\geq$  \$100,000, then bill is dual referred to:  
**Dual Referral: Senate Finance**

6.8F Applies to Senate or House Instruments.  
If an annual General Fund fiscal cost  $\geq$  \$100,000, then the bill is dual referred to:  
**Dual Referral to Appropriations**

13.5.2 Applies to Senate or House Instruments.  
If an annual tax or fee change  $\geq$  \$500,000, then the bill is dual referred to:  
**Dual Referral: Revenue and Fiscal Affairs**

6.8G Applies to Senate Instruments only.  
If a net fee decrease occurs or if an increase in annual fees and taxes  $\geq$  \$500,000, then the bill is dual referred to:  
**Dual Referral: Ways and Means**