



**Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Committee Statement
LB 328**

Hearing Date: February 1, 2007
Committee On: Nebraska Retirement Systems

Introducer(s): (Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee)
Title: Change provisions relating to county and state retirement plans

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

- Advanced to General File
 - X Advanced to General File with Amendments
 - Indefinitely Postponed
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Vote Results:

6	Yes	Senators Erdman, Heidemann, Karpisek, Loudon, Synowiecki, White
	No	
	Present, not voting	
	Absent	

Proponents:

Jeremy Nordquist
Joe Schaefer
Bob Corner

Representing:

Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee
Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Systems
NAPE/AFSCME

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 328 creates separate expense funds for the County Employees Defined Contribution Retirement System, the County Employees Cash Balance Retirement System, the State Employees Defined Contribution Retirement System, and the State Employees Cash Balance Retirement System. Currently, Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Systems utilizes a sub-account within the current County Employees Retirement System Expense Fund for administrative expenses related to the County Employees Cash Balance Retirement System and a sub-account within the current State Employees Retirement System Expense Fund for administrative expenses related to the State Employees Cash Balance Retirement System.

In addition, LB 328 would provide for the immediate reenrollment in the County and State Retirement Systems of members who have ceased employment and return to employment prior to a five-year break in service. Current statute provides for a sixty day period of employment before reenrollment in the County and State Retirement Systems is required.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

AM391 contains LB 370, as amended by committee amendment AM378, and LB 665. Under LB 370, the Nebraska Retirement System would conduct a survey of current retirement plans in place for law enforcement officers and issue a report to the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee no later than Oct. 1, 2007. The report will be provided to any firm employed to conduct an actuarial survey. LB 370 states that neither the State nor any political subdivision will be responsible for payment of the actuarial survey or be held liable for providing the information. LB 665 provides that those County and State employees who remain with the Defined Contribution benefit be given an additional opportunity to enroll in the Cash Balance benefit option. This benefit election shall take place between 11/1/2007 and 1/1/2008.

Senator John Synowiecki, Chairperson