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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

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Date Prepared: 2/11/25 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: SB 337 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Senator Gonzales **Agency Name and Code** 366-PERA
Short Title: DISABILITY & SURVIVOR PENSIONS **Number:** _____
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total						

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis:

SB 337 clarifies several sections within the PERA Act to remove ambiguous or otherwise unclear provisions to ensure statutory consistency with current administrative practice. SB 337 amends the Public Employees Retirement Act [NMSA 1978 10-11-4] to remove the requirement that the purchase of withdrawn service credit must be made in a single lump sum amount and must be purchased in increments of one year and instead allows the PERA Board to determine the process. PERA Rules currently require a process identical to statute, therefore no changes will immediately occur if this section is amended, but the change would allow the PERA Board to consider other potential procedures through rulemaking. The bill also amends section [NMSA 1978 10-11-4.2] to exempt collection services that may be used by PERA to collect benefit overpayments from the requirements of the Procurement Code. The bill amends section [NMSA 1978 10-11-10.1] to remove the requirement that at least one member of the disability review committee be a physician licensed in New Mexico and ties earnings allowable for a disability retirement to the federal social security program. The bill also corrects an internal inconsistency in the payment of pre-retirement survivor benefits in section [NMSA 1978 10-11-14.5]. The bill also amends section [NMSA 10-11-130] to provide that the association may provide member or retired member information to the educational retirement board for purposes of administering the Public Employees Retirement Reciprocity Act. The bill amends [NMSA 1978 10-11-130.1] to clarify that members of the retirement board and employees of the association must comply with the provisions of the Gift Act. The bill amends [NMSA 1978 10-11-135] to clarify that PERA benefits are subject to federal levy or other process. The bill amends [NMSA 1978 10-11A-7] to provide that a surviving spouse's benefit does not terminate upon remarriage. The bill also amends [NMSA 1978 10-12C-4] to clarify the existing requirement that a retired member who is otherwise exempt the membership requirements for Magistrate judges must pay member contributions while in office and the administrative office of the courts must pay employer contributions.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

SB 337 should not have an impact to PERA's operating budget.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

None.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

SB 337 will not affect PERA's performance measures.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None.

ALTERNATIVES

None.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

PERA would continue to follow the existing statutes in NMSA 1978 and the New Mexico Constitution.

AMENDMENTS