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**STATE OF COLORADO**

BY REPRESENTATIVES Scott, Lawrence, Veiga, King, Mitchell,  
Smith, Fairbank, and Plant;  
also SENATOR Andrews.

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 00-1051**

101 CONCERNING CREATION OF AN INTERIM COMMITTEE TO STUDY PUBLIC  
102 SUPPORT OF PENSIONS FOR STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
103 EMPLOYEES.

1 WHEREAS, The General Assembly created the fire and police  
2 pension association (FPPA) in article 31 of title 31, Colorado Revised  
3 Statutes, in order to ensure the security of police officers' and firefighters'  
4 pension plans in Colorado; and

5 WHEREAS, In recognition that local governments were burdened  
6 with financial obligations relating to pensions in excess of their financial  
7 capabilities, the General Assembly provided state moneys to assist local  
8 governments with the intent that state participation would decrease  
9 annually and terminate at the earliest possible date; and

10 WHEREAS, The public employees' retirement association (PERA)  
11 was established in article 51 of title 24, Colorado Revised Statutes, for  
12 the purpose of providing retirement and other benefits and programs to  
13 state employees; and

14 WHEREAS, The Denver public school district has established an  
15 employees' pension and benefit association independent from PERA,  
16 pursuant to article 64 of title 22, Colorado Revised Statutes; and

17 WHEREAS, Numerous discrepancies in cost and benefits exist  
18 between plans administered by PERA and the FPPA and for Denver  
19 public school employees; now, therefore,

20 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-second*  
21 *General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring*  
22 *herein:*

23 (1) That there is hereby created an interim committee to work  
24 through the 2000 interim to study public support of pensions for state and  
25 local government employees. The interim committee shall consider, but  
26 need not be limited to, the following issues:

1 (a) The actuarial stability of the pension plans within the FPPA,  
2 and the termination of state assistance for those pension plans; and

3 (b) Discrepancies between PERA, the FPPA, and the Denver  
4 public school teachers' retirement fund, including, but not limited to,  
5 differences in the actuarial stability of, cost to taxpayers of, and benefits  
6 provided by each such pension.

7 (2) That the interim committee shall consist of six members. The  
8 Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate  
9 and the Minority Leader of the Senate shall appoint the members of the  
10 committee no later than thirty days after the passage of this Joint  
11 Resolution, as follows:

12 (a) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint  
13 three representatives, one of whom shall be named chair, and no more  
14 than two of whom shall be members of the same political party; and

15 (b) The President of the Senate shall appoint two senators, one of  
16 whom shall be named the vice-chair, and the Senate Minority Leader  
17 shall appoint one senator, and no more than two of the three shall be from  
18 the same political party.

19 (3) That the interim committee shall submit its written findings  
20 and recommendations, including, but not limited to, any recommended  
21 legislation, to the General Assembly no later than October 15, 2000.  
22 Legislation recommended by the interim committee shall be treated as  
23 legislation recommended by any other interim committee for purposes of  
24 any introduction deadlines or bill limitations imposed by the Joint Rules  
25 of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

26 (4) That the interim committee shall meet at least \_\_\_ times to  
27 fulfill its responsibilities in this study.

28 (5) That members of the interim committee shall be compensated  
29 as provided in section 2-2-307, Colorado Revised Statutes, for attendance  
30 at meetings of the interim committee.

31 (6) That the Legislative Council staff and the Office of Legislative  
32 Legal Services shall be made available to assist the interim committee in  
33 carrying out its duties.

34 (7) That all expenditures incurred while conducting this study  
35 shall be approved by the Chairman of the Legislative Council and paid by  
36 vouchers as provided by law from moneys allocated to the Legislative  
37 Council for legislative studies from appropriations made by the General  
38 Assembly.