

**FINAL
FISCAL NOTE**

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Bradford
Sen. King S.

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TITLE: CONCERNING EMPLOYEES OF MESA STATE COLLEGE.

Summary of Legislation

The bill allows the president of Mesa State College to hold an election of the school's classified employees to determine if those employees wish to exempt themselves from the state personnel system in order to have the option to participate in the college's alternative personnel system. If a majority of classified employees approve the exemption, the president must adopt necessary procedures and time frames for each employee to choose in which system he or she will participate. However, classified employees hired after such an election must participate in the alternative system. The president is also authorized to determine positions that will remain in the state personnel system. If the employees do not approve the exemption, the president may initiate another election after 12 months.

Amendments adopted in the House clarified that current employees will remain in PERA's defined benefit plan while new employees may choose between PERA and an optional retirement plan. The bill was postponed indefinitely by the Senate State, Veterans and Military Affairs Committee on March 16, 2011.

Assessment

Mesa State College currently employs approximately 105 state classified employees. Policies for compensation, benefits, hiring, promotion, and termination for these employees are set by the State Personnel Board and not by the Mesa State College Board of Trustees. The college's board is responsible for setting all policies and procedures for managing exempt administrative, adjunct, and faculty employees.

The bill will have no impact on state expenditures or revenue. It merely provides a process for employees at the college to elect to have a choice between the state system or an alternative, campus-based system. This fiscal note assumes that employee eligibility for participation in the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) will be unaffected. The bill will not require any new expenses for the college, the Department of Higher Education, or the Department of Personnel and Administration. For these reasons, the bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Departments Contacted

Higher Education

Personnel

PERA