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## Correspondence Memorandum

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**To:** Budget and Operations Committee

**Employee Trust Funds Board** 

From: Tarna Hunter, Budget and Management Director

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**Subject:** Legislative Update

This memo is for informational purposes only. No Board action is required.

## **Proposed Legislation**

<u>2025 SB 35</u> and <u>2025 AB 36</u> allow an annuitant who was a law enforcement officer or fire fighter to return to work with an employer who participates in the WRS, work two-thirds of full-time, and elect to not become a participating employee for purposes of the WRS, and instead continue to receive his or her annuity.

2025 SB 35 was introduced by Sen. Jacque and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety. 2025 AB 36 was introduced by Rep. Wichgers and referred to the Assembly Committee on Workforce Development, Labor, and Integrated Employment.

On March 13, 2025, the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety held a public hearing on the bill. ETF testified for information only at the hearing.

<u>2025 SB 105</u> and <u>2025 AB 138</u> allow an annuitant who was a protective occupation participant or an annuitant who was a county jailer who was not a protective occupation participant to return to work with an employer who participates in the WRS, work two-thirds of full-time, and elect to not become a participating employee for purposes of the WRS, and instead continue to receive his or her annuity.

2025 SB 105 was introduced by Sen. Tomczyk and referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety. 2025 AB 138 was introduced by Rep. Donovan and referred to the Assembly Committee on State Affairs.

Staff will be at the Board and Committee meetings to answer any questions.

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