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It's summer! Please take the time to know who your legislators are!

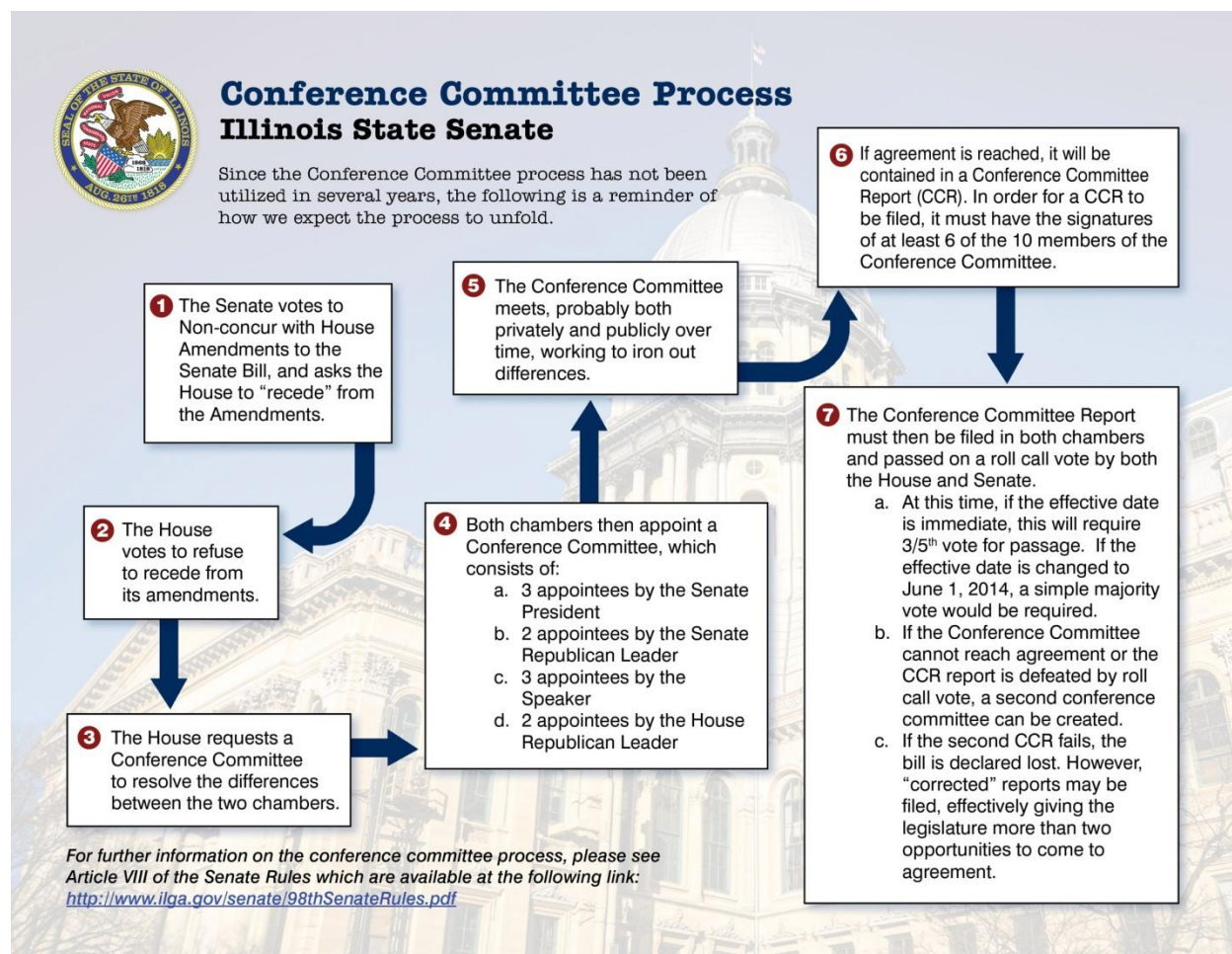
SUAA Mini Briefing

June 26, 2013

Introduce yourself to your legislators! Have their contact information readily available for important SUAA Alerts!

The Conference Committee on Senate Bill 1 will meet in Chicago tomorrow, Thursday, June 27th. Members of the Conference Committee are House of Representatives Elaine Nekritz (D - 57th District) ; Michael Zalewski (D - 23rd District); Arthur Turner (D - 9th District); Darlene Senger (R - 41st District); Jill Tracy (R - 94th District); and, Senators Daniel Bill (D - 9th District); Kwame Raoul (D - 13th District); Linda Holmes (D - 42nd District); Matt Murphy (R - 27th District) and Bill Brady (R - 44th District).

While there are a few new faces within the Committee, most have been involved in either sponsoring pension legislation, chairing legislative committees or sitting on previous pension committees. Will those new faces be able to influence agreement?



The Committee's deadline date July 9th. This is the same date as Conceal and Carry's goal. It looks like two issues could be either discussed or passed at that time.

There will most likely be a large number of people representing different entities testifying tomorrow in Chicago. SUAA will be among them.

A great number of the SUAA audience asks periodically if the legislators would have to take any of the "hits" proposed in the current pension legislation. The answer is always yes the legislators are included. However, HB 1411 is a bill that might have been missed by the larger group of spectators. The bill limits mileage reimbursement to \$.39 for fiscal year 2014; no cost of living increases; and one day of compensation each month is forfeited, however does not impact their pension. The bill was introduced by Representative Michelle Mussman (D - 56th District) which is now Public Act 98-0030. The cumulative votes for both the House and Senate were 159 - 6.

Retirement Education Seminars

SURS is offering three fall Retirement Education Seminars for members enrolled in the Traditional and Portable plans. These popular one-day seminars will be held at the SURS office in Champaign and are scheduled for:

Tuesday, September 10th
Wednesday, October 9th
Tuesday, November 12th

Topics will include:

- Eligibility for retirement
- Purchasing additional service credit—cost, availability, ways to purchase, how the purchase may benefit you
- How benefits are calculated under both Money Purchase (if applicable) and General Formula
- What happens when you pass away
- Death Benefits—who qualifies, amount payable
- Survivor Benefits—who qualifies, amount payable
- Applying for your retirement benefit
- What happens after you retire—Preliminary Estimated Payment stage (PEP), Taxes, Automatic Annual Increase (AAI), Returning to work after retirement
- Benefits to having a one-on-one counseling appointment within four years of retirement

9:30	Welcome
9:45	Social Security Overview
	A Social Security representative will be available to discuss your eligibility for Social Security and Medicare, how your Social Security benefit is affected by SURS, and other general Social Security information.
10:45	Break

11:00	Insurance Overview
	An insurance representative will present information on eligibility, coverage, cost, and dependent information for both State of Illinois Insurance and the College Insurance Plan (CIP).
12:00	Box Lunches
12:40	SURS Traditional and Portable Overview (how to earn service credit, calculate retirement, maximize your benefit, etc.)
2:30-3:00	Adjourn

These seminars will be held at SURS (map/directions) from approximately 9:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. The enrollment fee is \$20 per member and \$10 for a non-member guest. Lunch will be provided. Please contact Karen Hipkind by phone at 217-378-8856 or email (khipskind@surs.org) to register.

Welcome to the SUAA Executive Committee members elected at the 2013 Annual Meeting. They will be serving from June 19th, 2013 through the end of the 2014 Annual Meeting.

Bonnie Henry, President, William Rainey Harper Community College
Bruce Appleby, President-elect, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale
Steve Mansfield, Treasurer, College of DuPage

Members - at - Large

Jane Lehman, Elgin Community College
Pat Bauhs, Moraine Valley Community College
Marsha Borders, University of Illinois - Chicago
Leo Welch, Southwestern Illinois College
Tom Conry, University of Illinois - Urbana Champaign
Larry Alferink, Illinois State University

Visit the SUAA website for their contact information.