

PASR's Legislative Agenda

1. PASR will promote the Public Private Partnership Investment Plan developed by Dr. Cynthia Beyerlein to reduce the unfunded liability of the public school and state pension systems.
2. PASR will promote continued preservation of the defined benefit plan of PSERS.
3. PASR will promote whatever legislation is required to strengthen the Health Options Program (HOP) administered by PSERS.
4. PASR will promote legislation to maintain or increase the current level of premium assistance that is provided to eligible retirees.
5. PASR will continue to advocate for an ad hoc cost-of-living adjustment for school retirees.
6. PASR supports the increase from one the number of retired members who serve on the PSERS Board of Trustees.
7. PASR will promote passage of legislation to prevent abuse and political manipulation of the retirement systems that includes the following provisions:
 - Charge Pennsylvania's Auditor General with the responsibility of periodically reviewing the retirement system's actuarial assumptions, projections, and practices.
 - Require the Independent Fiscal Office (IFO) to schedule public hearings on all proposals to amend the retirement codes before issuing its actuarial notes to the General Assembly.
 - Require the legislature to provide no less than two weeks from when the IFO issues an actuarial note before either the House or Senate can vote final passage on a bill to amend the retirement codes.
 - Empower the PSERS Board of Trustees to express opinions on proposals affecting the retirement system and enable PSERS to challenge legally those who might seek to force them to abdicate their fiduciary responsibilities. The PSERS Board of Trustees must be allowed to select and hire independent legal council and have greater control of its budget and decisions concerning the hiring and compensation provided to its employees.
8. PASR will support any legislation that will protect Medicaid, Medicare, and Social Security benefits.

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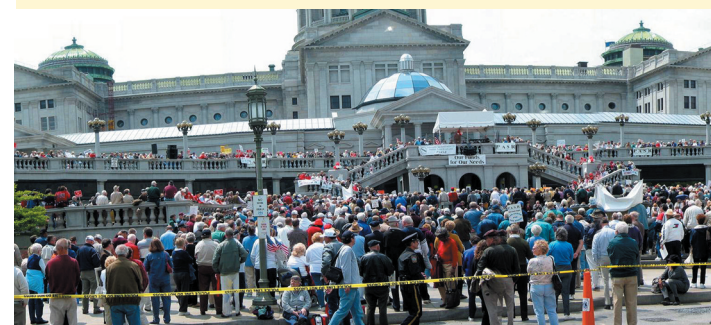
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***In times of need,
PASR has rallied
public school retirees
to bring about legislation!***

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Did you know that a campaign to urge passage of a single piece of legislation has cost PASR more than \$200,000? Thank you for your support!

Contribution Amount
\$10 \$25 \$50 or \$ _____

Please make checks payable to L/PEC and mail to 878 Century Drive ■ Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-4375
Note: L/PEC contributions are not deductible for federal income taxes.

L/PEC Committee

The Legislative/Political Education Committee (L-PEC) solicits voluntary contributions from PASR members, administers the Legislative/Political Education Fund in support of PASR's legislative objectives and programs, provides the PASR membership with information about the political candidates and PASR's positions of interest, and encourages PASR members to become actively involved in supporting the candidates of their choice.

L/PEC Fund: PASR members and supporters help finance those efforts through contributions. Each dollar we receive does make a difference. L/PEC donations are used to:

- Provide training and communications for volunteers serving in PASR's legislative contact system
- Promote establishment of positive relationships with legislators by educating them on the issues, attending their caucus events in Harrisburg, and sponsoring *meet your legislator* and *meet and greet* legislative candidates events in their districts.
- Survey candidates for public office and publicize their positions on issues of concern to all school retirees.
- Compile and publicize the voting records of officials serving in Harrisburg on issues of concern to school retirees.
- Pay the expenses of producing and mailing information to keep volunteers and members informed on what is happening in Harrisburg.

Please donate today by credit card at www.pasr.org—member log-in required—or via the mail-in contribution form. Please note, PASR does not endorse or contribute money to any political candidate.

When you were employed, the annual dues you paid to your union provided the cost of your legislative representation and lobbying. These dues amounts ranged up to several hundred dollars. In retirement, this is no longer true. Unfortunately, the annual dues amount charged by PASR is not enough to support all of our legislative efforts. We are doing more with less. Many of the more senior members of our organization would not be able to afford a significant increase in our dues. L/PEC was created for those who could afford to contribute more, to help PASR establish a strong and effective legislative voice for all school retirees.

Advocacy

PASR serves as a legislative watchdog for all of Pennsylvania's public school retirees.

In the past, PASR has helped school retirees attain seven cost-of-living adjustments and had a hand in the creation of health insurance premium assistance which is now \$100 a month, as well as many other legislative accomplishments.

PASR continues advocating on behalf of public school retirees. PASR would propose and assume a lead role in introducing, passing, and signing into law the following initiatives:

- Health Insurance/Premium Assistance
- Pension Contributors' Protection Act
- Pension Reform
- Pension System Actuarial Liability Funding
- COLA Proposal