

PASR

Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees

Legislative Candidate Issue Support Survey

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Candidate's Name Party Affiliation Legislative District #

ISSUE A: Health Insurance/Premium Assistance

PASR will promote whatever legislation is required to strengthen the Health Options Program (HOP) administered by PSERS and to maintain the current level of premium assistance that is provided to eligible retirees.

If elected, would you support legislation that would:

1. Financially strengthen the Health Options Program (HOP) administered by PSERS and maintain the current level of premium assistance that is provided to eligible retirees?

Willing to support ___ Unwilling to support

ISSUE B: Pension Reform

PASR will promote legislation to reduce the retirement systems' unfunded liabilities and provide a COLA to retirees in greatest need. The proposal will include the following components:

- Strongly support preservation of the defined benefit plan of PSERS
- Support the Public Private Partnership Plan (*see attached*) to reduce the unfunded liability of the public school and state pension systems
- Continue to advocate for an ad hoc cost-of-living adjustment for all school retirees.

If elected, would you support legislation that would:

1. Support preservation of the defined benefit plan of PSERS?

Willing to support ___ Unwilling to support

2. Support the Public Private Partnership Plan to reduce the unfunded liability of the public school and state pension systems?

Willing to support ___ Unwilling to support

3. Continue to advocate for an ad hoc cost-of-living adjustment for all school retirees?

Willing to support ___ Unwilling to support

ISSUE C: Pension Contributors' Protection Act

PASR will promote passage of legislation to prevent further 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 Public Employee Retirement Commission 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 Commission 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.
- Increase from one the number of retired members who serve on the PSERS Board of Trustees.

If elected, would you support legislation that would:

1. Charge Pennsylvania's Auditor General with the responsibility of periodically reviewing the retirement system's actuarial assumptions, projections, and practices?
 Willing to support ___ Unwilling to support

2. Require the Public Employee Retirement Commission to schedule public hearings on all proposals to amend the retirement codes before issuing its actuarial notes to the General Assembly?
 Willing to support ___ Unwilling to support

3. Require the legislature to provide no less than two weeks from when the Commission issues an actuarial note before either the House or Senate can vote final passage on a bill to amend the retirement codes?
 Willing to support ___ Unwilling to support

4. 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?
 Willing to support ___ Unwilling to support

5. Increase from one the number of retired members who serve on the PSERS Board of Trustees?
 Willing to support ___ Unwilling to support

Please circle three (of the lettered and numbered Issues below) that you would be most inclined to sponsor or cosponsor.

ISSUE A: Health Insurance/Premium Assistance

A-1

ISSUE B: Pension Reform

B-1 B-2 **B-3**

ISSUE C: Pension Contributors' Protection Act

C-1 C-2 C-3 C-4 **C-5**

In the space provided below, please indicate which issue you believe is the most important and why.

I have long believed the most important thing we can do to help retirees is provide them a COLA, particularly to the pre-Act 9 retirees. That is why I have sponsored a COLA for pre-Act 9 retirees each year since 2008.


Candidate's Signature

8-20-16
Date

Please return this completed survey no later than September 30, 2016, to David Heberlig at 878 Century Dr., Mechanicsburg, PA 17020 or at pasr@pasr.org.

Thank you!