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PSERS; EXCLUDE WORK FIRST EMPLOYEES

House Bill 5951

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**Committee: Senior Health, Security and
Retirement**

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5951 AS INTRODUCED 9-26-00

Under the Public Employees Retirement Act, people employed by "reporting units" (local and intermediate school districts, public school academies, district libraries, and community colleges) are members of the retirement system on the first day of their employment. Being a member of the retirement system means that employees have a portion of their wages withheld as member contributions to the retirement system, and that employers must pay contributions on behalf of those employees into the retirement system. Certain kinds of employment are listed in the statute as exempt from membership in the retirement system, including neighborhood youth corps employees, transitional public employment program employees, election workers, and so forth. One listed exemption is for persons who are not regularly employed by a reporting unit, but are employed through participation in a program established under the Michigan Opportunity and Skills Training Program administered by the Family Independence Agency and the Department of Career Development. House Bill 5951 would amend this provision to change the reference to the Work First program under the Social Welfare Act.

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