

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE
BILL ANALYSIS**

Bill Number: HB 231a

49th Legislature, 2nd Session, 2010

Tracking Number: .180570.1SA

Short Title: Disclosure of Educational Pension Amounts

Sponsor(s): Representative Jack E. Thomas

Analyst: James Ball

Date: February 3, 2010

AS AMENDED

The Labor and Human Resources Committee amendments replace references to “pension amounts” with “retirement and disability benefits.”

Bill Summary:

HB 231a amends the *Educational Retirement Act* to authorize the disclosure to the public of Education Retirement Board (ERB) members’ or retired members’ pension amounts.

Fiscal Impact:

HB 231a contains no appropriation.

Substantive Issues:

According to the analysis of HB 231a by the ERB, current statute was not intended to prevent the release of pension amounts. Information that currently can be released is sufficient to estimate pensions. ERB sees HB 231a as a technical correction that will explicitly allow the release of pension amounts and promote transparency regarding ERB pensions.

The analysis by the Attorney General’s office adds that, under HB 231a, any ERB records that disclose a member’s pension will be subject to inspection and disclosure under the *Inspection of Public Records Act*.

Related Bills:

HB 241 *Education Retirement Info Disclosure*