

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE  
BILL ANALYSIS**

**Bill Number:** HB 241

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**Tracking Number:** .181283.1SA

**Short Title:** Educational Retirement Info Disclosure

**Sponsor(s):** Representative Jack E. Thomas

**Analyst:** James Ball

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**Bill Summary:**

HB 241 amends the *Educational Retirement Act* to authorize the disclosure to the public of Education Retirement Board (ERB) members' or retired members' retirement benefits.

**Fiscal Impact:**

HB 241 contains no appropriation.

**Substantive Issues:**

According to the analysis of HB 241 by ERB, current statute was not intended to prevent the release of pension amounts. Information that can currently be released is sufficient to estimate pensions. ERB sees HB 241 as a technical correction that will explicitly allow the release of retirement benefit amounts and promote transparency regarding ERB pensions.

The analysis by the Attorney General's office adds that, under HB 241, any ERB records that disclose a member's retirement benefits will be subject to inspection and disclosure under the *Inspection of Public Records Act*.

**Related Bills:**

HB 231a *Disclosure of Educational Pension Amounts*