

Senate Bill No. 2122

CHAPTER 320

An act to repeal and add Chapter 21.4 (commencing with Section 7515) of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code, relating to public retirement fund investments.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 2122, Ortiz. Retirement systems: investments: information sharing.

The California Constitution provides that the retirement boards of public pension or retirement systems have plenary authority over the assets of their respective systems, subject to their fiduciary duties to the systems' members.

This bill would state that the Public Employees' Retirement System and the State Teachers' Retirement System are authorized and encouraged to cooperate and share information that may assist them in developing and implementing appropriate investment strategies, with the advice of investment experts, as specified. It would specify that confidential information or documents relating to investments in the possession of either system would not lose their confidential status due to the fact that the information or documents are shared with the other system or with investment advisors. It also would delete obsolete provisions.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the Joint Retirement System Investment Information Sharing Act of 2000.

SEC. 2. Chapter 21.4 (commencing with Section 7515) of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code is repealed.

SEC. 3. Chapter 21.4 (commencing with Section 7515) is added to Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code, to read:

CHAPTER 21.4. JOINT RETIREMENT SYSTEM INVESTMENT INFORMATION SHARING

7515. It is the intent of this chapter to authorize and encourage the Public Employees' Retirement System and the State Teachers' Retirement System to regularly cooperate and share information that may assist both systems in developing and implementing appropriate investment strategies, with the advice of investment experts selected



by the systems who are willing to share their knowledge and expertise.

7516. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, confidential information or documents relating to investments in the possession of the Public Employees' Retirement System or the State Teachers' Retirement System shall not lose their confidential status due to the fact that the information or documents are shared with the other system or with investment advisors selected by the systems to advise on asset allocation, active versus passive management, or other investment issues of mutual interest and concern. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to authorize the release or sharing of documents or information in violation of federal law or the terms of a contract.

