

BILL # HB 2008

TITLE: PSPRS; membership; park rangers

SPONSOR: Gray

STATUS: As Introduced

REQUESTED BY: House

PREPARED BY: Gretchen Logan

FISCAL YEAR

2001

2002

2003

EXPENDITURES

General Fund	\$-0-	\$-0-	\$-0-
Other Appropriated Funds	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Total	\$-0-	\$-0-	\$-0-

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Description

HB 2008 allows Arizona State Park Board Rangers who are certified peace officers to join the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS), if they receive a legislative appropriation to fund the increased contribution rate associated with the transfer. Currently, these State Park employees participate in the Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS).

Estimated Impact

HB 2008 opens up PSPRS to Park Rangers, but does not mandate participation in PSPRS. In addition, HB 2008 specifically requires a legislative appropriation prior to the inclusion of Park Rangers in PSPRS. Since HB 2008 does not contain an appropriation for this transfer, the bill itself does not have a fiscal impact.

However, if the Legislature were to appropriate monies for this purpose, the estimated cost would be \$141,800 from the General Fund and \$67,600 in Other Appropriated Funds. Currently Park Rangers participate in ASRS, which has a contribution rate of 2.49% for both the employer and employee for the FY 2002-2003 biennium (*this includes a contribution of 2.0% for retirement benefits and 0.49% for long-term disability coverage*). Participation in PSPRS will increase the employee's contribution to 7.65%, a rate that is set in statute. The employer rate is estimated to increase to 15.06%. State Parks would therefore need to contribute another 12.57% of Park Rangers' salaries for retirement benefits on an annual basis.

Local Government Impact

HB 2008 does not have a local government impact.