

State Administrators & Staff Asked to Monitor Proposed State Legislative Changes (October 19, 2012)

The National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) and the Pew Center on the States (Pew) have created a Pensions and Retirement Legislation Database that permits people to search pension legislation introduced in the states: <http://www.ncsl.org/issues-research/labor/pension-legislation-database.aspx>. I'd encourage everyone to bookmark this link and periodically check for possible legislative changes in your states to ensure nothing is being introduced that will be in conflict with federal laws and regulations.

Also, please let me (as the current Legislative Committee Chairperson) know of any proposed changes in your states so we can help you monitor and interpret how those changes may impact you and your state and local government employers/employees and public pension systems. If something is being introduced that will conflict with federal laws and regulations, we can assist you in helping to explain to your state's lawmakers and other political leaders how important it is to avoid doing so. We can also provide you and your other state officials with viable alternatives (if they exist) to accomplish the goals and objectives they want the state legislation to achieve but still avoiding potential compliance problems with federal laws/regulations.

Let me know if you have any questions about this request or if you need the Legislative Committee's assistance with anything else. The Legislative Committee's members will be happy to assist any member of NCSSSA.

My contact information is listed below.

Thank you,

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