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Senate Chamber, Lansing, Wednesday, June 26, 2019.

10:00 a.m.

Pursuant to rule 1.101, in the absence of the Presiding Officers, the Senate was called to order by the Secretary of the Senate.

Motions and Communications

The following communication was received:
Municipal Employees' Retirement System

June 20, 2019

Enclosed please find a copy of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the Municipal Employees' Retirement System (MERS) of Michigan for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018, pursuant to the requirements of the Municipal Employees Retirement Act of 1944 (MCL 38.1536(2)(f)).

MERS is an independent, professional retirement services company that was created to administer the retirement plans for local units of Michigan government on a not-for-profit basis. Today we administer retirement plans ranging from traditional pensions to defined contribution plans—as well as a hybrid plan which combines both. As the fiduciary for our retirement plans, our primary goal is to ensure that each municipality's assets are adequate to provide for the benefits that are expected to be paid, and that each plan is making reasonable progress to achieve full funding. We are proud of the fact that during the past five years, 79% of MERS municipalities have taken additional steps to manage their benefit commitments through plan design changes or by making voluntary contributions to close their funding gap.

MERS' policies are also in alignment with the Protecting Local Government Retirement and Benefits Act (Public Act 202 of 2017). Those policies include conducting an actuarial experience study at least every five years, with a peer actuarial audit or rotation of actuaries at least every eight years. MERS has also led proactive policy efforts by instituting a fixed amortization policy, developed a tax exempt trust to pre-fund liabilities for other post-employment benefits and continues to offer innovative plan designs in an effort to assist municipalities in addressing unfunded liability while offering competitive benefits.

We will continue to work with our members in assuring transparency and assistance in fulfilling the requirements of the recently enacted law. While there is more work to be done, we remain committed to helping establish and maintain responsible practices for the long-term sustainability of benefits to generations of retirees for years to come.

If you have any questions concerning this report, please contact me. The report can also be found on our website at www.mersofmich.com.

Sincerely,
Chris DeRose
Chief Executive Officer

The communication was referred to the Secretary for record.

Messages from the Governor

The following messages from the Governor were received:

Date: June 25, 2019

Time: 9:08 a.m.

To the President of the Senate:

Sir—I have this day approved and signed

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 129 (Public Act No. 32), being

An act to amend 2016 PA 436, entitled “An act to provide for the operation and regulation of unmanned aircraft systems in this state; to create the unmanned aircraft systems task force; to provide for the powers and duties of state and local governmental officers and entities; and to prohibit conduct related to the operation of unmanned aircraft systems and prescribe penalties,” by amending section 5 (MCL 259.305).

(Filed with the Secretary of State on June 25, 2019 at 10:32 a.m.)

Date: June 25, 2019

Time: 9:10 a.m.

To the President of the Senate:

Sir—I have this day approved and signed

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 192 (Public Act No. 33), being

An act to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled “An act to provide for the registration, titling, sale, transfer, and regulation of certain vehicles operated upon the public highways of this state or any other place open to the general public or generally accessible to motor vehicles and distressed vehicles; to provide for the licensing of dealers; to provide for the examination, licensing, and control of operators and chauffeurs; to provide for the giving of proof of financial responsibility and security by owners and operators of vehicles; to provide for the imposition, levy, and collection of specific taxes on vehicles, and the levy and collection of sales and use taxes, license fees, and permit fees; to provide for the regulation and use of streets and highways; to create certain funds; to provide penalties and sanctions for a violation of this act; to provide for civil liability of manufacturers, the manufacturers of certain devices, the manufacturers of automated technology, upfitters, owners, and operators of vehicles and service of process on residents and nonresidents; to regulate the introduction and use of certain evidence; to regulate and certify the manufacturers of certain devices; to provide for approval and certification of installers and servicers of certain devices; to provide for the levy of certain assessments; to provide for the enforcement of this act; to provide for the creation of and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies; to impose liability upon the state or local agencies; to provide appropriations for certain purposes; to repeal all other acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act or contrary to this act; and to repeal certain parts of this act on a specific date,” by amending section 310e (MCL 257.310e), as amended by 2015 PA 11.

(Filed with the Secretary of State on June 25, 2019 at 10:34 a.m.)

Date: June 25, 2019

Time: 9:12 a.m.

To the President of the Senate:

Sir—I have this day approved and signed

Enrolled Senate Bill No. 193 (Public Act No. 34), being

An act to amend 2006 PA 384, entitled “An act to provide for the certification of driver education providers; to prescribe certain record-keeping and program requirements for driver education providers; to provide for the certification of driver education instructors; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain persons and departments; to prescribe certain fees; to establish a fund in the state treasury; to prescribe remedies, sanctions, and penalties; and to rescind administrative rules,” by amending section 39 (MCL 256.659), as amended by 2010 PA 16.

(Filed with the Secretary of State on June 25, 2019 at 10:36 a.m.)

Respectfully,
Gretchen Whitmer
Governor

Scheduled Meetings

Criminal Justice Policy Commission - Wednesday, July 10, 9:00 a.m., Room 6900, Binsfeld Office Building (517) 373-0212

In the absence of all Senators, pursuant to Joint Rule 15, the Secretary of the Senate adjourned the Senate, the time being 10:01 a.m.

In pursuance of the order previously made, the Secretary of the Senate declared the Senate adjourned until Thursday, June 27, 2019, at 10:00 a.m.

MARGARET O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

