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NON-DUTY DISABILITY IN 5 YRS.

House Bill 5137

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Committee: Public Retirement

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5137 AS INTRODUCED 10-19-93

Under the State Employees' Retirement Act, a member who has been a state employee at least 10 years who becomes "totally and permanently incapacitated for duty," as certified by a medical examination, due to an accident or illness that is not job-related is eligible to receive "non-duty disability" retirement benefits. The bill would amend the act to allow those state employees who became vested within five years to qualify for them, too. (This provision generally would apply to certain elected officials and unclassified executive branch and legislative employees; but also to persons who became members after January 1, 1981, who worked within the Department of Mental Health but were laid off as a result of facility closure and other actions taken to reduce the state's role in operating mental health facilities.) The bill also would clarify that if a medical advisor determined that a member had become totally and permanently incapacitated for duty, he or she would have to certify that the member no longer could continue to work, that the incapacity most likely would be permanent, and that the member should be retired.

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