HB 1490 -- MISSOURI LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (Deeken)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Special Committee on Retirement

This bill changes the laws regarding the Missouri Local Government Employees' Retirement System (LAGERS). In its main provisions, the bill:

(1) Requires at least a 10% reduction on a partial lump-sum distribution. Currently, if a retiree elects to receive a partial lump-sum distribution, a retiree's monthly allowance will be reduced accordingly based on his or her age at retirement;

(2) Creates an additional retirement benefit payment option of joint and 100% survivor. A member electing this benefit will receive a reduced monthly allowance and upon death his or her eligible surviving beneficiary will receive 100% of the benefit amount the retiree was receiving at the time of his or her death;

(3) Allows a retiree to authorize LAGERS to deduct premiums for health insurance or long-term care insurance from his or her retirement allowance; and

(4) Creates a funding mechanism for survivor benefits when a member dies as the result of a duty-related injury or illness.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2009, FY 2010, and FY 2011.