

OCTOBER LEGISLATIVE REPORT

At the Investment Advisory Council meeting on September 24th, the State Board of Administration staff reported the market value of our FRS Trust Fund had risen to \$111 Billion. If the actuarial evaluation that is reported to the Legislature each session were to be done today, legislators would hear that our FRS is back to the 100 percent funded status. The actuarial study is done in January, so we may be more than 100 percent by that time. The funding status is important to us for it affects how legislators will react to efforts to make changes such as requiring all new employees to go into an investment plan versus our pension plan. This also will avoid pressure to raise the required contribution rate employers must send to the FRS.

At this time, we do not know of any pending legislation that should be a worry to us. There will be committee meetings beginning in the next couple of months, and we will be watching to see if any bills affecting the FRS are introduced. Hopefully, this will be a session where we don't have to be worried about a bill being passed that would negatively affect our retirement system..

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