General Assembly Compensation Commission

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Agenda

Monday, December 18, 2017 1:00 p.m. Department of Legislative Services Building 90 State Circle, Conference Room 111 Annapolis, Maryland

- Introductions
- Presentation of Background Materials and Potential Issues
 - Commission Charge and Historical Data
 - Legislative Salaries
 - Legislative Expenses and Fringe Benefits

Issue – In-state and Out-of-state Lodging: Amend for approved conferences to allow the GSA rate or official conference rate.

Retiree Benefits

Issue – Purchase of Additional Service Credit (Air-time): SRA proposal to conform to IRS regulations that would limit the eligibility to purchase additional service credit and the amount of service credit that can be purchased.

Issue – Death Benefits: Consideration of changes to make the Legislative Pension Plan death benefits provisions consistent with legislative changes to death benefits provisions in other plans within the State Retirement and Pension System.

Issue – Designated Beneficiary: Consideration of allowing legislators to name an organization as the designated beneficiary.

Issue – Transfer of Service Credit from Other Plans: Consideration of allowing legislators to transfer service credit earned in another plan within the State Retirement and Pension System to the Legislative Pension Plan if the service credit in the other plan is not enough to vest in the other plan (2013 GACC study item).

Issue – Military Service Credit: Consideration of allowing legislators to claim additional service credit for military service (2013 GACC study item).

• Forfeiture of Benefits

Issue – Forfeiture Provision: Consideration of changes to make this provision consistent with enactment of more comprehensive forfeiture provisions for other elected officials since the adoption of the 2014 Resolution.

• Decision Meeting