

Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability

SB 936 — Disability Retirement Benefits

by Senator Gainer

The bill provides a veteran with another option in establishing a proof of disability when he or she seeks a disability retirement benefit under the Florida Retirement System (FRS). Current law requires the FRS member, in establishing a proof of disability, to submit a certification of the members' total and permanent disability from two licensed physicians of the state, or of the state in which the member works full time. Under the bill, an FRS member who is receiving care at a federal Veterans Health Administration facility may alternatively offer two of that facility's physicians' certifications as proof of the member's total and permanent disability, regardless of where the physician is licensed.

The bill is not expected to impact state or local revenues or expenditures.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2020.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 115-0