HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #:HB 5023PCB FC 06-12Employee BenefitsSPONSOR(S):Fiscal Council & BerfieldTIED BILLS:IDEN./SIM. BILLS:

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
Orig. Comm.: Fiscal Council	21 Y, 0 N	Dobbs	Kelly
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SUMMARY ANALYSIS

The bill directs the resolution of the collective bargaining issues at impasse for FY 2006-2007 regarding state employees. The economic issues will be resolved based on the spending decisions included in the General Appropriations Act for FY 2006-2007. The noneconomic issues will be resolved consistent with the current personnel rules and any legislation modifying the terms and conditions of state employment.

This bill creates two unnumbered sections of law that are effective upon becomming law.

FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. HOUSE PRINCIPLES ANALYSIS:

The bill does not appear to implicate any of the House Principles.

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Chapter 447, F.S., specifies the process for collective bargaining for public employees. The bargaining agent and the negotiator for the state must bargain collectively in the determination of the wages, hours, and terms and conditions of employment of the employees within the bargaining unit. Any collective bargaining agreement reached must be reduced to writing, signed by the chief executive officer for the state and the bargaining agent for the union, and submitted to the members of the bargaining unit for ratification.

Upon execution of the collective bargaining agreement, the Governor must request the legislative body to appropriate amounts sufficient to fund the provisions of the agreement. If the Legislature appropriates funds that are not sufficient to fund the agreement, the agreement must be administered on the basis of the amounts actually appropriated.

Typically, at the state level, an agreement is not reached. In that instance, and pursuant to s. 216.163(6), F.S., an impasse is declared on all unresolved issues when the Governor's budget recommendations are released to the Legislature. Within five days of the start of the impasse period, each party is required to notify the presiding officers of the Legislature of the unresolved issues. A joint select committee of members of the Florida House of Representatives and the Senate is appointed to review the positions of the parties. The committee's recommendation to the Legislature regarding the resolution of those issues is presented to the presiding officers no later than ten days before the start of the regular legislative session. During the session, the Legislature may take action to address the issues. Any actions taken by the Legislature are binding upon the parties.

Following the resolution of the impasse issues, the parties are required to reduce to writing an agreement that includes those issues agreed to by the parties as well as those issues resolved by the Legislature. The agreement must be signed by the chief executive officer and the bargaining agent and then presented to the members of the bargaining unit for ratification.

If the members ratify the agreement, all the provisions of the agreement take effect. If the members do not ratify the agreement, the issues resolved by the Legislature take effect for the first fiscal year which was subject of the negotiations.

The certified bargaining units for state employees and the respective bargaining agents include:

American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Council 79 Administrative and Clerical Unit Operational Services Unit Human Services Unit Professional Unit

Florida Nurses Association Professional Health Care Unit

International Union of Police Association Law Enforcement Unit Police Benevolent Association Security Services Unit Special Agent Unit Lottery Law Enforcement Unit

Florida State Fire Service Association Fire Service Unit

Federation of Physicians and Dentists Supervisory Nonprofessional Unit Physicians Unit State Employees Attorneys Guild

Federation of Public Employees Lottery Administrative and Support Unit

The bill provides that all economic collective bargaining issues at impasse for the 2006-2007 fiscal year regarding state employees will be resolved pursuant to the spending decisions contained in the General Appropriations Act for the 2006-2007 fiscal year.

The bill also provides that all noneconomic collective bargaining issues at impasse for the 2006-2007 fiscal year regarding state employees will be resolved consistent with the current personnel rules and any legislation passed during the 2006 session.

C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1. Provides that all economic collective bargaining issues at impasse for the 2006-2007 fiscal year regarding state employees will be resolved pursuant to the spending decisions contained in the General Appropriations Act for the 2006-2007 fiscal year.

Section 2. Provides that all noneconomic collective bargaining issues at impasse for the 2006-2007 fiscal year regarding state employees will be resolved consistent with the current personnel rules and any legislation passed during the 2006 session.

Section 3. Provides that the bill takes effect upon becoming a law.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

- B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:
 - 1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

- C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR: None.
- D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None.

III. COMMENTS

- A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:
 - 1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

Not applicable because this bill does not require counties or cities to spend funds or take action requiring the expenditure of funds; reduce the authority that cities or counties have to raise revenues in the aggregate; or reduce the percentage of a state tax shared with cities or counties.

2. Other:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None.

IV. AMENDMENTS/COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE & COMBINED BILL CHANGES