
**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

TO: GOVERNOR MUSGROVE

FROM: FELICIA GAVIN

RE: HB 594 COMMENTS

DATE: FEBRUARY 20, 2002

In my opinion, there are no cons to this bill. PERS has endorsed this bill. Based on the actuary study, there will be no significant dollar impact. There are no GF dollars associated with this bill. This bill will allow a member of the highway patrol retirement system declared disabled by the medical board to receive disability retirement after five years of creditable service instead of the current ten years. This will be more in line with other state employees who are vested after four years. The Highway Patrol Commissioner feels that the signing of this bill will greatly increase the morale of the patrol officers. Although an occurrence of this nature happens only once in about 8 – 10 years, it gives the patrol officers a sense of security knowing that their families will be taken care of if something happens to them.