

SEIU Local 517M E-Former – June 2010

Retirement Bill Update for School Employees

Early in the morning of May 14th, the Senate passed SB 1227 by a vote of 21 Yes, 14 No and 3 Excused and 1 not voting. HB 4073 (the IRS 115 trust) passed by the Senate by a vote of 23 Yes, 10 No with 5 Excused. The House subsequently passed HB 4073 and SB 1227. SB 1227 was passed by a 56 Yes, 45 No with 7 Excused. The Governor signed the bill on Wednesday, May 19th. A summary piece of the school retirement bill (SB 1227) and a background piece on the main issues can be found here: http://www.seiu517m.org/School_Retirement_Bill_Summary.aspx

State Employee Retirement Bill Update

There has been no movement on the state employee retirement changes at the time of this writing. Keep checking [seiu517m.org](http://www.seiu517m.org) for updates as movement starts on this legislation.

Public Employee Pay Cut Measure Moves to Senate Floor

Sen. John Pappageorge (R-Troy) has introduced a constitutional amendment (SJR-U) that would cut pay for all public employees by 5%. This would include all, state, county, municipal, public university, community college, and public school employees. It has cleared the Senate Reforms and Restructuring Committee. The measure would need a two-thirds majority vote in both the Senate and House by June 3rd to make it onto the August 3rd ballot. Sen. Pappageorge claims a savings of \$1 billion dollars. Opponents question how the decrease in income tax revenue will offset this claim. Read the bill and view analysis at: [http://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(qhi3g4u1ilcyoc554ps4aaff\)\)/mileg.aspx?page=getobject&objectname=2010-SJR-U&query=on](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(qhi3g4u1ilcyoc554ps4aaff))/mileg.aspx?page=getobject&objectname=2010-SJR-U&query=on)

Lobby Day Held on May 6th



The Third Annual SEIU Local 517M Legislative Lobby Day held May 6th was a great success. Fifty members employed by the state, schools and local government from around the state meet with their Legislators. Topics of their discussions included closing tax loopholes, public service accountability, privatization in our schools, and revenue sharing. Several legislators agreed to sit down for more detailed discussions about the issues confronting

public employees. Thank you cards were also presented to the 15 Senators who voted to save the state employee's negotiated 3 % pay increase for fiscal year 2010 – 2011. (Picture: Rep. Woodrow Stanley (D-Flint) speaks to the membership during Lobby Day.) For photos and more click here: http://www.seiu517m.org/Lobby_Day_a_Success.aspx

Human Services Support Unit Gains New Board Member



At the May 20th Human Services Support Unit Board Meeting in Saginaw, Heidi Zens was sworn in as a board member. Heidi works as a Disability Determination Assistant with the Department of Human Services.

(L-R: HSS Unit President Phil Patrick administers the Oath of Office to Heidi Zens.)

Golf Outing Registration is Now Open

The SEIU Local 517M 2010 Golf Outing will be held on Thursday, August 5th at Wheatfield Valley Golf Course in Williamston. More information available at:
http://www.seiu517m.org/SEIU_517M_2010_Golf_Outing.aspx

City of Detroit Unit to Hold Annual Picnic

The 4th Annual Community Outreach Picnic Celebration will be held on Saturday, July 31, 2010 at Belle Isle Park, Shelter #8. The festivities will run from Noon to 6:00 p.m. and will include a fish fry, Karaoke, Bid Whiz Tournament, games and prizes. Music will be provided by D.J. Dave. There will be a school supply giveaway. Please bring non-perishable and can goods to support neighborhood shelters.

SEIU International Elects New President



Detroit native Mary Kay Henry was elected by the International Executive Board on May 8th to replace the retiring Andy Stern. Get to know her at:
http://www.seiu517m.org/Get_to_Know_The_New_SEIU_International_President_Mary_Kay_Henry.aspx

Speaker Dillon Reinvents Health Care Pooling Plan

House Speaker Andy Dillon (D-Redford Twp) has come out with a new health care "pooling" plan for public employees. Read a press release concerning this from the Citizens for Accountability in Reform at: <http://www.seiu517m.org/admin/Assets/AssetContent/87657323-d468-4ff7-a068-4d93028fed5f/546bfa9e-94e2-495f-9d30-54cc81f55e47/0f23cbd0-8d4c-4776-80b4-94c7feefb333/1/DillonHealthPlanReleaseMay202010.pdf>

Michigan Unemployment Insurance Project

The Michigan Unemployment Insurance Project is a non-profit group providing free advice and legal representation to Michigan jobless workers with UI claims, denials or appeals. We are volunteer law students with back up lawyers who assist jobless workers with denied claims. Now serving Genesee, Jackson, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, Saginaw, Wayne and Washtenaw Counties in Southeast Michigan. Call (734) 274.4331 or email info@miui.org for help with denied UI claims. Visit our website at: www.miui.org

SEIU Local 517M Annual Membership Meeting

The SEIU Local 517M Annual Membership Meeting will be held on Friday, July 23, 2010 at the Lexington Hotel (Formerly the Sheraton Hotel) at 925 S. Creyts Rd., Lansing. There will be special guests and presentations. The meeting starts at 9:00 a.m. with the afternoon program ending around 3:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Cindy Wilson at 517.482.1737 / 866-517.SEIU or cwilson@seiu517m.org by July 1st.