

# Legislative Analysis



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**House Bill 5985 as introduced**  
**Sponsor: Rep. Stephanie A. Young**

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**House Bill 5986 as introduced**  
**Sponsor: Rep. Kara Hope**

**House Bill 5987 as introduced**  
**Sponsor: Rep. Jenn Hill**

**House Bill 5988 as introduced**  
**Sponsor: Rep. Tyrone Carter**

**House Bill 5989 as introduced**  
**Sponsor: Rep. John Fitzgerald**

**Committee: Families, Children and Seniors**  
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### SUMMARY:

The bills would amend different acts that establish and govern retirement systems to provide that, if a retirement allowance beneficiary is a beneficiary of certain trusts established for disabled individuals under age 65 under the Social Security Act (known as special needs trusts),<sup>1</sup> the retirement allowance payable to beneficiary may be paid to that trust upon written direction to the retirement system by the retirant or, after the retirant's death, by the retirement allowance beneficiary (or their legal representative if the beneficiary is a minor or incapacitated).

The bills would add the above provisions to the following acts:

- House Bill 5985: the Judges Retirement Act (38.2506).
- House Bill 5986: the State Employees' Retirement Act (38.31).
- House Bill 5987: the Public School Employees Retirement Act (MCL 38.1385).
- House Bill 5988: the State Police Retirement Act (MCL 38.1624).
- House Bill 5989: the Protecting Local Government Retirement and Benefits Act (MCL 38.2814a).

In addition, House Bill 5989 would repeal section 2 of the Protecting Local Government Retirement and Benefits Act, which contains legislative findings and declarations regarding the 2017 enactment of that act.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

The bills would have no direct fiscal impact on the retirement systems.

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<sup>1</sup> Specifically, under 42 USC 1396p(d)(4)(A) or (C). See <https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/42/1396p>