

SENATOR HARRIS: There is a category, as Senator Goodrich has said, with...for patrolmen, but they can retire of course, and get their lump sum, but as far as qualifying for the full benefits and, you know, the whole works, it's age 65.

SENATOR HIGGINS: It is now age 65 for a state employee to retire.

SENATOR HARRIS: With full benefits.

SENATOR HIGGINS: With full benefits.

SENATOR HARRIS: Yes.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Does this bill seek to lower that age?

SENATOR HARRIS: As the amendment...

SENATOR HIGGINS: Whoever feels more capable of answering, I'll be...I'm just looking for information, I'm not trying to...

SENATOR HARRIS: This is state employees, not teachers. It's a very confusing area and it's hard to keep them from overlapping, I understand, but this is not for teachers. This is state employees as it is sitting right now.

SENATOR HIGGINS: And as it sits right now, state employees have to go to the age of 65 to retire with full benefits?

SENATOR HARRIS: Yes.

SENATOR GOODRICH: They can retire at 60 with actuarially reduced benefits.

SENATOR HARRIS: Yes, they can...

SENATOR HIGGINS: At 60 they can retire with reduced benefits.

SENATOR HARRIS: Yes, with reduced benefits, but not with full benefits, only 65 with full benefits.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Now that is the present law.