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Overview of the Records

Repository:	New York State Archives
Summary:	This series is the central file of correspondence, memoranda, and background materials maintained by the Committee in carrying out its studies and producing its report. The records reflect the Committee's charge to study and make recommendations concerning the State Employee's Retirement System. The Committee solicited input in meetings and correspondence from state officials, state employees, and citizens and sought comparative information from other states. In addition to correspondence, the records include benefit and statistical information, studies, draft legislation, press releases, news clippings, and reports.
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Arrangement

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Administrative History

In December 1965, Governor Nelson Rockefeller appointed the Committee on the State Employees' Retirement System to review, report, and make recommendations concerning the System. Since it was established in 1921, additional legislation and the changing nature of the

System eventually resulted in inadequacies and inequities which the Committee was charged to address.

Governor Rockefeller requested the Committee to: develop one simple uniform, adequate, and equitable noncontributory system; simplify and eliminate duplication of benefits; evaluate the impact of elimination of employee contributions; and determine under what conditions and terms (e.g. voluntary or mandatory) the program should be made available to localities participating in the Retirement System. Specifically, the Governor asked the Committee to investigate issues such as benefits (e.g. disability retirement; death benefits; plans for policemen, firemen, and others; vesting; etc.), financing, investment programs, management, and planning.

The Committee's research team carried out a number of studies of these issues by reviewing New York's retirement system; other states' systems and their constitutional, statutory, and judicial restrictions; projected costs of benefits and provisions; and the effects of such benefits and provisions on future state employees.

The Committee determined that a new retirement plan was needed. They completed an early draft of such a plan by late 1966 and held a public hearing on the matter on February 16, 1967 to get additional outside opinions.

In its final report to the Governor in 1969, the Committee made a number of recommendations, including: a new retirement plan for future state employees, including guaranteed benefits and provisions and protection against inflation; establishment of a permanent advisory commission on state retirement systems; and legal constraints on negotiation of retirement plans and benefits to safeguard these benefits from being lost in collective bargaining agreements authorized under the new (1967) Taylor Law.

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Scope and Content Note

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The series includes: 1) correspondence and memoranda among Committee members and with state officials, employees, and citizens regarding: progress of the Committee's studies; existing and proposed legislation; and comments and suggestions for the Committee's report; 2) correspondence with officials of other states regarding their retirement plans and related statutes; 3) minutes of Committee meetings; 4) legislative bills and bill proposals; 5) benefits schedules and statistical tables; 6) requests to speak, statements presented, and other materials relating to the public hearing held on February 16, 1967; 7) articles and clippings

regarding the Committee's work and the Retirement System in general; and 8) drafts of the Committee's final report.

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Use of Records

Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions regarding access to or use of this material.

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- New York (State)
- Minutes (administrative records)
- Pensions
- Researching
- Civil service--Pensions
- New York (State)--Officials and employees
- Reports
- Civil service--Retirement
- Reviewing
- Investigating
- Retirement
- New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System
- New York (State). Executive Department
- New York (State). Employees' Retirement System
- New York (State). Policemen's and Firemen's Retirement System
- New York (State). Governor (1959-1973 : Rockefeller)
- Moore, David G., 1918-