

Foundation Hosts February 20 Event on Georgia Teacher Pension Reform

Tackling testing times for teacher retirement benefits.

ATLANTA, GEORGIA, UNITED STATES, February 13, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- In 2017, Georgia's budget included \$223 million for the Teacher Retirement System to improve its financial security. This year, Governor Nathan Deal's FY 2019 budget includes another \$361.7 million to prop up the pension fund for Georgia teachers.

Why is this happening? How much longer will Georgia taxpayers have to pump money into the TRS? More important, what assurances do Georgia teachers entering the profession have that their benefits will be there when they retire?

Find out more at "[Pension Solvency and Public Education: The Case for Reforming Georgia Teacher Pensions](#)," an 8 a.m. [Leadership Breakfast](#) hosted by the Georgia Public Policy Foundation at the Georgian Club on Tuesday, February 20.

Join the discussion with Leonard Gilroy, Senior Managing Director of the Pension Integrity Project at the Reason Foundation and Reason's Director of Government Reform, and Georgia State Rep. Chuck Martin, Chairman of the Georgia House Budget & Fiscal Affairs Oversight Committee. The moderator is Kelly McCutchen, Senior Fellow and past president of the Georgia Public Policy Foundation.

This Leadership Breakfast is open to the public but registration is required. The deadline to register is Friday, February 16; registration is \$30. Register at [Eventbrite here](#) or send your check for \$30 per attendee (memo: "Pension Event") to Georgia Public Policy Foundation, 3200 Cobb Galleria Parkway, Suite 214, Atlanta, GA 30339.

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Media who wish to attend must contact Benita Dodd.

About Leonard Gilroy: Leonard Gilroy is Senior Managing Director of the Pension Integrity Project at Reason Foundation, a nonprofit think tank advancing free minds and free markets. The Pension



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Integrity Project assists policymakers and other stakeholders in designing, analyzing and implementing public sector pension reforms. Gilroy is also the Director of Government Reform at Reason Foundation, researching privatization, public-private partnerships, infrastructure and urban policy issues. He has worked closely with legislators and elected officials in Georgia, Texas, Arizona, Louisiana, New Jersey, Utah, Virginia, California and several other states and local governments in efforts to design and implement market-based policy approaches, improve government performance, enhance accountability in government programs, and reduce government spending.

Gilroy is the editor of the Annual Privatization Report, which examines trends and chronicles the experiences of local, state, and federal governments in bringing competition to public services. His articles have been featured in numerous leading publications and he has appeared on CNN, Fox News Channel, Fox Business, CNBC, National Public Radio and other media outlets.

Prior to joining Reason, Gilroy was a senior planner at a Louisiana-based urban planning consulting firm. He also worked as a research assistant at the Virginia Center for Coal and Energy Research at Virginia Tech. Gilroy earned a B.A. and M.A. in Urban and Regional Planning from Virginia Tech.

About Chuck Martin: Representative Charles E. “Chuck” Martin is currently serving his fifth term in the Georgia House of Representatives. He represents the 47th District, which covers Alpharetta, Roswell, Johns Creek and Greater North Fulton County.

Martin is the Chairman of the House Budget & Fiscal Affairs Oversight Committee. He also serves on the House Appropriations; Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications; Regulated Industries; Science & Technology, and Ways & Means committees.

In past sessions, he served as Vice Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Public Safety and was Chairman of Energy and Environment of the Southern Legislative Conference by his fellow legislators from across the Southern United States.

Martin was recognized by both the Georgia Chamber of Commerce and the Technology Association of Georgia (TAG) as “2007 Legislator of the Year;” by the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia for Legislative Leadership; by the Georgia Association of Fire Chiefs and the Georgia State Firefighters Association as “2008 Legislator of the Year;” by TAG as “2010 Legislator of the Year;” by the Assisted Living Federation of America (ALFA) as the recipient of its national “Statesman Award” for his dedication to seniors across America; and by Georgia ALFA as “2010 Legislator of the Year” for his work on Georgia seniors’ rights.

Martin was a member of the Alpharetta City Council (1993-1995) before being elected mayor of Alpharetta until 2002, when he was elected to the Georgia General Assembly. He is a 1996 graduate of the Regional Leadership Institute, a member of the Regional Leadership Foundation, the Alpharetta Optimist Club and Lions Club

The native of Alpharetta is a graduate of Milton High School and earned his B.B.A. in Management Science at the University of Georgia before pursuing a career in information technology and real estate consulting. Martin is currently a director with Ryan, Inc.

About the Georgia Public Policy Foundation: The Foundation, established in 1991, is a nonprofit, independent, state-focused think tank that proposes market-oriented approaches to public policy to improve the lives of Georgians. The Think Tanks and Civil Society Program has ranked the Foundation as one of the the “Best Independent Think Tanks” in its 2017 Global Go-To Think Tank Index, released in February 2018.

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