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Subject: Sen. Corbin's Constituent

Katherine,

Senator Corbin's constituent has requested that the Senator attempt to arrange an audience with the Governor. Mr. Hannah was a Fire Marshall for Taylors Fire Department in the Upstate. He was injured on the job Dec. 2011. At that time he did not know the injuries were permanent and would render him disabled losing the use of his arm and unable to perform his duties. He was vested in the State Retirement System under the police officers and State retirement system and was not informed that he needed to file for Disability Retirement or that there was a time frame in which to do so.

State Retirement has turned down his claim and appeals due to him not filing within the 90 day time frame set out by Statute § 9-1-1540. He feels he was unjustly denied and wants an audience with the Governor to discuss this matter and seek her assistance.

Our office did request the State Retirement to review his claim again and provided all the documentation that Mr. Hannah provided to our office and it was turned down again.

Our office also addressed this issue with the Attorney General's office who responded, "... our Office cannot comment on a decision that has already been made by a State agency. As stated in our March 23, 2004 opinion..., "this Office typically defers to the administrative agency charged with the enforcement of a statute in question."

Please let us know if the Governor would be willing to meet with Mr. Hannah regarding this issue. I can provide the documentation to you that he provided to our office.

Thank you and Have a Wonderful Day,
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