

INVESTING PENSION FUNDS IN TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND (TTF) DEBT

BACKGROUND

Against NJEA and other unions' objections, S-2842 passed the Senate Budget Committee and is now quickly moving through the Senate. This bill, sponsored by Senate President Steve Sweeney, would allow the director of the Division of Investment to use pension or annuity funds to purchase an unlimited amount of debt obligations of the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund (TTF). More importantly, this bill would bypass a State Investment Council (SIC) regulation that limits the purchase of bonds to 10 percent of the outstanding debt of the public entity.

Current Status: This bill passed the Senate Budget Committee and is now eligible for a full Senate vote. It has not yet moved in the Assembly.

TAKE ACTION

Email your Senator and tell him/her to vote **NO on S-2842.**

Tell him/her:

- Investment decisions should be left to the experts, not politicians, and the SIC should be able to make decisions that are in the best interests of the beneficiaries of the pension systems they oversee.
- Sen. President Sweeney should instead focus on ways the state can meet its pension funding obligations, not interfere in investment strategies.
- New Jersey's pension systems are already vulnerable.
- We need to ensure that we continue to maintain the integrity of the council who oversees these systems and its investment decisions.