# **PENSION REFORM**

# **Modernizing Florida's Pension Systems**



Charley Caulkins, Florida Chamber Board Member, discusses the need for pension reform with Florida Chamber members.

"The Florida Chamber's efforts to help ensure long-term sustainability of Florida's public pension system are both right and necessary."

CHARLEY CAULKINS

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### Why It Matters to Florida

The burdensome cost of having unfunded liabilities in our state continues to provide a barrier toward supporting teachers, attracting targeted industries, building roads and reducing taxes. Florida must adapt and change or suffer the consequences to our state's rebounding economy.

## Florida's Competitiveness Agenda

#### Municipal Pension Systems

In fact, of Florida's 490 local pension systems, more than 84 percent are NOT fully funded. Florida's total unfunded local liability is equal to more than \$11.2 billion.

#### State Pension Systems

Last year, instead of funding teachers and Florida's Department of Economic Opportunity, taxpayers paid over \$1 billion to pay down the pension systems unfunded liability.

# **The Fight for Free Enterprise Continues**

The Florida Chamber will continue to champion common sense reforms that modernize public pension programs and stop \$6 billion taxpayer bailouts of pensions, helping our state become more fiscally responsible.

#### **ACT NOW:**

If you believe in creating fiscally stable state and local governments as we do, contact our offices today.



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