Amend Floor Amendment No. 1 by Callegari amending CSSB 200 as follows:

- (1) On page 1, lines 10-11, strike "HB 3148, SB 220, or similar".
- (2) On page 1, line 16, strike "systems, to become law:" and substitute "systems to become law,".
 - (3) On page 1, line 17, strike "(1)".
- (4) On page 1, line 20, strike the semicolon and substitute a period.
 - (5) On page 1, strike lines 21-29.
- (6) On page 2, strike lines 1-11 and substitute the following:

SECTION _____. (a) Sections 22 and 22A, Texas Local Fire Fighters Retirement Act (Article 6243e, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), are amended to read as follows:

- Sec. 22. APPEALS FROM LOCAL BOARD DECISIONS. (a) A person aggrieved by a decision of a board of trustees relating to eligibility for or amount of benefits payable by a retirement system may appeal the decision to the State Office of Administrative Hearings [fire fighters' pension commissioner].
- (b) An appeal under this section is begun by delivering a notice of appeal with the chairman, secretary, or secretary-treasurer of the board of trustees that made the decision. The notice must be delivered not later than the 20th day after the date of the decision and contain a brief description of the reasons or grounds for appeal. The aggrieved person must file a copy of the notice with the <u>State Pension Review Board</u> [fire fighters' pension commissioner].
- (b-1) As soon as practicable after receiving a notice of appeal under Subsection (b) of this section the State Pension

 Review Board shall refer the matter to the State Office of Administrative Hearings by submitting notice of the appeal to that office.
- (c) An appeal under this section [to the fire fighters' pension commissioner] is held in Austin and is a contested case under Chapter 2001, Government Code, [the Administrative Procedure and Texas Register Act (Article 6252-13a, Vernon's Texas Civil

Statutes) conducted as a de novo hearing by the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

- Sec. 22A. ATTORNEY. A board of trustees may employ an attorney to represent the board in one or all legal matters, including a hearing on appeal to the <u>State Office of Administrative</u> <u>Hearings</u> [<u>fire fighters' pension commissioner</u>]. At the request of a board of trustees, the city attorney of the municipality of which the board is a part shall, without additional compensation, represent the board in one or all legal matters.
- (b) Subsection (a) of this section takes effect only on the failure of legislation by the 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, providing for the abolition of the office of the fire fighters' pension commissioner and the transfer and disposition of its functions relating to the Texas Emergency Services Retirement System and the Texas local firefighters retirement systems to become law.