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## HOUSE BILL No. 1481

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**Citations Affected:** IC 5-10.2; IC 5-10.3; IC 5-10.4; IC 10-12.

**Synopsis:** Public retirement plans. Provides that a political subdivision that participates in the public employee retirement fund (fund) may participate in the public employees' defined contribution plan (plan), if the governing body adopts an ordinance or resolution that is filed with and approved by the board of trustees of the Indiana public retirement system (board). Provides that an individual who begins employment in a covered position with a political subdivision that participates in the plan may elect to become a member of the plan. Provides that, if an individual does not make an election to become a member of the plan, the individual becomes a member of the fund. Establishes the teacher's defined contribution plan (teachers' plan) and provides that a school corporation may participate in the teachers' plan, if the school corporation adopts a resolution to participate in the teachers' plan that is filed with and approved by the board. Provides that an individual who begins employment with a participating school corporation as a teacher may elect to become a member of the teachers' plan. Provides that, if a teacher hired by a participating school corporation does not make an election to become a member of the teachers' plan, the individual becomes a member of the teachers' retirement fund. Grants cost of living adjustments in 2015 and 2016 for certain members of the: (1) public employees' retirement fund; (2) Indiana state teachers' retirement fund; (3) state police pre-1987 benefit system; and (4) state police 1987 benefit system.

**Effective:** Upon passage; July 1, 2015.

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January 14, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Employment, Labor and Pensions.

January 22, 2015, amended, reported — Do Pass. Referred to Committee on Ways and Means pursuant to Rule 127.

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First Regular Session of the 119th General Assembly (2015)

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## HOUSE BILL No. 1481

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning pensions.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1           SECTION 1. IC 5-10.2-5-44 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 44. (a) This section specifies the method for**  
4 **calculating a postretirement increase to the pension portion of the**  
5 **monthly benefit of a retired or disabled member of the public**  
6 **employees' retirement fund for any year after 2014 in which a**  
7 **statute grants such a postretirement increase.**  
8           **(b) This section does not apply to a member of the public**  
9 **employees' retirement fund (or to a survivor or beneficiary of a**  
10 **member of the public employees' retirement fund) whose**  
11 **creditable service was earned only as an elected official.**  
12           **(c) As used in this section, "grant year" means, for a specified**  
13 **statute that grants a postretirement increase to which this section**  
14 **applies, the year in which the postretirement increase granted by**  
15 **the statute is first payable.**

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1           (d) For a specified grant year, the amount of the postretirement  
2 increase to the pension portion of the monthly benefit payable after  
3 **June 30 of the grant year to a member of the public employees'**  
4 **retirement fund (or to a survivor or beneficiary of a member of the**  
5 **public employees' retirement fund) who retired or was disabled**  
6 **before January 1 of the grant year is equal to the amount**  
7 **determined under STEP SIX of the following formula:**

8           **STEP ONE: Multiply:**

9           **(A) the lesser of:**

- 10           (i) the number of years of the member's creditable  
11           service; or  
12           (ii) thirty (30) years; by

13           **(B) the following:**

- 14           (i) two dollars and seventy-five cents (\$2.75) for state  
15           fiscal year 2015-2016; and  
16           (ii) five dollars (\$5) for state fiscal year 2016-2017 and  
17           thereafter.

18           **STEP TWO: Multiply:**

- 19           **(A) the pension portion of the monthly benefit payable to**  
20           **the member as of January 1 of the grant year; by**  
21           **(B) twelve (12).**

22           The amount described in clause (A) includes the sum of all  
23           postretirement increases to the pension portion of the  
24           member's monthly benefit that the member is entitled to  
25           receive as of January 1 of the grant year.

26           **STEP THREE: Multiply:**

27           **(A) the lesser of:**

- 28           (i) the STEP TWO result; or  
29           (ii) thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000); by

30           **(B) a percentage, as applicable, equal to:**

- 31           (i) fifteen hundredths percent (0.15%) for state fiscal  
32           year 2015-2016 and twenty-five hundredths percent  
33           (0.25%) for state fiscal year 2016-2017 and thereafter, if  
34           January 1 of the grant year occurs before the fifteenth  
35           anniversary of the member's retirement date;  
36           (ii) three-tenths percent (0.3%) for state fiscal year  
37           2015-2016 and five-tenths percent (0.5%) for state fiscal  
38           year 2016-2017 and thereafter, if January 1 of the grant  
39           year occurs on or after the fifteenth anniversary of the  
40           member's retirement date and before the thirtieth  
41           anniversary of the member's retirement date; or  
42           (iii) forty-five hundredths percent (0.45%) for state fiscal



1 year 2015-2016 and seventy-five hundredths percent  
 2 (0.75%) for state fiscal year 2016-2017 and thereafter, if  
 3 January 1 of the grant year occurs on or after the  
 4 thirtieth anniversary of the member's retirement date.

5 **STEP FOUR: Determine the lesser of:**

- 6 (A) the STEP THREE result; or  
 7 (B) three hundred dollars (\$300).

8 **STEP FIVE: Add:**

- 9 (A) the STEP ONE result; and  
 10 (B) the STEP FOUR result.

11 **STEP SIX: Divide:**

- 12 (A) the STEP FIVE result; by  
 13 (B) twelve (12).

14 (e) The creditable service used to determine the amount of the  
 15 increased monthly benefit payable to a member (or to a survivor  
 16 or beneficiary of a member) under this section is the creditable  
 17 service that was used to compute the member's retirement benefit  
 18 under IC 5-10.2-4-4, except that partial years of creditable service  
 19 may not be used to determine the amount of the increased monthly  
 20 benefit payable under this section.

21 (f) The increases calculated in this section:

- 22 (1) are based on the date of the member's latest retirement or  
 23 disability;  
 24 (2) do not apply to benefits payable in a lump sum; and  
 25 (3) are in addition to any other increase provided by law.

26 SECTION 2. IC 5-10.2-5-45 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
 27 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 28 UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 45. (a)** This section specifies the method for  
 29 calculating a postretirement increase to the pension portion of the  
 30 monthly benefit of a retired or disabled member of the Indiana  
 31 state teachers' retirement fund for any year after 2014 in which a  
 32 statute grants such a postretirement increase.

33 (b) As used in this section, "grant year" means, for a specified  
 34 statute that grants a postretirement increase to which this section  
 35 applies, the year in which the postretirement increase granted by  
 36 the statute is first payable.

37 (c) For a specified grant year, the amount of the postretirement  
 38 increase to the pension portion of the monthly benefit payable after  
 39 June 30 of the grant year to a member of the Indiana state  
 40 teachers' retirement fund (or to a survivor or beneficiary of a  
 41 member of the Indiana state teachers' retirement fund) who retired  
 42 or was disabled before January 1 of the grant year is equal to the



1 amount determined under STEP SIX of the following formula:

2 STEP ONE: Multiply:

3 (A) the lesser of:

4 (i) the number of years of the member's creditable  
5 service; or

6 (ii) thirty (30) years; by

7 (B) the following:

8 (i) two dollars and seventy-five cents (\$2.75) for state  
9 fiscal year 2015-2016; and

10 (ii) five dollars (\$5) for state fiscal year 2016-2017 and  
11 thereafter.

12 STEP TWO: Multiply:

13 (A) the pension portion of the monthly benefit payable to  
14 the member as of January 1 of the grant year; by

15 (B) twelve (12).

16 The amount described in clause (A) includes the sum of all  
17 postretirement increases to the pension portion of the  
18 member's monthly benefit that the member is entitled to  
19 receive as of January 1 of the grant year.

20 STEP THREE: Multiply:

21 (A) the lesser of:

22 (i) the STEP TWO result; or

23 (ii) thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000); by

24 (B) a percentage, as applicable, equal to:

25 (i) fifteen hundredths percent (0.15%) for state fiscal  
26 year 2015-2016 and twenty-five hundredths percent  
27 (0.25%) for state fiscal year 2016-2017 and thereafter, if  
28 January 1 of the grant year occurs before the fifteenth  
29 anniversary of the member's retirement date;

30 (ii) three-tenths percent (0.3%) for state fiscal year  
31 2015-2016 and five-tenths percent (0.5%) for state fiscal  
32 year 2016-2017 and thereafter, if January 1 of the grant  
33 year occurs on or after the fifteenth anniversary of the  
34 member's retirement date and before the thirtieth  
35 anniversary of the member's retirement date; or

36 (iii) forty-five hundredths percent (0.45%) for state fiscal  
37 year 2015-2016 and seventy-five hundredths percent  
38 (0.75%) for state fiscal year 2016-2017 and thereafter, if  
39 January 1 of the grant year occurs on or after the  
40 thirtieth anniversary of the member's retirement date.

41 STEP FOUR: Determine the lesser of:

42 (A) the STEP THREE result; or



- 1                   **(B) three hundred dollars (\$300).**  
 2           **STEP FIVE: Add:**  
 3                   **(A) the STEP ONE result; and**  
 4                   **(B) the STEP FOUR result.**  
 5           **STEP SIX: Divide:**  
 6                   **(A) the STEP FIVE result; by**  
 7                   **(B) twelve (12).**  
 8           **(d) The creditable service used to determine the amount of the**  
 9           **increased monthly benefit payable to a member (or to a survivor**  
 10           **or beneficiary of a member) under this section is the creditable**  
 11           **service that was used to compute the member's retirement benefit**  
 12           **under IC 5-10.2-4-4, except that partial years of creditable service**  
 13           **may not be used to determine the amount of the increased monthly**  
 14           **benefit payable under this section.**  
 15           **(e) The increases specified in this section:**  
 16                   **(1) are based upon the date of the member's latest retirement**  
 17                   **or disability;**  
 18                   **(2) do not apply to benefits payable in a lump sum; and**  
 19                   **(3) are in addition to any other increase provided by law.**  
 20           **SECTION 3. IC 5-10.2-5-46 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE**  
 21           **AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE**  
 22           **UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 46. (a) As used in this section, "pension**  
 23           **portion" means the part of the monthly benefit payable to a**  
 24           **member that is attributable to employer contributions, and**  
 25           **includes any postretirement increases to this part of the monthly**  
 26           **benefit.**  
 27                   **(b) In 2015, a member, survivor, or beneficiary of the public**  
 28                   **employees' retirement fund who meets the criteria specified in**  
 29                   **section 44 of this chapter is entitled to an increase of the pension**  
 30                   **portion of the monthly benefit payable to the member, survivor, or**  
 31                   **beneficiary in accordance with section 44 of this chapter.**  
 32                   **(c) In 2016, a member, survivor, or beneficiary of the public**  
 33                   **employees' retirement fund who meets the criteria specified in**  
 34                   **section 44 of this chapter is entitled to an increase of the pension**  
 35                   **portion of the monthly benefit payable to the member, survivor, or**  
 36                   **beneficiary in accordance with section 44 of this chapter.**  
 37                   **(d) In 2015, a member, survivor, or beneficiary of the Indiana**  
 38                   **state teachers' retirement fund who meets the criteria specified in**  
 39                   **section 45 of this chapter is entitled to an increase of the pension**  
 40                   **portion of the monthly benefit payable to the member, survivor, or**  
 41                   **beneficiary in accordance with section 45 of this chapter.**  
 42                   **(e) In 2016, a member, survivor, or beneficiary of the Indiana**



1 state teachers' retirement fund who meets the criteria specified in  
 2 section 45 of this chapter is entitled to an increase of the pension  
 3 portion of the monthly benefit payable to the member, survivor, or  
 4 beneficiary in accordance with section 45 of this chapter.

5 (f) The fund may not use employer contributions to pay the  
 6 increases required under subsections (b) through (e) unless, and  
 7 only to the extent that, the amounts necessary to pay the increases  
 8 required under subsections (b) through (e) exceed the amounts  
 9 appropriated in the state budget for the biennium beginning July  
 10 1, 2015, for the purposes described in subsections (b) through (e).

11 SECTION 4. IC 5-10.3-2-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 12 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 3. The general  
 13 assembly intends that, to the extent specified in this article, the  
 14 payments to the fund by the state or the ~~participating~~ political  
 15 subdivisions **that participate in the fund**, the payment of all benefits,  
 16 the payment of interest credits, and the payment of administration  
 17 expenses are obligations of the state and the ~~participating~~ political  
 18 subdivisions **that participate in the fund**. However, this obligation is  
 19 not a guarantee that the amount credited to a member in the annuity  
 20 savings account will not vary in value as a result of the performance of  
 21 the investment program selected by the member under IC 5-10.2-2,  
 22 unless the member selected the guaranteed program, in which case the  
 23 obligation is such a guarantee.

24 SECTION 5. IC 5-10.3-5-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 25 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 2. Employer  
 26 Contributions; Federal Moneys. (a) The state shall make contributions  
 27 to the retirement allowance account as specified in IC 5-10.2-2.  
 28 ~~Participating~~ Political subdivisions **that participate in the fund** shall  
 29 make contributions as specified in chapter 6 of this article.

30 (b) If members receive compensation from federal funds, the board  
 31 shall at the end of each fiscal year determine the employer's  
 32 contribution, excluding administration expenses, to be paid from  
 33 federal funds. The amount shall be determined by such method adopted  
 34 by the board as results in an equitable sharing of the employer  
 35 contribution by the federal government on account of members  
 36 receiving compensation from federal funds.

37 SECTION 6. IC 5-10.3-6-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 38 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 1. (a) ~~By ordinance or~~  
 39 ~~resolution of If:~~

40 (1) the governing body of a **political subdivision adopts an**  
 41 **ordinance or resolution** specifying by departmental,  
 42 occupational, or other definable classification the employees who





1 will become members of the fund; **and**

2 **(2) the ordinance or resolution is filed with and approved by**  
 3 **the board;**

4 **a the political subdivision may become a participant in the fund. if the**  
 5 **ordinance or resolution is filed with and approved by the board:**

6 (b) A governing body may include in its ordinance or resolution  
 7 adopted under subsection (a) a determination of the date from which  
 8 prior service for its employees will be computed. Creditable service for  
 9 these employees is determined under IC 5-10.3-7-7.5.

10 (c) The effective date of participation is the earlier of January 1 or  
 11 July 1 after the date of approval. However, no retirement benefit may  
 12 be paid until six (6) months after the effective date of participation.

13 SECTION 7. IC 5-10.3-6-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 14 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 6. Appropriations and  
 15 Payments by School Corporations. A school corporation **that**  
 16 **participates in the fund** shall make the appropriations and payments  
 17 required of participating political subdivisions **under this article and**  
 18 **IC 5-10.2** from its general fund.

19 SECTION 8. IC 5-10.3-6.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
 20 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 21 JULY 1, 2015]:

22 **Chapter 6.5. Participation by Political Subdivisions in the**  
 23 **Defined Contribution Plan**

24 **Sec. 1. The following definitions apply throughout this chapter:**

25 (1) "Account" has the meaning set forth in IC 5-10.3-12-2.

26 (2) "Member" has the meaning set forth in IC 5-10.3-12-12.

27 (3) "Plan" has the meaning set forth in IC 5-10.3-12-15.

28 (4) "Years of participation" has the meaning set forth in  
 29 IC 5-10.3-12-16.

30 **Sec. 2. (a) If:**

31 (1) the governing body of a political subdivision that  
 32 participates in the fund under IC 5-10.3-6 adopts an  
 33 ordinance or resolution that permits an individual who begins  
 34 employment with the political subdivision and would  
 35 otherwise be eligible for membership in the fund to elect to  
 36 become a member of the plan; and

37 (2) the ordinance or resolution is filed with and approved by  
 38 the board;

39 **the political subdivision may become a participant in the plan.**

40 (b) The effective date of participation is the earlier of January  
 41 1 or July 1 after the date of approval.

42 **Sec. 3. (a) This section applies to a third class city or a town.**



1           (b) The clerk-treasurer of a city or town is that city's or town's  
2 authorized agent for all matters concerning the plan.

3           Sec. 4. The governing body may request a preliminary survey,  
4 at its expense as determined by the board, to determine the  
5 estimated cost of participation. The board and its actuary shall  
6 give an estimate of the costs, the benefits, and other appropriate  
7 information.

8           Sec. 5. After a political subdivision becomes a participant, its  
9 governing body may make appropriations, make payments, and do  
10 all things required by IC 5-10.3-12.

11           Sec. 6. The board shall maintain separate accounts for each  
12 contribution rate group. Credits and charges to these accounts  
13 shall be made as prescribed in IC 5-10.3-12.

14           Sec. 7. If a school corporation participates in the plan, the school  
15 corporation shall make the appropriations and payments required  
16 under this article and IC 5-10.2 from its general fund.

17           Sec. 8. (a) If the employer or political subdivision fails to make  
18 payments required by this chapter, the amount payable may be:

- 19           (1) withheld by the auditor of state from moneys payable to  
20 the employer or subdivision and transferred to the plan; or  
21           (2) recovered in a suit in the circuit or superior court of the  
22 county in which the political subdivision is located. The suit  
23 shall be an action by the state on the relation of the board,  
24 prosecuted by the attorney general.

25           (b) If:

- 26           (1) service credit is verified for a member who has filed an  
27 application for retirement benefits; and  
28           (2) the member's employer at the time the service credit was  
29 earned has not made contributions for or on behalf of the  
30 member for the service credit;

31 liability for the unfunded service credit shall be charged against  
32 the employer's account and collected by the fund as provided in  
33 subsection (a). Processing of a member's application for retirement  
34 benefits may not be delayed by an employer's failure to make  
35 contributions for the service credit earned by the member while  
36 the member was employed by the employer.

37           (c) If the employer or political subdivision fails to file the  
38 reports or records required by this chapter or by IC 5-10.3-7-12.5,  
39 the auditor of state shall:

- 40           (1) withhold the penalty described in IC 5-10.3-7-12.5 from  
41 money payable to the employer or the political subdivision;  
42 and



1           (2) transfer the penalty to the fund.

2           **Sec. 9. (a) As used in this section, "withdrawing political**  
 3 **subdivision" means a political subdivision that takes an action**  
 4 **described in subsection (b).**

5           **(b) Subject to the provisions of this section, a political**  
 6 **subdivision may do the following:**

7           **(1) Stop its participation in the plan and withdraw all of the**  
 8 **political subdivision's employees from participation in the**  
 9 **plan.**

10          **(2) Withdraw a departmental, an occupational, or other**  
 11 **definable classification of employees from participation in the**  
 12 **plan.**

13          **(3) Stop the political subdivision's participation in the plan**  
 14 **by:**

15           **(A) selling all the political subdivision's assets; or**

16           **(B) ceasing to exist as a political subdivision.**

17          **(c) The withdrawal of a political subdivision's participation in**  
 18 **the plan is effective on a termination date established by the board.**  
 19 **The termination date may not occur before all the following have**  
 20 **occurred:**

21          **(1) The withdrawing political subdivision has provided**  
 22 **written notice of the following to the board:**

23           **(A) The withdrawing political subdivision's intent to cease**  
 24 **participation.**

25           **(B) The names of the withdrawing political subdivision's**  
 26 **current employees and former employees as of the date on**  
 27 **which the notice is provided.**

28          **(2) The expiration of:**

29           **(A) a ninety (90) day period following the filing of the**  
 30 **notice with the board, for a withdrawing political**  
 31 **subdivision that sells all of the withdrawing political**  
 32 **subdivision's assets or that ceases to exist as a political**  
 33 **subdivision; or**

34           **(B) a two (2) year period following the filing of the notice**  
 35 **with the board, for all other withdrawing political**  
 36 **subdivisions.**

37          **(d) A member who is an employee of the political subdivision as**  
 38 **of the date of the notice under subsection (c) is fully vested in all**  
 39 **amounts in the member's account.**

40          SECTION 9. IC 5-10.3-7-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.195-2013,  
 41 SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 42 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 1. (a) This section does not apply to:



- 1 (1) members of the general assembly; or  
 2 (2) employees covered by section 3 of this chapter.  
 3 **(b) As used in this section, "employees of the state" includes:**  
 4 **(1) employees of the judicial circuits whose compensation is**  
 5 **paid from state funds;**  
 6 **(2) elected and appointed state officers;**  
 7 **(3) prosecuting attorneys and deputy prosecuting attorneys of**  
 8 **the judicial circuits, whose compensation is paid in whole or**  
 9 **in part from state funds, including participants in the**  
 10 **prosecuting attorneys retirement fund established under**  
 11 **IC 33-39-7;**  
 12 **(4) employees in the classified service;**  
 13 **(5) employees of any state department, institution, board,**  
 14 **commission, office, agency, court, or division of state**  
 15 **government receiving state appropriations and having the**  
 16 **authority to certify payrolls from appropriations or from a**  
 17 **trust fund held by the treasurer of state or by any**  
 18 **department;**  
 19 **(6) employees of any state agency that is a body politic and**  
 20 **corporate;**  
 21 **(7) except as provided under IC 5-10.5-7-4, employees of the**  
 22 **board of trustees of the Indiana public retirement system;**  
 23 **(8) persons who:**  
 24 **(A) are employed by the state;**  
 25 **(B) have been classified as federal employees by the**  
 26 **Secretary of Agriculture of the United States; and**  
 27 **(C) are excluded from coverage as federal employees by**  
 28 **the federal Social Security program under 42 U.S.C. 410;**  
 29 **(9) the directors and employees of county offices of family and**  
 30 **children;**  
 31 **(10) employees of the center for agricultural science and**  
 32 **heritage (the barn); and**  
 33 **(11) members and employees of the state lottery commission.**  
 34 **(b) (c) An employee of the state or of a ~~participating~~ political**  
 35 **subdivision ~~participating in the fund~~ who:**  
 36 **(1) became a full-time employee of the state or of a ~~participating~~**  
 37 **political subdivision ~~participating in the fund~~ in a covered**  
 38 **position; and**  
 39 **(2) had not become a member of the fund;**  
 40 **before April 1, 1988, shall on April 1, 1988, become a member of the**  
 41 **fund unless the employee is excluded from membership under section**  
 42 **2 of this chapter.**



1 (e) (d) Any individual who becomes a full-time employee of the  
 2 state or of a ~~participating~~ political subdivision **participating in the**  
 3 **fund** in a covered position after March 31, 1988, becomes a member  
 4 of the fund on the date the individual's employment begins unless the  
 5 individual is excluded from membership under section 2 of this  
 6 chapter.

7 (d) For the purposes of this section, "employees of the state"  
 8 includes:

9 (1) employees of the judicial circuits whose compensation is paid  
 10 from state funds;

11 (2) elected and appointed state officers;

12 (3) prosecuting attorneys and deputy prosecuting attorneys of the  
 13 judicial circuits, whose compensation is paid in whole or in part  
 14 from state funds; including participants in the prosecuting  
 15 attorneys retirement fund established under IC 33-39-7;

16 (4) employees in the classified service;

17 (5) employees of any state department, institution, board,  
 18 commission, office, agency, court, or division of state government  
 19 receiving state appropriations and having the authority to certify  
 20 payrolls from appropriations or from a trust fund held by the  
 21 treasurer of state or by any department;

22 (6) employees of any state agency which is a body politic and  
 23 corporate;

24 (7) except as provided under IC 5-10.5-7-4, employees of the  
 25 board of trustees of the Indiana public retirement system;

26 (8) persons who:

27 (A) are employed by the state;

28 (B) have been classified as federal employees by the Secretary  
 29 of Agriculture of the United States; and

30 (C) are excluded from coverage as federal employees by the  
 31 federal Social Security program under 42 U.S.C. 410;

32 (9) the directors and employees of county offices of family and  
 33 children;

34 (10) employees of the center for agricultural science and heritage  
 35 (the barn); and

36 (11) members and employees of the state lottery commission.

37 SECTION 10. IC 5-10.3-7-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.195-2013,  
 38 SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 39 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 2. The following employees may not be members  
 40 of the fund:

41 (1) Officials of a political subdivision elected by vote of the  
 42 people, unless the governing body specifically provides for the



1 participation of locally elected officials.

2 (2) Employees occupying positions normally requiring  
3 performance of service of less than six hundred (600) hours  
4 during a year who:

5 (A) were hired before July 1, 1982; or

6 (B) are employed by a ~~participating~~ school corporation  
7 **participating in the fund.**

8 (3) Independent contractors or officers or employees paid wholly  
9 on a fee basis.

10 (4) Employees who occupy positions that are covered by other  
11 pension or retirement funds or plans, maintained in whole or in  
12 part by appropriations by the state or a political subdivision,  
13 except:

14 (A) the federal Social Security program; and

15 (B) the prosecuting attorneys retirement fund established by  
16 IC 33-39-7-9.

17 (5) Managers or employees of a license branch of the bureau of  
18 motor vehicles commission, except those persons who may be  
19 included as members under IC 9-16-4.

20 (6) Employees, except employees of a ~~participating~~ school  
21 corporation **participating in the fund**, hired after June 30, 1982,  
22 occupying positions normally requiring performance of service of  
23 less than one thousand (1,000) hours during a year.

24 (7) Persons who:

25 (A) are employed by the state;

26 (B) have been classified as federal employees by the Secretary  
27 of Agriculture of the United States; and

28 (C) are covered by the federal Social Security program as  
29 federal employees under 42 U.S.C. 410.

30 SECTION 11. IC 5-10.3-7-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
31 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 3. (a) Members of the  
32 general assembly, including members who:

33 (1) completed their service before July 1, 1987; and

34 (2) were not members of the fund during their service in the  
35 general assembly;

36 are entitled to become, at their option, members of the fund. A member  
37 of the general assembly who completed ~~his~~ **the member's** service  
38 before July 1, 1987, in order to become a member of the fund must  
39 apply to the board for membership and must present evidence  
40 satisfactory to the board of ~~his~~ **the member's** prior service. Such a  
41 member of the general assembly may become a member without any  
42 service after June 30, 1987.

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1 (b) Notwithstanding the exclusion specified in section 2(4) of this  
 2 chapter, a member of the general assembly who is a member of the  
 3 Indiana state teachers' retirement fund and who retires after June 30,  
 4 1980, may choose at ~~his the member's~~ retirement date to become a  
 5 member of the public employees' retirement fund and to receive ~~his the~~  
 6 **member's** retirement benefit from the fund.

7 (c) An employee who:

8 (1) was hired before July 1, 1982; or

9 (2) is employed by a ~~participating~~ school corporation  
 10 **participating in the fund;**

11 and who is occupying a position normally requiring performance of  
 12 services of less than one thousand (1,000) hours a year may at ~~his the~~  
 13 **employee's** option be a member of the fund.

14 SECTION 12. IC 5-10.3-8-14, AS AMENDED BY P.L.91-2014,  
 15 SECTION 15, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 16 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 14. (a) Except as provided in subsection ~~(c);~~  
 17 **(d)**, this section applies to employees of the state ~~(as defined in~~  
 18 ~~IC 5-10.3-7-1(d))~~ who are:

19 (1) members of the fund; and

20 (2) paid by the auditor of state by salary warrants.

21 (b) Except as provided in subsection ~~(c);~~ **(d)**, this section does not  
 22 apply to the employees of the state ~~(as defined in IC 5-10.3-7-1(d))~~  
 23 employed by:

24 (1) a body corporate and politic of the state created by state  
 25 statute; or

26 (2) a state educational institution (as defined in IC 21-7-13-32).

27 **(c) As used in this section, "employees of the state" has the**  
 28 **meaning set forth in IC 5-10.3-7-1.**

29 ~~(c)~~ **(d)** The chief executive officer of a body or institution described  
 30 in subsection (b) may elect to have this section apply to the employees  
 31 of the state ~~(as defined in IC 5-10.3-7-1(d))~~ employed by the body or  
 32 institution by submitting a written notice of the election to the director.

33 An election under this subsection is effective on the later of:

34 (1) the date the notice of the election is received by the director;

35 or

36 (2) July 1, 2013.

37 ~~(d)~~ **(e)** The board shall adopt provisions to establish a retirement  
 38 medical benefits account within the fund under Section 401(h) or as a  
 39 separate fund under another applicable section of the Internal Revenue  
 40 Code for the purpose of converting unused excess accrued leave to a  
 41 monetary contribution for an employee of the state to fund on a pretax  
 42 basis benefits for sickness, accident, hospitalization, and medical



1 expenses for the employee and the spouse and dependents of the  
 2 employee after the employee's retirement. The state may match all or  
 3 a portion of an employee's contributions to the retirement medical  
 4 benefits account established under this section.

5 ~~(e)~~ (f) The board is the trustee of the account described in  
 6 subsection ~~(d)~~; (e). The account must be qualified, as determined by the  
 7 Internal Revenue Service, as a separate account within the fund whose  
 8 benefits are subordinate to the retirement benefits provided by the fund.

9 ~~(f)~~ (g) The board may adopt rules under IC 5-10.5-4-2 that it  
 10 considers appropriate or necessary to implement this section after  
 11 consulting with the state personnel department. The rules adopted by  
 12 the board under this section must:

13 (1) be consistent with the federal and state law that applies to:

14 (A) the account described in subsection ~~(d)~~; (e); and

15 (B) the fund; and

16 (2) include provisions concerning:

17 (A) the type and amount of leave that may be converted to a  
 18 monetary contribution;

19 (B) the conversion formula for valuing any leave that is  
 20 converted;

21 (C) the manner of employee selection of leave conversion; and

22 (D) the vesting schedule for any leave that is converted.

23 ~~(g)~~ (h) The board may adopt the following:

24 (1) Account provisions governing:

25 (A) the investment of amounts in the account; and

26 (B) the accounting for converted leave.

27 (2) Any other provisions that are necessary or appropriate for  
 28 operation of the account.

29 ~~(h)~~ (i) The account described in subsection ~~(d)~~ (e) may be  
 30 implemented only if the board has received from the Internal Revenue  
 31 Service any rulings or determination letters that the board considers  
 32 necessary or appropriate.

33 ~~(i)~~ (j) To the extent allowed by:

34 (1) the Internal Revenue Code; and

35 (2) rules adopted by:

36 (A) the board under this section; and

37 (B) the state personnel department under IC 5-10-1.1-7.5;

38 employees of the state may convert unused excess accrued leave to a  
 39 monetary contribution under this section and under IC 5-10-1.1-7.5.

40 SECTION 13. IC 5-10.3-12-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.54-2013,  
 41 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 42 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 1. (a) Except as provided in subsection (c), this





- 1 chapter applies to **the following:**
- 2 (1) An individual who:
- 3 (A) on or after the effective date of the plan ~~(†)~~ becomes for
- 4 the first time a full-time employee of the state: ~~(as defined in~~
- 5 ~~IC 5-10.3-7-1(d))~~:
- 6 ~~(A) (i)~~ in a position that would otherwise be eligible for
- 7 membership in the fund under IC 5-10.3-7; and
- 8 ~~(B) (ii)~~ who is paid by the auditor of state by salary
- 9 warrants; and
- 10 ~~(2) (B)~~ makes the election described in section 20 of this
- 11 chapter to become a member of the plan.
- 12 (2) **An individual who:**
- 13 (A) **on or after the date the individual begins employment**
- 14 **with a political subdivision that participates in the plan in**
- 15 **a covered position that would otherwise be eligible for**
- 16 **membership in the fund under IC 5-10.3-7; and**
- 17 **(B) makes the election described in section 20.5 of this**
- 18 **chapter to become a member of the plan.**
- 19 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c), this chapter does not apply
- 20 to an individual who, on or after the effective date of the plan:
- 21 (1) becomes for the first time a full-time employee of the state ~~(as~~
- 22 ~~defined in IC 5-10.3-7-1(d))~~ in a position that would otherwise be
- 23 eligible for membership in the fund under IC 5-10.3-7; and
- 24 (2) is employed by:
- 25 (A) a body corporate and politic of the state created by state
- 26 statute; or
- 27 (B) a state educational institution (as defined in
- 28 IC 21-7-13-32).
- 29 (c) The chief executive officer of a body or institution described in
- 30 subsection (b) may elect, by submitting a written notice of the election
- 31 to the director, to have this chapter apply to individuals who, as
- 32 employees of the body or institution, become for the first time full-time
- 33 employees of the state ~~(as defined in IC 5-10.3-7-1(d))~~ in positions that
- 34 would otherwise be eligible for membership in the fund under
- 35 IC 5-10.3-7. An election under this subsection is effective on ~~the later~~
- 36 ~~of:~~
- 37 ~~(†)~~ the date the notice of the election is received by the director.
- 38 ~~or~~
- 39 ~~(2) March 1, 2013.~~
- 40 (d) This chapter does not apply to ~~an individual who:~~ **the following:**
- 41 (1) **An individual who**, before the effective date of the plan, is or
- 42 was a member (as defined in IC 5-10.3-1-5) of the fund. ~~or~~



- 1 (2) **An individual who**, on or after the effective date of the plan:  
 2 (A) except as provided in subsection (c), becomes for the first  
 3 time a full-time employee of the state: ~~(as defined in~~  
 4 ~~IC 5-10.3-7-1(d))~~;  
 5 (i) in a position that would otherwise be eligible for  
 6 membership in the fund under IC 5-10.3-7; and  
 7 (ii) who is not paid by the auditor of state by salary warrants;  
 8 or  
 9 (B) does not elect to participate in the plan.

10 SECTION 14. IC 5-10.3-12-7.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 11 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 12 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: **Sec. 7.5. As used in this chapter,**  
 13 **"employees of the state" has the meaning set forth in IC 5-10.3-7-1.**

14 SECTION 15. IC 5-10.3-12-8, AS ADDED BY P.L.22-2011,  
 15 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 16 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 8. As used in this chapter, "employer" means the  
 17 state **or a political subdivision participating in the plan.**

18 SECTION 16. IC 5-10.3-12-12, AS ADDED BY P.L.22-2011,  
 19 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 20 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 12. As used in this chapter, "member" means an  
 21 individual **described in section 1(a) of this chapter** who has elected  
 22 to participate in the plan.

23 SECTION 17. IC 5-10.3-12-20, AS ADDED BY P.L.22-2011,  
 24 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 25 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 20. **(a) This section applies to an individual**  
 26 **described in section 1(a)(1) of this chapter who is otherwise eligible**  
 27 **to become a member of the plan.**

28 ~~(a)~~ **(b)** An individual who, on or after the effective date of the plan  
 29 becomes for the first time a full-time employee of the state ~~(as defined~~  
 30 ~~in IC 5-10.3-7-1(d))~~ in a position that would otherwise be eligible for  
 31 membership in the fund under IC 5-10.3-7 may elect to become a  
 32 member of the plan. An election under this section:

- 33 (1) must be made in writing;  
 34 (2) must be filed with the board, on a form prescribed by the  
 35 board; and  
 36 (3) is irrevocable.

37 ~~(b)~~ **(c)** An individual who does not elect to become a member of the  
 38 plan becomes a member (as defined in IC 5-10.3-1-5) of the fund.

39 SECTION 18. IC 5-10.3-12-20.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 40 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 41 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: **Sec. 20.5. (a) This section applies to an**  
 42 **individual described in section 1(a)(2) of this chapter who is**



1 otherwise eligible to become a member of the plan.

2 (b) An individual described in section 1(a)(2) of this chapter  
3 may elect to become a member of the plan on the date the  
4 individual begins the individual's employment in a covered position  
5 with a political subdivision that participates in the plan.

6 (c) An election under this section:

7 (1) must be made in writing;

8 (2) must be filed with the board, on a form prescribed by the  
9 board; and

10 (3) is irrevocable.

11 (d) An individual who does not elect to become a member of the  
12 plan becomes a member (as defined in IC 5-10.3-1-5) of the fund.

13 SECTION 19. IC 5-10.3-12-23, AS AMENDED BY P.L.5-2014,  
14 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
15 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 23. (a) Each member's contribution to the plan  
16 is equal to three percent (3%) of the member's compensation.

17 (b) For a member who is an employee of the state, the state shall  
18 pay the member's contribution on behalf of each the member of the  
19 plan each year.

20 (c) For a member who is an employee of a political subdivision,  
21 the political subdivision may pay all or part of the member's  
22 contribution on behalf of the member.

23 ~~(b)~~ (d) To the extent permitted by the Internal Revenue Code and  
24 applicable regulations, a member of the plan may make contributions  
25 to the plan in addition to the contribution required under subsection (a).  
26 IC 5-10.2-3-2(c) and IC 5-10.2-3-2(d) govern additional contributions  
27 made under this subsection.

28 ~~(c)~~ (e) Member contributions will be credited to the member's  
29 account as specified in IC 5-10.2-3.

30 ~~(d)~~ (f) Although designated as employee contributions, the  
31 contributions made under subsection ~~(a)~~ (b) are picked up and paid by  
32 the state as the employer in lieu of the contributions being paid by the  
33 employee in accordance with Section 414(h)(2) of the Internal Revenue  
34 Code.

35 (g) Although designated as employee contributions, the  
36 contributions made under subsection (c) by a political subdivision  
37 may be picked up and paid by the employer instead of the  
38 contributions being paid by the employee in accordance with  
39 Section 414(h)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

40 (h) A member may not receive any amounts paid by the state an  
41 employer under this section directly instead of having the amounts  
42 paid to the plan.



1 SECTION 20. IC 5-10.3-12-24, AS ADDED BY P.L.22-2011,  
 2 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 3 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 24. (a) ~~The state~~ **An employer** shall make  
 4 employer contributions to the plan based on the rate determined under  
 5 this section.

6 (b) The employer's contribution rate for the plan shall be equal to  
 7 the employer's contribution rate for the fund as determined by the board  
 8 under IC 5-10.2-2-11(b). The amount credited from the employer's  
 9 contribution rate to the member's account shall not be greater than the  
 10 normal cost of the fund. Any amount not credited to the member's  
 11 account shall be applied to the unfunded accrued liability of the fund  
 12 as determined under IC 5-10.2-2-11(a)(3) and IC 5-10.2-2-11(a)(4).

13 (c) ~~The state's~~ **An employer's** minimum contribution under this  
 14 section is equal to three percent (3%) of the compensation of all  
 15 members of the plan.

16 (d) ~~The state~~ **An employer** shall submit the employer contributions  
 17 determined under this section as provided in IC 5-10.2-2-12.5.

18 SECTION 21. IC 5-10.3-12-25, AS AMENDED BY P.L.6-2012,  
 19 SECTION 32, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 20 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 25. (a) Member contributions and net earnings on  
 21 the member contributions in the member contribution subaccount  
 22 belong to the member at all times and do not belong to the ~~state~~  
 23 **employer.**

24 (b) A member is vested in the employer contribution subaccount in  
 25 accordance with the following schedule:

26 Years of participation in the	27 Vested percentage of
28 plan	29 employer contributions
	30 and earnings
31 1	32 20%
33 2	34 40%
35 3	36 60%
37 4	38 80%
39 5	40 100%

41 For purposes of vesting in the employer contribution subaccount, only  
 42 a member's full years of participation in the plan may be counted.

(c) The amount that a member may withdraw from the member's  
 account is limited to the vested portion of the account.

(d) A member who attains normal retirement age is fully vested in  
 all amounts in the member's account.

(e) If a member separates from service with the ~~state~~ **employer**  
 before the member is fully vested in the employer contribution  
 subaccount, the amount in the employer contribution subaccount that



- 1 is not vested is forfeited as of the date the member separates from  
 2 service.
- 3 (f) Amounts forfeited under subsection (e) must be used to reduce  
 4 the ~~state's~~ **employer's** unfunded accrued liability of the fund as  
 5 determined under IC 5-10.2-2-11(a)(3) and IC 5-10.2-2-11(a)(4).
- 6 (g) A member may not earn creditable service (as defined in  
 7 IC 5-10.2-3-1(a)) under the plan.
- 8 SECTION 22. IC 5-10.3-12-31, AS ADDED BY P.L.22-2011,  
 9 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 10 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 31. (a) If a member of the plan separates from  
 11 employment with the ~~state~~ **the member's employer** and later returns  
 12 to ~~state~~ employment in a position covered by the plan:
- 13 **(1) the individual resumes membership in the plan; and**  
 14 **(2) the member is entitled to receive credit for the member's years**  
 15 **of participation in the plan before the member's separation.**  
 16 However, any amounts forfeited by the member under section  
 17 25(e) of this chapter may not be restored to the member's account.
- 18 (b) An individual who elected under section 20 **or 20.5** of this  
 19 chapter to become a member of the plan resumes membership in the  
 20 plan upon the individual's return to ~~state~~ employment **in a position**  
 21 **covered by the plan.**
- 22 (c) An individual who did not elect to become a member of the plan  
 23 resumes membership in the fund.
- 24 (d) An individual who returns to ~~state~~ employment **in a position**  
 25 **covered by the plan** having had an opportunity to make an election  
 26 under section 20 **or 20.5** of this chapter during an earlier period of ~~state~~  
 27 employment is not entitled to a second opportunity to make an election  
 28 under section 20 **or 20.5** of this chapter.
- 29 SECTION 23. IC 5-10.4-4-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.119-2012,  
 30 SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 31 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 1. (a) The members of the fund include:
- 32 (1) legally qualified and regularly employed teachers in the public  
 33 schools;
- 34 (2) persons employed by a governing body, who were qualified  
 35 before their election or appointment;
- 36 (3) legally qualified and regularly employed teachers at Ball State  
 37 University, Indiana State University, University of Southern  
 38 Indiana, and Vincennes University;
- 39 (4) legally qualified and regularly employed teachers in a state  
 40 educational institution whose teachers devote their entire time to  
 41 teaching;
- 42 (5) legally qualified and regularly employed teachers in state



- 1 benevolent, charitable, or correctional institutions;
- 2 (6) legally qualified and regularly employed teachers in a
- 3 experimental school in a state university who teach elementary or
- 4 high school students;
- 5 (7) as determined by the board, certain instructors serving in a
- 6 state educational institution extension division not covered by a
- 7 state retirement law;
- 8 (8) employees and officers of the department of education and of
- 9 the fund who were qualified before their election or appointment;
- 10 (9) a person who:
- 11 (A) is employed as a nurse appointed under IC 20-34-3-6 by
- 12 a school corporation located in a city having a population of
- 13 more than eighty thousand (80,000) but less than eighty
- 14 thousand four hundred (80,400); and
- 15 (B) participated in the fund before December 31, 1991, in the
- 16 position described in clause (A); and
- 17 (10) persons who are employed by the fund.
- 18 (b) Teachers in any state institution who accept the benefits of a
- 19 state supported retirement benefit system comparable to the fund's
- 20 benefits may not come under the fund unless permitted by law or the
- 21 rules of the board.
- 22 (c) The members of the fund do not include substitute teachers who
- 23 have not obtained an associate degree or a baccalaureate degree.
- 24 **(d) The members of the fund do not include individuals who**
- 25 **participate in the teachers' defined contribution plan under**
- 26 **IC 5-10.4-8.**
- 27 SECTION 24. IC 5-10.4-8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 28 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 29 JULY 1, 2015]:
- 30 **Chapter 8. Teachers' Defined Contribution Plan**
- 31 **Sec. 1. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), this chapter**
- 32 **applies after the effective date of the plan to an individual who:**
- 33 **(1) begins employment with a school corporation that**
- 34 **participates in the plan in a covered position that would**
- 35 **otherwise be eligible for membership in the fund under**
- 36 **IC 5-10.4-4; and**
- 37 **(2) makes the election described in section 6 of this chapter to**
- 38 **become a member of the plan.**
- 39 **(b) This chapter does not apply to the following:**
- 40 **(1) An individual who, before the effective date of the plan, is**
- 41 **or was a member (as defined in IC 5-10.4-1-9) of the fund.**
- 42 **(2) An individual who, on or after the effective date of the**



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- (1) begins employment with a school corporation that participates in the plan in a covered position that would otherwise be eligible for membership in the fund under IC 5-10.4-4; and
- (2) does not make the election described in section 6 of this chapter to become a member of the plan.

**Sec. 2. The following definitions apply throughout this chapter:**

- (1) "Account" means the plan account established for a member under section 7(b) of this chapter.
- (2) "Annuity savings account" means the annuity savings account of the 1996 account maintained under IC 5-10.2-2-2(c)(1) and IC 5-10.2-2-2(b)(2).
- (3) "Compensation" has the meaning set forth in IC 5-10.2-3-2(a).
- (4) "Dies in the line of duty" has the meaning set forth in IC 5-10-11-2.
- (5) "Effective date" means the first day of the month that is six (6) months after the month in which the Internal Revenue Service issues an approval of the plan.
- (6) "Employer" means a school corporation.
- (7) "Employer contribution subaccount" means the subaccount in a member's plan account established under section 7(b)(2) of this chapter.
- (8) "Internal Revenue Code" has the meaning set forth in IC 5-10.2-1-3.5.
- (9) "Member" means an individual described in section 1(a) of this chapter who is not otherwise excluded from membership in the plan.
- (10) "Member contribution subaccount" means the subaccount in a member's plan account established under section 7(b)(1) of this chapter.
- (11) "Normal retirement age" for a member means the member is at least sixty-two (62) years of age with at least five (5) years of participation in the plan.
- (12) "Plan" refers to the teachers' defined contribution plan established by section 4 of this chapter.
- (13) "Years of participation" means all periods of participation in the plan in a covered position, plus any additional service for which this chapter provides years of participation credit.

**Sec. 3. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter or by**



1 federal law, and subject to the board obtaining the approval of the  
 2 Internal Revenue Service as described in section 4(b) of this  
 3 chapter, the provisions of IC 5-10.4 that apply to the annuity  
 4 savings account apply to an account established under this chapter.

5 **Sec. 4. (a)** The teachers' defined contribution plan is established  
 6 for the purpose of providing amounts funded by an employer and  
 7 a member for the use of the member or the member's beneficiaries  
 8 or survivors after the member's retirement.

9 **(b)** The board shall adopt provisions to implement the plan  
 10 established under subsection (a) as follows:

11 **(1)** The board shall initially offer the plan using the annuity  
 12 savings account, subject to obtaining the approval of the  
 13 Internal Revenue Service in a manner satisfactory to the  
 14 board to preserve the qualified status of the plan and the  
 15 fund. The plan as provided under this subdivision is a  
 16 component within the fund.

17 **(2)** If the approval of the Internal Revenue Service to offer the  
 18 plan using the annuity savings account cannot be obtained in  
 19 a manner satisfactory to the board, the board shall offer the  
 20 plan as a separate fund under Section 401(a) or another  
 21 applicable section of the Internal Revenue Code.

22 **(c)** The board shall administer the plan.

23 **(d)** The board may adopt a plan document that it considers  
 24 appropriate or necessary to administer the plan.

25 **Sec. 5.** The board may request from the Internal Revenue  
 26 Service any rulings or determination letters that the board  
 27 considers necessary or appropriate in order to implement or  
 28 administer the plan.

29 **Sec. 6. (a)** An individual who, on or after the effective date of the  
 30 plan, begins employment with a school corporation that  
 31 participates in the plan in a covered position that would otherwise  
 32 be eligible for membership in the fund under IC 5-10.4-4 may elect  
 33 to become a member of the plan.

34 **(b)** An election under this section:

35 **(1)** must be made in writing;

36 **(2)** must be filed with the board, on a form prescribed by the  
 37 board; and

38 **(3)** is irrevocable.

39 **(c)** An individual who does not elect to become a member of the  
 40 plan becomes a member (as defined in IC 5-10.4-1-9) of the fund.

41 **Sec. 7. (a)** The plan consists of the following:

42 **(1)** Each member's contributions to the plan under section 9





- 1 of this chapter.
- 2 (2) Contributions made by an employer to the plan on behalf
- 3 of each member under section 10 of this chapter.
- 4 (3) Rollovers to the plan by a member under section 15 of this
- 5 chapter.
- 6 (4) All earnings on investments or deposits of the plan.
- 7 (5) All contributions or payments to the plan made in the
- 8 manner provided by the general assembly.
- 9 (b) The plan shall establish an account for each member. A
- 10 member's account consists of two (2) subaccounts credited
- 11 individually as follows:
- 12 (1) The member contribution subaccount consists of:
- 13 (A) the member's contributions to the plan under section
- 14 9 of this chapter; and
- 15 (B) the net earnings on the contributions described in
- 16 clause (A) as determined under section 8 of this chapter.
- 17 (2) The employer contribution subaccount consists of:
- 18 (A) the employer's contributions made on behalf of the
- 19 member to the plan under section 10 of this chapter; and
- 20 (B) the earnings on the contributions described in clause
- 21 (A) as determined under section 8 of this chapter.
- 22 The board may combine the two (2) subaccounts established under
- 23 this subsection into a single account, if the board determines that
- 24 a single account is administratively appropriate and permissible
- 25 under applicable law.
- 26 (c) If a member makes rollover contributions under section 15
- 27 of this chapter, the plan shall establish a rollover account as a
- 28 separate subaccount within the member's account.
- 29 Sec. 8. (a) Subject to the board obtaining the approval of the
- 30 Internal Revenue Service as described in section 4(b) of this
- 31 chapter, the board shall establish the alternative investment
- 32 programs (as described by IC 5-10.2-2-3 and IC 5-10.2-2-4) within
- 33 the annuity savings account as the initial alternative investment
- 34 programs for the plan, except that the board shall maintain at least
- 35 one (1) alternative investment program that is a stable value fund.
- 36 If the board considers it necessary or appropriate, the board may
- 37 establish different or additional alternative investment programs
- 38 for the plan. However, the guaranteed program (as defined in
- 39 IC 5-10.2-2-3) shall not be offered as an investment option under
- 40 the plan.
- 41 (b) The requirements and rules that apply to the alternative
- 42 investment programs within the annuity savings account are the



1 initial requirements and rules that apply to the alternative  
2 investment programs within the plan, including the following:

3 (1) The board's investment guidelines and limits for the  
4 alternative investment programs.

5 (2) A member's selection of and changes to the member's  
6 investment options.

7 (3) The valuation of a member's account.

8 (4) The allocation and payment of administrative expenses for  
9 the alternative investment programs.

10 (c) If the board considers it necessary or appropriate, the board  
11 may establish different or additional requirements and rules that  
12 apply to the alternative investment programs within the plan.

13 (d) The board shall determine the appropriate administrative  
14 fees to be charged to the member accounts.

15 Sec. 9. (a) Each member's contribution to the plan is equal to  
16 three percent (3%) of the member's compensation.

17 (b) An employer may pay all or part of the member's  
18 contribution on behalf of the member.

19 (c) To the extent permitted by the Internal Revenue Code and  
20 applicable regulations, a member of the plan may make  
21 contributions to the plan in addition to the contribution required  
22 under subsection (a). IC 5-10.2-3-2(c) and IC 5-10.2-3-2(d) govern  
23 additional contributions made under this subsection.

24 (d) Member contributions will be credited to the member's  
25 account as specified in IC 5-10.2-3.

26 (e) Although designated as employee contributions, the  
27 contributions made under subsection (b) by an employer may be  
28 picked up and paid by the employer instead of the contributions  
29 being paid by the employee in accordance with Section 414(h)(2) of  
30 the Internal Revenue Code.

31 (f) A member may not receive any amounts paid by an employer  
32 under this section directly instead of having the amounts paid to  
33 the plan.

34 Sec. 10. (a) An employer shall make employer contributions to  
35 the plan based on the rate determined under this section.

36 (b) The employer's contribution rate for the plan shall be equal  
37 to the employer's contribution rate for the fund as determined by  
38 the board under IC 5-10.2-2-11(b). The amount credited from the  
39 employer's contribution rate to the member's account shall not be  
40 greater than the normal cost of the fund. Any amount not credited  
41 to the member's account shall be applied to the unfunded accrued  
42 liability of the fund as determined under IC 5-10.2-2-11(a)(3) and



1 IC 5-10.2-2-11(a)(4).  
 2 (c) An employer's minimum contribution under this section is  
 3 equal to three percent (3%) of the compensation of all members of  
 4 the plan.  
 5 (d) An employer shall submit the employer contributions  
 6 determined under this section as provided in IC 5-10.2-2-12.5.  
 7 Sec. 11. (a) Member contributions and net earnings on the  
 8 member contributions in the member contribution subaccount  
 9 belong to the member at all times and do not belong to the state.  
 10 (b) A member is vested in the employer contribution subaccount  
 11 in accordance with the following schedule:

Years of participation in the plan	Vested percentage of employer contributions and earnings
1	20%
2	40%
3	60%
4	80%
5	100%

12 For purposes of vesting in the employer contribution subaccount,  
 13 only a member's full years of participation in the plan may be  
 14 counted.  
 15 (c) The amount that a member may withdraw from the  
 16 member's account is limited to the vested portion of the account.  
 17 (d) A member who attains normal retirement age is fully vested  
 18 in all amounts in the member's account.  
 19 (e) If a member separates from service with an employer before  
 20 the member is fully vested in the employer contribution  
 21 subaccount, the amount in the employer contribution subaccount  
 22 that is not vested is forfeited as of the date the member separates  
 23 from service.  
 24 (f) Amounts forfeited under subsection (e) must be used to  
 25 reduce the employer's unfunded accrued liability of the fund as  
 26 determined under IC 5-10.2-2-11(a)(3) and IC 5-10.2-2-11(a)(4).  
 27 (g) A member may not earn creditable service (as defined in  
 28 IC 5-10.2-3-1(a)) under the plan.  
 29 Sec. 12. (a) Subject to the provisions of the Internal Revenue  
 30 Code applicable to qualified plan distributions, a member who:  
 31 (1) terminates service in a covered position; and  
 32 (2) does not perform any service in a position covered by the  
 33 fund for at least thirty (30) days after the date on which the  
 34 member terminates service;  
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1 is entitled to withdraw amounts in the member's account to the  
 2 extent the member is vested in the account. A member must make  
 3 a required withdrawal from the member's account not later than  
 4 the required beginning date under the Internal Revenue Code.

5 (b) The member may elect to have withdrawals paid as:

- 6 (1) a lump sum;  
 7 (2) a direct rollover to another eligible retirement plan; or  
 8 (3) if the member has attained normal retirement age, a  
 9 monthly annuity in accordance with the rules of the board.

10 (c) The board may establish a minimum account balance or a  
 11 minimum monthly payment amount in order for a member to  
 12 select the monthly annuity option. The board shall establish the  
 13 forms of annuity by rule, in consultation with the board's actuary.  
 14 The board shall give members information about these forms of  
 15 payment and any information required by federal law to  
 16 accompany such distributions.

17 (d) Unless otherwise required by federal or state law, the  
 18 requirements and rules that apply to the distribution of the annuity  
 19 savings account apply to distributions from a member's account.

20 Sec. 13. (a) If a member dies:

- 21 (1) while in service in a position covered by the plan but not  
 22 in the line of duty; or  
 23 (2) after terminating service in a position covered by the plan  
 24 but before withdrawing the member's account;

25 to the extent that the member is vested, the member's account shall  
 26 be paid to the beneficiary or beneficiaries designated by the  
 27 member on a form prescribed by the board. The amount paid shall  
 28 be valued as provided in IC 5-10.2-2-3 and IC 5-10.2-2-4. The  
 29 board shall invest the total amount in the member's account in the  
 30 stable value fund not later than thirty (30) days after receiving  
 31 notification of a member's death.

32 (b) If there is no properly designated beneficiary, or if no  
 33 beneficiary survives the member, the member's account shall be  
 34 paid to:

- 35 (1) the surviving spouse of the member;  
 36 (2) if there is not a surviving spouse, the surviving dependent  
 37 or dependents of the member in equal shares; or  
 38 (3) if there is not a surviving spouse or dependent, the  
 39 member's estate.

40 (c) The beneficiary or beneficiaries designated under subsection  
 41 (a) or a survivor determined under subsection (b) may elect to have  
 42 the member's account paid as:



- 1           (1) a lump sum;  
 2           (2) a direct rollover to another eligible retirement plan; or  
 3           (3) a monthly annuity in accordance with rules of the board.

4           A monthly annuity is an option only on or after the beneficiary or  
 5 survivor becomes sixty-two (62) years of age. The board shall  
 6 establish the forms of annuity by rule, in consultation with the  
 7 board's actuary. Further, the board may establish a minimum  
 8 account balance or a minimum monthly payment amount that is  
 9 required in order for a beneficiary or survivor to select the  
 10 monthly annuity option.

11           (d) If a member dies in the line of duty while in service in a  
 12 covered position, the designated beneficiary or beneficiaries or the  
 13 surviving spouse or dependents, as applicable, are entitled to  
 14 payment of the member's account as provided in this section. In  
 15 addition, if the member was not fully vested in the employer  
 16 contribution subaccount, the account is considered to be fully  
 17 vested for purposes of withdrawal under this section.

18           Sec. 14. (a) All assets in the plan are exempt from levy, sale,  
 19 garnishment, attachment, or other legal process.

20           (b) A member, beneficiary, or survivor may not assign any  
 21 payment under this chapter except for the following:

- 22           (1) Premiums on a life, hospitalization, surgical, or medical  
 23 group insurance plan maintained in part by a state agency.  
 24           (2) Dues to an association that proves to the board's  
 25 satisfaction that the association has as members at least  
 26 twenty percent (20%) of the retired members in the plan.

27           Sec. 15. (a) To the extent permitted by the Internal Revenue  
 28 Code and the applicable regulations and guidance, the plan may  
 29 accept, on behalf of any member who is employed in a covered  
 30 position, a rollover distribution from any of the following:

- 31           (1) A qualified plan described in Section 401(a) or Section  
 32 403(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.  
 33           (2) An annuity contract or account described in Section 403(b)  
 34 of the Internal Revenue Code.  
 35           (3) An eligible plan maintained by a state, a political  
 36 subdivision of a state, or an agency or instrumentality of a  
 37 state or political subdivision of a state under Section 457(b) of  
 38 the Internal Revenue Code.  
 39           (4) An individual retirement account or annuity described in  
 40 Section 408(a) or 408(b) of the Internal Revenue Code.

41           (b) Any amounts rolled over under subsection (a) must be  
 42 accounted for in a rollover account that is separate from the



1 member's account in the plan. The member shall be fully vested in  
2 the member's rollover account.

3 (c) A member may direct the investment of the member's  
4 rollover account into any alternative investment option that the  
5 board may make available to the member's rollover account under  
6 section 8 of this chapter.

7 (d) A member may withdraw the member's rollover account  
8 from the plan in a lump sum or direct a rollover to an eligible  
9 retirement plan at any time. Upon attainment of normal retirement  
10 age, in addition to these payment options, the member may  
11 withdraw the member's rollover account as a monthly annuity as  
12 established by the board in accordance with the annuity options  
13 that are available for the member's account in the plan. A member  
14 must make a required withdrawal from the member's account in  
15 the plan not later than the required beginning date under the  
16 Internal Revenue Code.

17 Sec. 16. (a) If a member becomes disabled while in a covered  
18 position, subject to any federal law limitations concerning qualified  
19 plan distributions and the member furnishing proof of the  
20 member's qualification for Social Security disability benefits to the  
21 board, to the extent that the member is vested, the member may  
22 make a withdrawal from the member's account.

23 (b) The member may elect to have the withdrawal paid as:

- 24 (1) a lump sum;
- 25 (2) a direct rollover to another eligible retirement plan; or
- 26 (3) a monthly annuity in accordance with the rules of the  
27 board.

28 (c) The board may establish a minimum account balance or a  
29 minimum monthly payment amount in order for a member to  
30 select the monthly annuity option.

31 Sec. 17. (a) If a member of the plan separates from employment  
32 with the member's employer and later returns to employment in a  
33 position covered by the plan:

- 34 (1) the individual resumes membership in the plan; and
- 35 (2) the member is entitled to receive credit for the member's  
36 years of participation in the plan before the member's  
37 separation. However, any amounts forfeited by the member  
38 under section 11(e) of this chapter may not be restored to the  
39 member's account.

40 (b) An individual who elected under section 6 of this chapter to  
41 become a member of the plan resumes membership in the plan  
42 upon the individual's return to employment covered by the plan.



1 (c) An individual who did not elect to become a member of the  
2 plan resumes membership in the fund.

3 (d) An individual who returns to employment in a position  
4 covered by the plan having had an opportunity to make an election  
5 under section 6 of this chapter during an earlier period of  
6 employment is not entitled to a second opportunity to make an  
7 election under section 6 of this chapter.

8 SECTION 25. IC 5-10.4-9 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
9 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
10 JULY 1, 2015]:

11 **Chapter 9. Participation by School Corporations in the Defined**  
12 **Contribution Plan**

13 **Sec. 1. The following definitions apply throughout this chapter:**

14 (1) "Account" has the meaning set forth in IC 5-10.4-8-2.

15 (2) "Member" has the meaning set forth in IC 5-10.4-8-2.

16 (3) "Plan" has the meaning set forth in IC 5-10.4-8-2.

17 **Sec. 2. (a) If:**

18 (1) the governing body of a school corporation adopts a  
19 resolution that allows an individual who begins employment  
20 with the school corporation and would otherwise be eligible  
21 for membership in the fund to elect to become a member of  
22 the plan; and

23 (2) the resolution is filed with and approved by the board;  
24 the school corporation may become a participant in the plan.

25 (b) The effective date of participation is the earlier of January  
26 1 or July 1 after the date of approval.

27 **Sec. 3. The governing body may request a preliminary survey,**  
28 **at its expense as determined by the board, to determine the**  
29 **estimated cost of participation. The board and its actuary shall**  
30 **give an estimate of the costs, the benefits, and other appropriate**  
31 **information.**

32 **Sec. 4. After a school corporation becomes a participant, its**  
33 **governing body may make appropriations, make payments, and do**  
34 **all things required by IC 5-10.4-8.**

35 **Sec. 5. The board shall maintain separate accounts for each**  
36 **contribution rate group. Credits and charges to these accounts**  
37 **shall be made as prescribed in IC 5-10.4-8.**

38 **Sec. 6. A school corporation shall make the appropriations and**  
39 **payments required under this article and IC 5-10.2 from its general**  
40 **fund.**

41 **Sec. 7. (a) If a school corporation fails to make payments**  
42 **required by this chapter, the amount payable may be:**



1 (1) withheld by the auditor of state from money payable to the  
2 school corporation and transferred to the plan; or

3 (2) recovered in a suit in the circuit or superior court of the  
4 county in which the school corporation is located. The suit  
5 must be an action by the state on the relation of the board,  
6 prosecuted by the attorney general.

7 (b) If:

8 (1) service credit is verified for a member who has filed an  
9 application for retirement benefits; and

10 (2) the member's employer at the time the service credit was  
11 earned has not made contributions for or on behalf of the  
12 member for the service credit;

13 liability for the unfunded service credit shall be charged against  
14 the employer's account and collected by the fund as provided in  
15 subsection (a). Processing of a member's application for retirement  
16 benefits may not be delayed by an employer's failure to make  
17 contributions for the service credit earned by the member while  
18 the member was employed by the employer.

19 Sec. 8. (a) As used in this section, "withdrawing school  
20 corporation" means a school corporation that takes an action  
21 described in subsection (b).

22 (b) Subject to the provisions of this section, a school corporation  
23 may do the following:

24 (1) Stop its participation in the plan and withdraw all of the  
25 school corporation's employees from participation in the plan.

26 (2) Withdraw a departmental, an occupational, or other  
27 definable classification of employees from participation in the  
28 plan.

29 (3) Stop the school corporation's participation in the plan by:

30 (A) selling all the school corporation's assets; or

31 (B) ceasing to exist as a school corporation.

32 (c) The withdrawal of a school corporation's participation in the  
33 plan is effective on a termination date established by the board.  
34 The termination date may not occur before all the following have  
35 occurred:

36 (1) The withdrawing school corporation has provided written  
37 notice of the following to the board:

38 (A) The withdrawing school corporation's intent to cease  
39 participation.

40 (B) The names of the withdrawing school corporation's  
41 current employees and former employees as of the date on  
42 which the notice is provided.





1           **(2) The expiration of:**

2           **(A) a ninety (90) day period following the filing of the**  
 3           **notice with the board, for a withdrawing school**  
 4           **corporation that sells all of the withdrawing school**  
 5           **corporation's assets or that ceases to exist as a school**  
 6           **corporation; or**

7           **(B) a two (2) year period following the filing of the notice**  
 8           **with the board, for all other withdrawing school**  
 9           **corporations.**

10          **(d) A member who is an employee of the school corporation as**  
 11          **of the date of the notice under subsection (c) is fully vested in all**  
 12          **amounts in the member's account.**

13          SECTION 26. IC 10-12-3-8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
 14          AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 15          UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 8. (a) This section specifies the method for**  
 16          **calculating a postretirement increase to the basic monthly pension**  
 17          **amount (plus postretirement increases) of an eligible retired or**  
 18          **disabled employee beneficiary of the state police pre-1987 benefit**  
 19          **system for any year after 2014 in which a statute other than**  
 20          **IC 10-12-5 grants such a postretirement increase.**

21          **(b) As used in this section, "grant year" means, for a specified**  
 22          **statute that grants a postretirement increase to which this section**  
 23          **applies, the year in which the postretirement increase granted by**  
 24          **the statute is first payable.**

25          **(c) For a specified grant year, subject to subsection (e), the**  
 26          **increase to the basic monthly pension amount (plus postretirement**  
 27          **increases) payable after June 30 of the grant year to an employee**  
 28          **beneficiary of the state police pre-1987 benefit system who retired**  
 29          **or was disabled before July 2 of the year immediately preceding**  
 30          **the grant year, and who had at least twenty (20) years of service,**  
 31          **is equal to five-tenths percent (0.5%) of the total of:**

32               **(1) the employee beneficiary's monthly pension amount, as**  
 33               **calculated under section 7 of this chapter; and**

34               **(2) any supplemental benefit amount that the employee**  
 35               **beneficiary receives under IC 10-12-5.**

36          **(d) The increases specified in this section:**

37               **(1) must be based on the date of the employee beneficiary's**  
 38               **latest retirement or disability;**

39               **(2) do not apply to the benefits payable in a lump sum; and**

40               **(3) are in addition to any other increase provided by law,**  
 41               **subject to subsection (c).**

42          **(e) For a specified grant year, if a supplemental benefit under**



1 IC 10-12-5 is payable based on an increase in the sixth year trooper  
 2 salary in the grant year, an employee beneficiary shall receive the  
 3 greater of:

4 (1) the increase in the supplemental benefit to which the  
 5 employee beneficiary would be entitled without regard to this  
 6 section as a result of an increase in the sixth year trooper  
 7 salary in the grant year; or

8 (2) the increase calculated in accordance with this section.

9 SECTION 27. IC 10-12-3-9 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
 10 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 11 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 9. (a) In 2015, an employee beneficiary of  
 12 the state police pre-1987 benefit system who meets the criteria  
 13 specified in section 8 of this chapter is entitled to an increase of the  
 14 basic monthly pension amount (plus postretirement increases)  
 15 payable to the employee beneficiary in accordance with section 8  
 16 of this chapter.

17 (b) In 2016, an employee beneficiary of the state police pre-1987  
 18 benefit system who meets the criteria specified in section 8 of this  
 19 chapter is entitled to an increase of the basic monthly pension  
 20 amount (plus postretirement increases) payable to the employee  
 21 beneficiary in accordance with section 8 of this chapter.

22 (c) The trustee may not use contributions from the department  
 23 to pay the increases required under subsections (a) and (b) unless,  
 24 and only to the extent that, the amounts necessary to pay the  
 25 increases required under subsections (a) and (b) exceed the  
 26 amounts appropriated in the state budget for the biennium  
 27 beginning July 1, 2015, for the purposes described in subsections  
 28 (a) and (b).

29 SECTION 28. IC 10-12-4-11 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 30 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 31 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 11. (a) This section specifies  
 32 the method for calculating a postretirement increase to the basic  
 33 monthly pension amount (plus postretirement increases) of an  
 34 eligible retired or disabled employee beneficiary of the state police  
 35 1987 benefit system for any year after 2014 in which a statute  
 36 grants such a postretirement increase.

37 (b) As used in this section, "grant year" means, for a specified  
 38 statute that grants a postretirement increase to which this section  
 39 applies, the year in which the postretirement increase granted by  
 40 the statute is first payable.

41 (c) For a specified grant year, a postretirement increase to the  
 42 basic monthly pension amount (plus postretirement increases)



1 payable after June 30 of the grant year to an employee beneficiary  
 2 of the state police 1987 benefit system who retired or was disabled  
 3 after June 30, 1987, and before July 2 of the year immediately  
 4 preceding the grant year is equal to three hundred seventy-five  
 5 thousandths percent (0.375%) of the maximum basic monthly  
 6 pension amount payable to a retired state police employee in the  
 7 grade of a trooper who has completed twenty-five (25) years of  
 8 service as of July 1 of the grant year as calculated under section 7  
 9 of this chapter.

10 (d) The increases specified in this section:

11 (1) must be based on the date of the employee beneficiary's  
 12 latest retirement or disability;

13 (2) do not apply to the benefits payable in a lump sum; and

14 (3) are in addition to any other increase provided by law.

15 SECTION 29. IC 10-12-4-12 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 16 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 17 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 12. (a) In 2015, an employee  
 18 beneficiary of the state police 1987 benefit system who meets the  
 19 criteria specified in section 11 of this chapter is entitled to an  
 20 increase of the basic monthly pension amount (plus postretirement  
 21 increases) payable to the employee beneficiary in accordance with  
 22 section 11 of this chapter.

23 (b) In 2016, an employee beneficiary of the state police 1987  
 24 benefit system who meets the criteria specified in section 11 of this  
 25 chapter is entitled to an increase of the basic monthly pension  
 26 amount (plus postretirement increases) payable to the employee  
 27 beneficiary in accordance with section 11 of this chapter.

28 (c) The trustee may not use contributions from the department  
 29 to pay the increases required under subsections (a) and (b) unless,  
 30 and only to the extent that, the amounts necessary to pay the  
 31 increases required under subsections (a) and (b) exceed the  
 32 amounts appropriated in the state budget for the biennium  
 33 beginning July 1, 2015, for the purposes described in subsections  
 34 (a) and (b).

35 SECTION 30. IC 10-12-5-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.5-2008,  
 36 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 37 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 3. (a) The pension advisory board that  
 38 administers the pension under IC 10-12-3 shall direct and supervise the  
 39 supplemental benefits provided in this chapter.

40 (b) The pension advisory board shall:

41 (1) annually provide a schedule showing the number of retirees  
 42 receiving pension benefits under IC 10-12-3; and



- 1 (2) meet at least one (1) time each year to add to the regular  
 2 pension benefit or annuity and any previously granted  
 3 supplemental benefit the amount described in subsection (c) or  
 4 (d).
- 5 (c) This subsection applies only to a retiree who is eligible for the  
 6 first time under section 2 of this chapter to receive a supplemental  
 7 benefit. The supplemental benefit referred to in subsection (b)(2) for  
 8 a retiree in the first year the retiree is eligible for a supplemental  
 9 benefit is the sum of:
- 10 (1) the difference between:
- 11 (A) the retiree's pension benefit; and
- 12 (B) the pension benefit:
- 13 (i) received by an employee retiring in that year from the  
 14 department with twenty (20) years of active service; and
- 15 (ii) computed on the day the pension advisory board meets  
 16 as required under subsection (b)(2); plus
- 17 (2) any amount computed under subsection (d) after the date the  
 18 retiree reaches fifty-five (55) years of age.
- 19 (d) This subsection applies to a retiree who is eligible under section  
 20 2 of this chapter to receive a supplemental benefit, but whose  
 21 supplemental benefit is not computed under subsection (c). The  
 22 supplemental benefit referred to in subsection (b)(2) is equal to fifty  
 23 percent (50%) of the difference between:
- 24 (1) the pension benefits to be received by an employee retiring  
 25 from the department with twenty (20) years of active service the  
 26 day after a change in the monthly wage received by a police  
 27 employee in the grade of trooper at the beginning of the trooper's  
 28 sixth year of service; and
- 29 (2) the pension benefit received by an employee retiring from the  
 30 department with twenty (20) years of active service the day before  
 31 a change in the monthly wage received by a police employee in  
 32 the grade of trooper at the beginning of the trooper's sixth year of  
 33 service.
- 34 **(e) For any year after 2014, if a supplemental benefit is paid**  
 35 **under this section based on an increase during the year of the**  
 36 **monthly wage of a police employee in the grade of trooper at the**  
 37 **beginning of the trooper's sixth year of service, an employee**  
 38 **beneficiary shall receive the greater of:**
- 39 **(1) the increase in the supplemental benefit to which the**  
 40 **employee beneficiary would be entitled under this section as**  
 41 **a result of an increase in the monthly wage of a police**  
 42 **employee in the grade of trooper at the beginning of the**



1            **trooper's sixth year of service; or**  
2            **(2) the increase payable under another statute and calculated**  
3            **in accordance with IC 10-12-3-8.**  
4            **SECTION 31. An emergency is declared for this act.**



## COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Employment, Labor and Pensions, to which was referred House Bill 1481, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, delete lines 1 through 15.

Page 6, line 36, delete "before January 1, 2016,".

Page 7, line 26, after "subdivision" insert "**that participates in the fund under IC 5-10.3-6**".

Page 7, line 27, delete "specifying by departmental," and insert "**that permits an individual who begins employment with the political subdivision and would otherwise be eligible for membership in the fund to elect to become a member of the plan; and**".

Page 7, delete lines 28 through 29.

Page 7, delete lines 33 through 41.

Page 7, line 42, delete "(c)" and insert "**(b)**".

Page 11, line 5, delete "and before January".

Page 11, line 6, delete "1, 2016,".

Page 15, line 5, delete "and before the".

Page 15, line 6, delete "transition date,".

Page 15, delete lines 14 through 19.

Page 15, line 20, delete "(3)" and insert "**(2)**".

Page 15, line 20, after "who" insert ":

**(A) on or after the date the individual begins employment with**".

Page 15, line 20, delete "is employed by".

Page 15, line 23, after "IC 5-10.3-7" delete "." and insert "**; and**

**(B) makes the election described in section 20.5 of this chapter to become a member of the plan.**".

Page 16, line 4, after "who" insert ",".

Page 16, line 4, reset in roman "before the effective date of the plan,".

Page 16, line 6, after "plan" insert ":",

Page 16, delete line 7.

Page 16, line 27, reset in roman "has elected".

Page 16, line 28, reset in roman "to participate in the plan."

Page 16, line 28, delete "is not otherwise excluded from".

Page 16, delete lines 29 through 33.

Page 16, line 40, delete "and before the transition date,".

Page 17, line 12, delete "or 1(a)(3)".



- Page 17, delete lines 14 through 16.
- Page 17, line 17, delete "(c)" and insert "**(b)**".
- Page 17, line 17, delete "1(a)(3)" and insert "**1(a)(2)**".
- Page 17, line 18, delete "becomes" and insert "**may elect to become**".
- Page 17, line 18, delete "the later of:".
- Page 17, line 19, delete "(1)".
- Page 17, run in lines 18 through 19.
- Page 17, line 21, after "plan" delete "; or" and insert ".".
- Page 17, delete lines 22 through 25.
- Page 17, between lines 25 and 26, begin a new paragraph and insert:  
**"(c) An election under this section:**  
**(1) must be made in writing;**  
**(2) must be filed with the board, on a form prescribed by the board; and**  
**(3) is irrevocable.**
- (d) An individual who does not elect to become a member of the plan becomes a member (as defined in IC 5-10.3-1-5) of the fund."**
- Page 18, line 6, delete "(a) This section applies to employer".
- Page 18, delete lines 7 through 8.
- Page 18, line 9, reset in roman "(a)".
- Page 18, line 9, delete "(b)".
- Page 18, line 11, reset in roman "(b)".
- Page 18, line 11, delete "(c)".
- Page 18, line 19, reset in roman "(c)".
- Page 18, line 19, delete "(d)".
- Page 18, line 22, reset in roman "(d)".
- Page 18, line 22, delete "(e)".
- Page 18, delete lines 25 through 42.
- Page 19, delete lines 1 through 12.
- Page 20, line 13, reset in roman "(b) An individual who elected under section 20".
- Page 20, line 13, after "20" insert "**or 20.5**".
- Page 20, line 13, reset in roman "of this chapter to".
- Page 20, reset in roman lines 14 through 15.
- Page 20, line 16, reset in roman "(c)".
- Page 20, line 16, delete "(b)".
- Page 20, line 16, delete ", before the transition date,".
- Page 20, line 18, reset in roman "(d) An individual who returns to".
- Page 20, line 18, reset in roman "employment".
- Page 20, line 18, after "employment" insert "**in a position covered by the plan**".



Page 20, line 18, reset in roman "having had an".

Page 20, line 19, reset in roman "opportunity to make an election under section 20".

Page 20, line 19, after "20" insert "**or 20.5**".

Page 20, line 19, reset in roman "of this chapter during".

Page 20, line 20, reset in roman "an earlier period of".

Page 20, line 20, reset in roman "employment is not entitled to a second".

Page 20, line 21, reset in roman "opportunity to make an election under section 20".

Page 20, line 21, after "20" insert "**or 20.5**".

Page 20, line 21, reset in roman "of this chapter.".

Page 20, between lines 21 and 22, begin a new paragraph and insert:  
 "SECTION 25. IC 5-10.4-4-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.119-2012,  
 SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 1. (a) The members of the fund include:

- (1) legally qualified and regularly employed teachers in the public schools;
- (2) persons employed by a governing body, who were qualified before their election or appointment;
- (3) legally qualified and regularly employed teachers at Ball State University, Indiana State University, University of Southern Indiana, and Vincennes University;
- (4) legally qualified and regularly employed teachers in a state educational institution whose teachers devote their entire time to teaching;
- (5) legally qualified and regularly employed teachers in state benevolent, charitable, or correctional institutions;
- (6) legally qualified and regularly employed teachers in an experimental school in a state university who teach elementary or high school students;
- (7) as determined by the board, certain instructors serving in a state educational institution extension division not covered by a state retirement law;
- (8) employees and officers of the department of education and of the fund who were qualified before their election or appointment;
- (9) a person who:
  - (A) is employed as a nurse appointed under IC 20-34-3-6 by a school corporation located in a city having a population of more than eighty thousand (80,000) but less than eighty thousand four hundred (80,400); and
  - (B) participated in the fund before December 31, 1991, in the





- position described in clause (A); and
- (10) persons who are employed by the fund.
- (b) Teachers in any state institution who accept the benefits of a state supported retirement benefit system comparable to the fund's benefits may not come under the fund unless permitted by law or the rules of the board.
- (c) The members of the fund do not include substitute teachers who have not obtained an associate degree or a baccalaureate degree.
- (d) The members of the fund do not include individuals who participate in the teachers' defined contribution plan under IC 5-10.4-8.**

SECTION 26. IC 5-10.4-8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]:

**Chapter 8. Teachers' Defined Contribution Plan**

**Sec. 1. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), this chapter applies to an individual who, on or after the effective date of the plan:**

- (1) is employed in a covered position by a school corporation that participates in the plan; and**
- (2) would otherwise qualify for membership in the fund under IC 5-10.4-4.**

**(b) This chapter does not apply to an individual who, before the effective date of the plan, is or was a member (as defined in IC 5-10.4-1-9) of the fund.**

**Sec. 2. The following definitions apply throughout this chapter:**

- (1) "Account" means the plan account established for a member under section 7(b) of this chapter.**
- (2) "Annuity savings account" means the annuity savings account of the 1996 account maintained under IC 5-10.2-2-2(c)(1) and IC 5-10.2-2-2(b)(2).**
- (3) "Compensation" has the meaning set forth in IC 5-10.2-3-2(a).**
- (4) "Dies in the line of duty" has the meaning set forth in IC 5-10-11-2.**
- (5) "Effective date" means the first day of the month that is six (6) months after the month in which the Internal Revenue Service issues an approval of the plan.**
- (6) "Employer" means a school corporation.**
- (7) "Employer contribution subaccount" means the subaccount in a member's plan account established under section 7(b)(2) of this chapter.**



(8) "Internal Revenue Code" has the meaning set forth in IC 5-10.2-1-3.5.

(9) "Member" means an individual described in section 1(a) of this chapter who is not otherwise excluded from membership in the plan.

(10) "Member contribution subaccount" means the subaccount in a member's plan account established under section 7(b)(1) of this chapter.

(11) "Normal retirement age" for a member means the member is at least sixty-two (62) years of age with at least five (5) years of participation in the plan.

(12) "Plan" refers to the teachers' defined contribution plan established by section 4 of this chapter.

(13) "Years of participation" means all periods of participation in the plan in a covered position, plus any additional service for which this chapter provides years of participation credit.

Sec. 3. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter or by federal law, and subject to the board obtaining the approval of the Internal Revenue Service as described in section 4(b) of this chapter, the provisions of IC 5-10.4 that apply to the annuity savings account apply to an account established under this chapter.

Sec. 4. (a) The teachers' defined contribution plan is established for the purpose of providing amounts funded by an employer and a member for the use of the member or the member's beneficiaries or survivors after the member's retirement.

(b) The board shall adopt provisions to implement the plan established under subsection (a) as follows:

(1) The board shall initially offer the plan using the annuity savings account, subject to obtaining the approval of the Internal Revenue Service in a manner satisfactory to the board to preserve the qualified status of the plan and the fund. The plan as provided under this subdivision is a component within the fund.

(2) If the approval of the Internal Revenue Service to offer the plan using the annuity savings account cannot be obtained in a manner satisfactory to the board, the board shall offer the plan as a separate fund under Section 401(a) or another applicable section of the Internal Revenue Code.

(c) The board shall administer the plan.

(d) The board may adopt a plan document that it considers appropriate or necessary to administer the plan.



**Sec. 5.** The board may request from the Internal Revenue Service any rulings or determination letters that the board considers necessary or appropriate in order to implement or administer the plan.

**Sec. 6.** An individual described in section 1(a) of this chapter who is not otherwise excluded from membership in the plan becomes a member of the plan on the later of:

- (1) the date the individual begins the individual's employment in a covered position with an employer that participates in the plan; or
- (2) the date the individual's position with the employer that participates in the plan becomes covered by the plan, as specified in the resolution adopted by the employer under IC 5-10.4-9.

**Sec. 7. (a)** The plan consists of the following:

- (1) Each member's contributions to the plan under section 9 of this chapter.
- (2) Contributions made by an employer to the plan on behalf of each member under section 10 of this chapter.
- (3) Rollovers to the plan by a member under section 15 of this chapter.
- (4) All earnings on investments or deposits of the plan.
- (5) All contributions or payments to the plan made in the manner provided by the general assembly.

**(b)** The plan shall establish an account for each member. A member's account consists of two (2) subaccounts credited individually as follows:

- (1) The member contribution subaccount consists of:
  - (A) the member's contributions to the plan under section 9 of this chapter; and
  - (B) the net earnings on the contributions described in clause (A) as determined under section 8 of this chapter.
- (2) The employer contribution subaccount consists of:
  - (A) the employer's contributions made on behalf of the member to the plan under section 10 of this chapter; and
  - (B) the earnings on the contributions described in clause (A) as determined under section 8 of this chapter.

The board may combine the two (2) subaccounts established under this subsection into a single account, if the board determines that a single account is administratively appropriate and permissible under applicable law.

**(c)** If a member makes rollover contributions under section 15



of this chapter, the plan shall establish a rollover account as a separate subaccount within the member's account.

**Sec. 8. (a)** Subject to the board obtaining the approval of the Internal Revenue Service as described in section 4(b) of this chapter, the board shall establish the alternative investment programs (as described by IC 5-10.2-2-3 and IC 5-10.2-2-4) within the annuity savings account as the initial alternative investment programs for the plan, except that the board shall maintain at least one (1) alternative investment program that is a stable value fund. If the board considers it necessary or appropriate, the board may establish different or additional alternative investment programs for the plan. However, the guaranteed program (as defined in IC 5-10.2-2-3) shall not be offered as an investment option under the plan.

(b) The requirements and rules that apply to the alternative investment programs within the annuity savings account are the initial requirements and rules that apply to the alternative investment programs within the plan, including the following:

- (1) The board's investment guidelines and limits for the alternative investment programs.
- (2) A member's selection of and changes to the member's investment options.
- (3) The valuation of a member's account.
- (4) The allocation and payment of administrative expenses for the alternative investment programs.

(c) If the board considers it necessary or appropriate, the board may establish different or additional requirements and rules that apply to the alternative investment programs within the plan.

(d) The board shall determine the appropriate administrative fees to be charged to the member accounts.

**Sec. 9. (a)** Each member's contribution to the plan is equal to three percent (3%) of the member's compensation. The state shall pay the member's contribution on behalf of each member of the plan each year.

(b) To the extent permitted by the Internal Revenue Code and applicable regulations, a member of the plan may make contributions to the plan in addition to the contribution required under subsection (a). IC 5-10.2-3-2(c) and IC 5-10.2-3-2(d) govern additional contributions made under this subsection.

(c) Member contributions must be credited to the member's account as specified in IC 5-10.2-3.

(d) Although designated as employee contributions, the



contributions made under subsection (a) are picked up and paid by an employer instead of the contributions being paid by the employee in accordance with Section 414(h)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code. A member may not receive any amounts paid by the state under this section directly instead of having the amounts paid to the plan.

**Sec. 10. (a)** An employer shall make employer contributions to the plan based on the amount determined under this section.

**(b)** The employer's contribution amount for the plan for any period equals the sum of:

- (1)** the sum of the amounts determined under subsection (c) for members of the plan that were employed during the period by the employer; and
- (2)** the employer's share for the period of the amount necessary to amortize the unfunded accrued liability of the fund as determined under IC 5-10.2-2-11(a)(3) and IC 5-10.2-2-11(a)(4).

**(c)** For each member of the plan, the amount to be credited to the member's account from the employer's contribution determined under subsection (b) is the lesser of:

- (1)** the product of:
  - (A)** the sum of the amounts contributed by the member under section 9(a) and 9(b) of this chapter; multiplied by
  - (B)** two (2); or
- (2)** seven and five-tenths percent (7.5%) of the member's compensation.

**(d)** Any amount not credited to the member's account shall be applied to the unfunded accrued liability of the fund as determined under IC 5-10.2-2-11(a)(3) and IC 5-10.2-2-11(a)(4).

**(e)** An employer shall submit the employer contributions determined under this section as provided in IC 5-10.2-2-12.5.

**Sec. 11. (a)** Member contributions and net earnings on the member contributions in the member contribution subaccount belong to the member at all times and do not belong to the state.

**(b)** A member is vested in the employer contribution subaccount in accordance with the following schedule:

Years of participation in the plan	Vested percentage of employer contributions and earnings
1	20%
2	40%
3	60%



4	80%
5	100%

For purposes of vesting in the employer contribution subaccount, only a member's full years of participation in the plan may be counted.

(c) The amount that a member may withdraw from the member's account is limited to the vested portion of the account.

(d) A member who attains normal retirement age is fully vested in all amounts in the member's account.

(e) If a member separates from service with an employer before the member is fully vested in the employer contribution subaccount, the amount in the employer contribution subaccount that is not vested is forfeited as of the date the member separates from service.

(f) Amounts forfeited under subsection (e) must be used to reduce the employer's unfunded accrued liability of the fund as determined under IC 5-10.2-2-11(a)(3) and IC 5-10.2-2-11(a)(4).

(g) A member may not earn creditable service (as defined in IC 5-10.2-3-1(a)) under the plan.

Sec. 12. (a) Subject to the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code applicable to qualified plan distributions, a member who:

- (1) terminates service in a covered position; and
- (2) does not perform any service in a position covered by the fund for at least thirty (30) days after the date on which the member terminates service;

is entitled to withdraw amounts in the member's account to the extent the member is vested in the account. A member must make a required withdrawal from the member's account not later than the required beginning date under the Internal Revenue Code.

(b) The member may elect to have withdrawals paid as:

- (1) a lump sum;
- (2) a direct rollover to another eligible retirement plan; or
- (3) if the member has attained normal retirement age, a monthly annuity in accordance with the rules of the board.

(c) The board may establish a minimum account balance or a minimum monthly payment amount in order for a member to select the monthly annuity option. The board shall establish the forms of annuity by rule, in consultation with the board's actuary. The board shall give members information about these forms of payment and any information required by federal law to accompany such distributions.

(d) Unless otherwise required by federal or state law, the



requirements and rules that apply to the distribution of the annuity savings account apply to distributions from a member's account.

**Sec. 13. (a) If a member dies:**

- (1) while in service in a position covered by the plan but not in the line of duty; or
- (2) after terminating service in a position covered by the plan but before withdrawing the member's account;

to the extent that the member is vested, the member's account shall be paid to the beneficiary or beneficiaries designated by the member on a form prescribed by the board. The amount paid shall be valued as provided in IC 5-10.2-2-3 and IC 5-10.2-2-4. The board shall invest the total amount in the member's account in the stable value fund not later than thirty (30) days after receiving notification of a member's death.

(b) If there is no properly designated beneficiary, or if no beneficiary survives the member, the member's account shall be paid to:

- (1) the surviving spouse of the member;
- (2) if there is not a surviving spouse, the surviving dependent or dependents of the member in equal shares; or
- (3) if there is not a surviving spouse or dependent, the member's estate.

(c) The beneficiary or beneficiaries designated under subsection (a) or a survivor determined under subsection (b) may elect to have the member's account paid as:

- (1) a lump sum;
- (2) a direct rollover to another eligible retirement plan; or
- (3) a monthly annuity in accordance with rules of the board.

A monthly annuity is an option only on or after the beneficiary or survivor becomes sixty-two (62) years of age. The board shall establish the forms of annuity by rule, in consultation with the board's actuary. Further, the board may establish a minimum account balance or a minimum monthly payment amount that is required in order for a beneficiary or survivor to select the monthly annuity option.

(d) If a member dies in the line of duty while in service in a covered position, the designated beneficiary or beneficiaries or the surviving spouse or dependents, as applicable, are entitled to payment of the member's account as provided in this section. In addition, if the member was not fully vested in the employer contribution subaccount, the account is considered to be fully vested for purposes of withdrawal under this section.



**Sec. 14. (a) All assets in the plan are exempt from levy, sale, garnishment, attachment, or other legal process.**

**(b) A member, beneficiary, or survivor may not assign any payment under this chapter except for the following:**

- (1) Premiums on a life, hospitalization, surgical, or medical group insurance plan maintained in part by a state agency.**
- (2) Dues to an association that proves to the board's satisfaction that the association has as members at least twenty percent (20%) of the retired members in the plan.**

**Sec. 15. (a) To the extent permitted by the Internal Revenue Code and the applicable regulations and guidance, the plan may accept, on behalf of any member who is employed in a covered position, a rollover distribution from any of the following:**

- (1) A qualified plan described in Section 401(a) or Section 403(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.**
- (2) An annuity contract or account described in Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code.**
- (3) An eligible plan maintained by a state, a political subdivision of a state, or an agency or instrumentality of a state or political subdivision of a state under Section 457(b) of the Internal Revenue Code.**
- (4) An individual retirement account or annuity described in Section 408(a) or 408(b) of the Internal Revenue Code.**

**(b) Any amounts rolled over under subsection (a) must be accounted for in a rollover account that is separate from the member's account in the plan. The member shall be fully vested in the member's rollover account.**

**(c) A member may direct the investment of the member's rollover account into any alternative investment option that the board may make available to the member's rollover account under section 8 of this chapter.**

**(d) A member may withdraw the member's rollover account from the plan in a lump sum or direct a rollover to an eligible retirement plan at any time. Upon attainment of normal retirement age, in addition to these payment options, the member may withdraw the member's rollover account as a monthly annuity as established by the board in accordance with the annuity options that are available for the member's account in the plan. A member must make a required withdrawal from the member's account in the plan not later than the required beginning date under the Internal Revenue Code.**

**Sec. 16. (a) If a member becomes disabled while in a covered**





position, subject to any federal law limitations concerning qualified plan distributions and the member furnishing proof of the member's qualification for Social Security disability benefits to the board, to the extent that the member is vested, the member may make a withdrawal from the member's account.

(b) The member may elect to have the withdrawal paid as:

- (1) a lump sum;
- (2) a direct rollover to another eligible retirement plan; or
- (3) a monthly annuity in accordance with the rules of the board.

(c) The board may establish a minimum account balance or a minimum monthly payment amount in order for a member to select the monthly annuity option.

**Sec. 17.** If a member of the plan separates from employment with the member's employer and later returns to employment in a position covered by the plan:

- (1) the individual resumes membership in the plan; and
- (2) the member is entitled to receive credit for the member's years of participation in the plan before the member's separation. However, any amounts forfeited by the member under section 11(e) of this chapter may not be restored to the member's account.

SECTION 27. IC 5-10.4-9 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]:

**Chapter 9. Participation by School Corporations in the Defined Contribution Plan**

**Sec. 1.** The following definitions apply throughout this chapter:

- (1) "Account" has the meaning set forth in IC 5-10.4-8-2.
- (2) "Eligible employee" is an individual that would qualify for membership in the fund under IC 5-10.4-4 if the individual were not employed in a position covered by a resolution adopted under this chapter.
- (3) "Member" has the meaning set forth in IC 5-10.4-8-2.
- (4) "Plan" has the meaning set forth in IC 5-10.4-8-2.

**Sec. 2. (a) If:**

- (1) the governing body of a school corporation adopts a resolution specifying a definable classification of eligible employees who will become members of the plan; and
  - (2) the resolution is filed with and approved by the board;
- the school corporation may become a participant in the plan.

(b) The effective date of participation is the earlier of January



1 or July 1 after the date of approval.

**Sec. 3.** The governing body may request a preliminary survey, at its expense as determined by the board, to determine the estimated cost of participation. The board and its actuary shall give an estimate of the costs, the benefits, and other appropriate information.

**Sec. 4.** After a school corporation becomes a participant, its governing body may make appropriations, make payments, and do all things required by IC 5-10.4-8.

**Sec. 5.** The board shall maintain separate accounts for each contribution rate group. Credits and charges to these accounts shall be made as prescribed in IC 5-10.4-8.

**Sec. 6.** A school corporation shall make the appropriations and payments required under this article and IC 5-10.2 from its general fund.

**Sec. 7. (a)** If a school corporation fails to make payments required by this chapter, the amount payable may be:

- (1) withheld by the auditor of state from money payable to the school corporation and transferred to the plan; or
- (2) recovered in a suit in the circuit or superior court of the county in which the school corporation is located. The suit must be an action by the state on the relation of the board, prosecuted by the attorney general.

**(b) If:**

- (1) service credit is verified for a member who has filed an application for retirement benefits; and
- (2) the member's employer at the time the service credit was earned has not made contributions for or on behalf of the member for the service credit;

liability for the unfunded service credit shall be charged against the employer's account and collected by the fund as provided in subsection (a). Processing of a member's application for retirement benefits may not be delayed by an employer's failure to make contributions for the service credit earned by the member while the member was employed by the employer.

**Sec. 8. (a)** As used in this section, "withdrawing school corporation" means a school corporation that takes an action described in subsection (b).

**(b)** Subject to the provisions of this section, a school corporation may do the following:

- (1) Stop its participation in the plan and withdraw all of the school corporation's employees from participation in the plan.



**(2) Withdraw a departmental, an occupational, or other definable classification of employees from participation in the plan.**

**(3) Stop the school corporation's participation in the plan by:**

**(A) selling all the school corporation's assets; or**

**(B) ceasing to exist as a school corporation.**

**(c) The withdrawal of a school corporation's participation in the plan is effective on a termination date established by the board. The termination date may not occur before all the following have occurred:**

**(1) The withdrawing school corporation has provided written notice of the following to the board:**

**(A) The withdrawing school corporation's intent to cease participation.**

**(B) The names of the withdrawing school corporation's current employees and former employees as of the date on which the notice is provided.**

**(2) The expiration of:**

**(A) a ninety (90) day period following the filing of the notice with the board, for a withdrawing school corporation that sells all of the withdrawing school corporation's assets or that ceases to exist as a school corporation; or**

**(B) a two (2) year period following the filing of the notice with the board, for all other withdrawing school corporations.**

**(d) A member who is an employee of the school corporation as of the date of the notice under subsection (c) is fully vested in all amounts in the member's account."**

Page 24, delete lines 13 through 42.

Delete pages 25 through 29.

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1481 as introduced.)

GUTWEIN

Committee Vote: yeas 6, nays 3.

HB 1481—LS 7500/DI 113



## COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred House Bill 1481, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 2, line 13, delete "five dollars (\$5)." and insert **"the following:  
(i) two dollars and seventy-five cents (\$2.75) for state fiscal year 2015-2016; and  
(ii) five dollars (\$5) for state fiscal year 2016-2017 and thereafter."**

Page 2, line 27, after "(i)" insert **"fifteen hundredths percent (0.15%) for state fiscal year 2015-2016 and"**.

Page 2, line 27, after "(0.25%)" insert **"for state fiscal year 2016-2017 and thereafter"**.

Page 2, line 30, after "(ii)" insert **"three-tenths percent (0.3%) for state fiscal year 2015-2016 and"**.

Page 2, line 30, after "(0.5%)" insert **"for state fiscal year 2016-2017 and thereafter"**.

Page 2, line 34, after "(iii)" insert **"forty-five hundredths percent (0.45%) for state fiscal year 2015-2016 and"**.

Page 2, line 34, after "(0.75%)" insert **"for state fiscal year 2016-2017 and thereafter"**.

Page 3, line 39, delete "five dollars (\$5)." and insert **"the following:  
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Page 16, delete lines 35 through 42, begin a new paragraph and insert:



"SECTION 19. IC 5-10.3-12-23, AS AMENDED BY P.L.5-2014, SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 23. (a) Each member's contribution to the plan is equal to three percent (3%) of the member's compensation.

**(b) For a member who is an employee of the state,** the state shall pay the member's contribution on behalf of ~~each the member of the plan~~ each year.

**(c) For a member who is an employee of a political subdivision, the political subdivision may pay all or part of the member's contribution on behalf of the member.**

~~(b)~~ **(d)** To the extent permitted by the Internal Revenue Code and applicable regulations, a member of the plan may make contributions to the plan in addition to the contribution required under subsection (a). IC 5-10.2-3-2(c) and IC 5-10.2-3-2(d) govern additional contributions made under this subsection.

~~(c)~~ **(e)** Member contributions will be credited to the member's account as specified in IC 5-10.2-3.

~~(d)~~ **(f)** Although designated as employee contributions, the contributions made under subsection ~~(a)~~ **(b)** are picked up and paid by the state as the employer in lieu of the contributions being paid by the employee in accordance with Section 414(h)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

**(g) Although designated as employee contributions, the contributions made under subsection (c) by a political subdivision may be picked up and paid by the employer instead of the contributions being paid by the employee in accordance with Section 414(h)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.**

**(h)** A member may not receive any amounts paid by ~~the state an employer~~ under this section directly instead of having the amounts paid to the plan."

Page 17, delete lines 1 through 12.

Page 18, line 32, strike "state".

Page 18, line 32, delete "." and insert "**in a position covered by the plan.**"

Page 19, delete line 42, begin a new paragraph and insert:

**"Sec. 1. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), this chapter applies after the effective date of the plan to an individual who:**

**(1) begins employment with a school corporation that participates in the plan in a covered position that would otherwise be eligible for membership in the fund under IC 5-10.4-4; and**

**(2) makes the election described in section 6 of this chapter to**



become a member of the plan.

**(b) This chapter does not apply to the following:**

**(1) An individual who, before the effective date of the plan, is or was a member (as defined in IC 5-10.4-1-9) of the fund.**

**(2) An individual who, on or after the effective date of the plan:**

**(1) begins employment with a school corporation that participates in the plan in a covered position that would otherwise be eligible for membership in the fund under IC 5-10.4-4; and**

**(2) does not make the election described in section 6 of this chapter to become a member of the plan."**

Page 20, delete lines 1 through 9.

Page 21, delete lines 31 through 40, begin a new paragraph and insert:

**"Sec. 6. (a) An individual who, on or after the effective date of the plan, begins employment with a school corporation that participates in the plan in a covered position that would otherwise be eligible for membership in the fund under IC 5-10.4-4 may elect to become a member of the plan.**

**(b) An election under this section:**

**(1) must be made in writing;**

**(2) must be filed with the board, on a form prescribed by the board; and**

**(3) is irrevocable.**

**(c) An individual who does not elect to become a member of the plan becomes a member (as defined in IC 5-10.4-1-9) of the fund."**

Page 23, delete lines 15 through 42, begin a new paragraph and insert:

**"Sec. 9. (a) Each member's contribution to the plan is equal to three percent (3%) of the member's compensation.**

**(b) An employer may pay all or part of the member's contribution on behalf of the member.**

**(c) To the extent permitted by the Internal Revenue Code and applicable regulations, a member of the plan may make contributions to the plan in addition to the contribution required under subsection (a). IC 5-10.2-3-2(c) and IC 5-10.2-3-2(d) govern additional contributions made under this subsection.**

**(d) Member contributions will be credited to the member's account as specified in IC 5-10.2-3.**

**(e) Although designated as employee contributions, the contributions made under subsection (b) by an employer may be**



picked up and paid by the employer instead of the contributions being paid by the employee in accordance with Section 414(h)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(f) A member may not receive any amounts paid by an employer under this section directly instead of having the amounts paid to the plan.

**Sec. 10. (a)** An employer shall make employer contributions to the plan based on the rate determined under this section.

(b) The employer's contribution rate for the plan shall be equal to the employer's contribution rate for the fund as determined by the board under IC 5-10.2-2-11(b). The amount credited from the employer's contribution rate to the member's account shall not be greater than the normal cost of the fund. Any amount not credited to the member's account shall be applied to the unfunded accrued liability of the fund as determined under IC 5-10.2-2-11(a)(3) and IC 5-10.2-2-11(a)(4).

(c) An employer's minimum contribution under this section is equal to three percent (3%) of the compensation of all members of the plan.

(d) An employer shall submit the employer contributions determined under this section as provided in IC 5-10.2-2-12.5."

Page 24, delete lines 1 through 15.

Page 27, delete lines 40 through 42, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"Sec. 17. (a) If a member of the plan separates from employment with the member's employer and later returns to employment in a position covered by the plan:

- (1) the individual resumes membership in the plan; and
- (2) the member is entitled to receive credit for the member's years of participation in the plan before the member's separation. However, any amounts forfeited by the member under section 11(e) of this chapter may not be restored to the member's account.

(b) An individual who elected under section 6 of this chapter to become a member of the plan resumes membership in the plan upon the individual's return to employment covered by the plan.

(c) An individual who did not elect to become a member of the plan resumes membership in the fund.

(d) An individual who returns to employment in a position covered by the plan having had an opportunity to make an election under section 6 of this chapter during an earlier period of employment is not entitled to a second opportunity to make an



**election under section 6 of this chapter."**

Page 28, delete lines 1 through 6.

Page 28, delete lines 14 through 17.

Page 28, line 18, delete "(3)" and insert "(2)".

Page 28, line 19, delete "(4)" and insert "(3)".

Page 28, delete lines 20 through 27, begin a new paragraph and insert:

**"Sec. 2. (a) If:**

**(1) the governing body of a school corporation adopts a resolution that allows an individual who begins employment with the school corporation and would otherwise be eligible for membership in the fund to elect to become a member of the plan; and**

**(2) the resolution is filed with and approved by the board; the school corporation may become a participant in the plan.**

**(b) The effective date of participation is the earlier of January 1 or July 1 after the date of approval."**

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1481 as printed January 23, 2015.)

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Committee Vote: yeas 21, nays 0.

