

Representative Daniel McCay proposes the following substitute bill:

POSTRETIREMENT EMPLOYMENT RURAL EXCEPTION

2016 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Rich Cunningham

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies the Utah State Retirement and Insurance Benefit Act by amending postretirement reemployment provisions.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ requires that certain costs shall be included in the final contribution rates adopted and certified by the board;
- ▶ allows a retiree to be reemployed with a participating employer after a certain period from the retiree's retirement date if the retiree:
 - does not receive certain employer provided retirement benefits for the reemployment;
 - is reemployed by a different agency; and
 - is reemployed by a participating employer that meets certain criteria;
- ▶ requires a participating employer to pay the contribution rate for a reemployed retiree in certain circumstances; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None



26 **Other Special Clauses:**

27 None

28 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

29 AMENDS:

30 **49-11-301**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2004, Chapter 322

31 **49-11-505**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapters 243 and 256



33 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

34 Section 1. Section **49-11-301** is amended to read:

35 **49-11-301. Creation -- Board to act as trustees of the fund -- Commingling and**
36 **pooling of funds -- Interest earnings -- Funded ratio.**

37 (1) There is created a common trust fund known as the "Utah State Retirement
38 Investment Fund" for the purpose of enlarging the investment base and simplifying investment
39 procedures and functions.

40 (2) (a) The board shall act as trustees of the Utah State Retirement Investment Fund
41 and, through the executive director, may commingle and pool the funds and investments of any
42 system, plan, or program into the Utah State Retirement Investment Fund, if the principal
43 amounts of the participating funds do not lose their individual identity and are maintained as
44 separate trust funds on the books of the office.

45 (b) (i) In combining the investments of any fund, each of the participating funds shall
46 be credited initially with its share of the total assets transferred to the Utah State Retirement
47 Investment Fund.

48 (ii) The value of the transferred assets shall be calculated in accordance with generally
49 accepted accounting principles.

50 (c) Subsequent transfers of additional capital from participating funds shall be credited
51 similarly to its respective trust account.

52 (d) The income or principal or equity credit belonging to one participating fund may
53 not be transferred to another, except for the purpose of:

54 (i) actuarially recommended transfers in order to adjust employer contribution rates for
55 an employer that participates in both contributory and noncontributory systems; or

56 (ii) transfers which reflect the value of service credit accrued in different systems

57 during a member's career.

58 (3) The assets of the funds are for the exclusive benefit of the members, participants,
59 and covered individuals and may not be diverted or appropriated for any purpose other than
60 that permitted by this title.

61 (4) (a) Interest and other earnings shall be credited to each participating fund on a pro
62 rata equity position basis.

63 (b) (i) A portion of the interest and other earnings of the common trust fund may be
64 credited to a reserve account within the Utah State Retirement Investment Fund to meet
65 adverse experiences arising from investments or other contingencies.

66 (ii) Each participating fund shall retain its proportionate equity in the reserve account.

67 (5) (a) The actuarial funded ratio of the systems may reach and be maintained at 110%,
68 as determined by the board's actuary using assumptions adopted by the board, before the board
69 is required to certify a decrease in contribution rates.

70 (b) ~~[The]~~ Except as provided in Subsection (6), the board may not increase
71 contribution rates to attain an actuarial funded ratio greater than 100%.

72 (6) (a) The cost of any amendment to this title shall be included in the final
73 contribution rates adopted and certified by the board in accordance with Subsections
74 49-11-102(14) and 49-11-203(1)(l).

75 (b) If a preliminary certified contribution rate approved by the board prior to an annual
76 General Session or Special Session of the Legislature was maintained at a previous year's level
77 that is higher than the contribution rate calculated by the board's actuary for that year in
78 accordance with Subsection (5)(a), the board's final certified contribution rate shall be the sum
79 of the actuarially determined costs from any amendment to this title during the General Session
80 or Special Session and the preliminary certified contribution rate.

81 Section 2. Section **49-11-505** is amended to read:

82 **49-11-505. Reemployment of a retiree -- Restrictions -- Penalties.**

83 (1) (a) For purposes of this section, "retiree":

84 (i) means a person who:

85 (A) retired from a participating employer; and

86 (B) begins reemployment on or after July 1, 2010, with a participating employer;

87 (ii) does not include a person:

88 (A) who was reemployed by a participating employer before July 1, 2010; and
89 (B) whose participating employer that reemployed the person under Subsection
90 (1)(a)(ii)(A) was dissolved, consolidated, merged, or structurally changed in accordance with
91 Section 49-11-621 after July 1, 2010; and
92 (iii) does not include a person who is reemployed as an active senior judge or an active
93 senior justice court judge as described by Utah State Court Rules, appointed to hear cases by
94 the Utah Supreme Court in accordance with Article VIII, Section 4, Utah Constitution.
95 (b) (i) This section does not apply to employment as an elected official if the elected
96 official's position is not full time as certified by the participating employer.
97 (ii) The provisions of this section apply to an elected official whose elected position is
98 full time as certified by the participating employer.
99 (c) (i) This section does not apply to employment as a part-time appointed board
100 member who does not receive any remuneration, stipend, or other benefit for the part-time
101 appointed board member's service.
102 (ii) For purposes of this Subsection (1)(c), remuneration, stipend, or other benefit does
103 not include receipt of per diem and travel expenses up to the amounts established by the
104 Division of Finance in:
105 (A) Section 63A-3-106;
106 (B) Section 63A-3-107; and
107 (C) rules made by the Division of Finance according to Sections 63A-3-106 and
108 63A-3-107.
109 (d) (i) For purposes of this Subsection (1)(d), "affiliated emergency services worker"
110 means a person who:
111 (A) is employed by a participating employer [~~and who~~];
112 (B) performs emergency services for another participating employer that is a different
113 agency [~~in which the person~~];
114 [~~(A)~~] (C) [~~has been~~] is trained in techniques and skills required for the service the
115 person provides to the participating employer;
116 [~~(B)~~] (D) continues to receive regular training required for the service;
117 [~~(C)~~] (E) is on the rolls as a trained affiliated emergency services worker of the
118 participating employer; and

119 ~~(D)~~ (F) provides ongoing service for a participating employer, which service may
120 include service as a volunteer firefighter, reserve law enforcement officer, search and rescue
121 personnel, emergency medical technician, ambulance personnel, park ranger, or public utilities
122 worker.

123 (ii) A person who performs work or service but does not meet the requirements of
124 Subsection (1)(d)(i) is not an affiliated emergency services worker for purposes of this
125 Subsection (1)(d).

126 (iii) The office may not cancel the retirement allowance of a retiree who is employed as
127 an affiliated emergency services worker within one year of the retiree's retirement date if the
128 affiliated emergency services worker does not receive any compensation, except for:

129 (A) a nominal fee, stipend, discount, tax credit, voucher, or other fixed sum of money
130 or cash equivalent payment not tied to productivity and paid periodically for services;

131 (B) a length-of-service award;

132 (C) insurance policy premiums paid by the participating employer in the event of death
133 of an affiliated emergency services worker or a line-of-duty accidental death or disability; or

134 (D) reimbursement of expenses incurred in the performance of duties.

135 (iv) For purposes of Subsections (1)(d)(iii)(A) and (B), the total amount of any
136 discounts, tax credits, vouchers, and payments to a volunteer may not exceed \$500 per month.

137 (v) Beginning January 1, 2016, the board shall adjust the amount under Subsection
138 (1)(d)(iv) by the annual change in the Consumer Price Index during the previous calendar year
139 as measured by a United States Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index average as
140 determined by the board.

141 (vi) The office shall cancel the retirement allowance of a retiree for the remainder of
142 the calendar year if employment as an affiliated emergency services worker with a participating
143 employer exceeds the limitation under Subsection (1)(d)(iv).

144 (vii) If a retiree is employed as an affiliated emergency services worker under the
145 provisions of Subsection (1)(d), the termination date of the employment as an affiliated
146 emergency services worker, as confirmed in writing by the participating employer, is
147 considered the retiree's retirement date for the purpose of calculating the separation
148 requirement under Subsection (3)(a).

149 (2) A retiree may not for the same period of reemployment:

150 (a) (i) earn additional service credit; or
151 (ii) receive any retirement related contribution from a participating employer; and
152 (b) receive a retirement allowance.

153 (3) (a) Except as provided under Subsection (1)(d), (3)(b), (3)(e), or (10), the office
154 shall cancel the retirement allowance of a retiree if the reemployment with a participating
155 employer begins within one year of the retiree's retirement date.

156 (b) The office may not cancel the retirement allowance of a retiree who is reemployed
157 with a participating employer within one year of the retiree's retirement date if:

158 (i) the retiree is not reemployed by a participating employer for a period of at least 60
159 days from the retiree's retirement date;

160 (ii) upon reemployment after the break in service under Subsection (3)(b)(i), the retiree
161 does not receive any employer ~~[provided]~~ paid benefits, including:

162 (A) retirement service credit or retirement related contributions;
163 ~~[(A)]~~ (B) medical benefits;
164 ~~[(B)]~~ (C) dental benefits;
165 ~~[(C)]~~ (D) other insurance benefits except for workers' compensation as provided under
166 Title 34A, Chapter 2, Workers' Compensation Act, and Chapter 3, Utah Occupational Disease
167 Act, and withholdings required by federal or state law for Social Security, Medicare, and
168 unemployment insurance; or

169 ~~[(D)]~~ (E) paid time off, including sick, annual, or other type of leave; and

170 (iii) (A) the retiree does not earn in any calendar year of reemployment an amount in
171 excess of the lesser of \$15,000 or one-half of the retiree's final average salary upon which the
172 retiree's retirement allowance is based; or

173 (B) the retiree is reemployed as a judge as defined under Section [78A-11-102](#).

174 (c) Beginning January 1, 2013, the board shall adjust the amounts under Subsection
175 (3)(b)(iii)(A) by the annual change in the Consumer Price Index during the previous calendar
176 year as measured by a United States Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index average
177 as determined by the board.

178 (d) The office shall cancel the retirement allowance of a retiree for the remainder of the
179 calendar year if the reemployment with a participating employer exceeds the limitation under
180 Subsection (3)(b)(iii)(A).

181 (e) The office may not cancel the retirement allowance of a retiree who is reemployed
 182 with a participating employer within one year of the retiree's retirement date if:

183 (i) the retiree:

184 (A) is not reemployed by a participating employer for a period of at least 60 days from
 185 the retiree's retirement date;

186 (B) is reemployed by a different agency;

187 (C) is reemployed by a participating employer with a principal place of employment for
 188 the retiree in:

189 (I) a county with a population of less than 45,000; or

190 (II) a municipality or town with a population of less than 10,000; and

191 (D) does not receive any employer paid retirement service credit or retirement related
 192 contributions from the participating employer; and

193 (ii) the participating employer pays the contribution rate to the office as if the retiree's
 194 reemployed position were considered to be an eligible, full-time position within that system,
 195 but the retiree does not earn additional service credit.

196 (f) Any contribution paid to the office under Subsection (3)(e)(ii) shall be applied to
 197 the system that would have covered the retiree if the retiree's reemployed position were
 198 considered to be an eligible, full-time position within that system.

199 ~~[(e)]~~ (g) If a retiree is reemployed under the provisions of Subsection (3)(b)[;] or (3)(e),
 200 the termination date of the reemployment, as confirmed in writing by the participating
 201 employer, is considered the retiree's retirement date for the purpose of calculating the
 202 separation requirement under Subsection (3)(a).

203 ~~[(f) If a retiree received a retirement allowance in error, due to reemployment in~~
 204 ~~violation of this section:]~~

205 ~~[(i) the office shall cancel the retiree's retirement allowance; and]~~

206 ~~[(ii) if the retiree applies for a future benefit, the office shall recover any overpayment~~
 207 ~~in accordance with the provisions of Section 49-11-607.]~~

208 (4) If a reemployed retiree has completed the one-year separation from employment
 209 with a participating employer required under Subsection (3)(a), the retiree may elect to:

210 (a) earn additional service credit in accordance with this title and cancel the retiree's
 211 retirement allowance; or

212 (b) continue to receive the retiree's retirement allowance and forfeit any retirement
213 related contribution from the participating employer who reemployed the retiree.

214 (5) (a) As used in this Subsection (5), "amortization rate" means the amortization rate,
215 as defined in Section 49-11-102, to be applied to the system that would have covered the retiree
216 if the retiree's reemployed position were deemed to be an eligible, full-time position within that
217 system.

218 (b) A participating employer who reemploys a retiree shall contribute to the office the
219 amortization rate if the reemployed retiree:

220 (i) has completed the one-year separation from employment with a participating
221 employer required under Subsection (3)(a); and

222 (ii) makes an election under Subsection (4)(b) to continue to receive a retirement
223 allowance while reemployed.

224 (c) A participating employer who reemploys a retiree in accordance with Subsection
225 (3)(b) is not required to contribute the amortization rate to the office.

226 (6) (a) A participating employer shall immediately notify the office:

227 (i) if the participating employer reemploys a retiree;

228 (ii) whether the reemployment is subject to Subsection (3)(b), (3)(e), or (4) of this
229 section; and

230 (iii) of any election by the retiree under Subsection (4).

231 (b) A participating employer shall certify to the office whether the position of an
232 elected official is or is not full time.

233 (c) A participating employer is liable to the office for a payment or failure to make a
234 payment in violation of this section.

235 (d) If a participating employer fails to notify the office in accordance with this section,
236 the participating employer is immediately subject to a compliance audit by the office.

237 (7) (a) The office shall immediately cancel the retirement allowance of a retiree in
238 accordance with Subsection (7)(b) if the office receives notice or learns of:

239 (i) the reemployment of a retiree in violation of Subsection (1)(d), or (3); or

240 (ii) the election of a reemployed retiree under Subsection (4)(a).

241 (b) If the retiree is eligible for retirement coverage in the reemployed position, the
242 office shall cancel the allowance of a retiree who is subject to Subsection (7)(a), and reinstate

243 the retiree to active member status on the first day of the month following the date of:

244 (i) reemployment if the retiree is subject to Subsection (3); or

245 (ii) an election by an employee under Subsection (4)(a).

246 (c) If the retiree is not otherwise eligible for retirement coverage in the reemployed

247 position:

248 (i) the office shall cancel the allowance of a retiree subject to Subsection (7)(a)(i); and

249 (ii) except as provided under Subsection (5)(c), the participating employer shall pay the
250 amortization rate to the office on behalf of the retiree.

251 (8) (a) [~~A~~] For a retiree subject to Subsection (7)(b) who retires within two years from
252 the date of reemployment, the office:

253 (i) [~~is not entitled to a recalculated~~] may not recalculate a retirement benefit for the
254 retiree; and

255 (ii) [~~will~~] shall resume the allowance that was being paid to the retiree at the time of
256 the cancellation.

257 (b) Subject to Subsection (2), for a retiree who is reinstated to active membership
258 under Subsection (7) and who retires two or more years after the date of reinstatement to active
259 membership, the office shall:

260 (i) resume [~~receiving~~] the allowance that was being paid at the time of cancellation;
261 and

262 (ii) [~~receive~~] calculate an additional allowance for the retiree based on the formula in
263 effect at the date of the subsequent retirement for all service credit accrued between the first
264 and subsequent retirement dates.

265 (9) (a) A retiree subject to this section shall report to the office the status of the
266 reemployment under Subsection (3) or (4).

267 (b) If the retiree fails to inform the office of an election under Subsection (4), the office
268 shall withhold one month's benefit for each month the retiree fails to inform the office under
269 Subsection (9)(a).

270 (10) A retiree shall be considered as having completed the one-year separation from
271 employment with a participating employer required under Subsection (3)(a), if the retiree:

272 (a) before retiring:

273 (i) was employed with a participating employer as a public safety service employee as

274 defined in Section [49-14-102](#), [49-15-102](#), or [49-23-102](#);

275 (ii) and during the employment under Subsection (10)(a)(i), suffered a physical injury
276 resulting from external force or violence while performing the duties of the employment, and
277 for which injury the retiree would have been approved for total disability in accordance with
278 the provisions under Title 49, Chapter 21, Public Employees' Long-Term Disability Act, if
279 years of service are not considered;

280 (iii) had less than 30 years of service credit but had sufficient service credit to retire,
281 with an unreduced allowance making the public safety service employee ineligible for
282 long-term disability payments under Title 49, Chapter 21, Public Employees' Long-Term
283 Disability Act, or a substantially similar long-term disability program; and

284 (iv) does not receive any long-term disability benefits from any participating employer;
285 and

286 (b) is reemployed by a different participating employer.

287 (11) If a retiree received a retirement allowance in error, due to reemployment in
288 violation of this section:

289 (a) the office shall cancel the retiree's retirement allowance;

290 (b) if the retiree applies for a future benefit, the office shall recover any overpayment in
291 accordance with the provisions of Section [49-11-607](#); and

292 (c) if a retiree or participating employer failed to report reemployment in violation of
293 this section, the retiree, participating employer, or both that are found to be responsible for the
294 failure to report are liable to the office for the amount of any overpayment resulting from the
295 violation.

296 [~~(H)~~] (12) The board may make rules to implement this section.