	AMENDMENTS TO FUBLIC EMIFLOTEE S DENEFTT AND
	INSURANCE PROGRAM
	2011 GENERAL SESSION
	STATE OF UTAH
	Chief Sponsor: Daniel R. Liljenquist
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	LONG TITLE
	General Description:
	This bill modifies the Utah State Retirement and Insurance Benefit Act by amending
	retirement and long-term disability provisions.
	Highlighted Provisions:
	This bill:
	• clarifies in the Utah Workforce Services Code that only a person who is eligible to
	purchase service credit under the Utah Retirement Systems may purchase service
(	credit in those systems;
	<ul><li>amends definitions;</li></ul>
	<ul> <li>clarifies that an employee who elects to participate exclusively in the defined</li> </ul>
	contribution plan may not purchase service credit for that period of employment;
	<ul> <li>provides that only an active member may purchase service credit in the Utah</li> </ul>
	Retirement Systems;
	<ul> <li>clarifies that Social Security substitute payments are not limited for purposes of</li> </ul>
	post-retirement employment retirement related contributions made on behalf of an
	employee;
	<ul> <li>provides that reemployment restrictions for a person who begins reemployment</li> </ul>
	after July 1, 2010, do not apply to employment as an elected official except an
	elected sheriff;



► provides that a participating employer must provide information requested by the Retirement Office electronically in a manner approved by the office;

- provides that a participating employer shall treat any information provided to the
   office as subject to certain confidentiality restrictions;
- provides that a person who is dissatisfied by a ruling of the executive director or deputy director regarding a medical claim may request a ruling by an external reviewer in accordance with federal law;
- requires the Retirement Office to fund the long-term disability benefits for new volunteer firefighters using certain insurance premium tax revenues formerly deposited in the Firefighters' Retirement Trust Fund;
- ▶ provides that a member must cease employment with any participating employer to be eligible to receive a retirement allowance;
- ► modifies the timing of adjusted retirement benefit payments and standardizes language for applying for benefits following the death of a retiree or a retiree's spouse under certain retirement options;
- ► clarifies that new governors and legislators who are only eligible for a Tier II retirement system may be eligible for paid-up group health coverage policy for members and their surviving spouses;
- ▶ provides that Tier II new employees and employees who are exempt from the retirement systems are eligible for long-term disability coverage;
- ▶ provides that an employee is not eligible for long-term disability benefits if the employee has a pending action before any federal administrative body in which the employee has made a claim that the employee is able to work;
- repeals a requirement that an eligible employee first apply at the earliest eligible age for all unreduced retirement benefits to get long-term disability benefits;
- provides for the time periods for which a new Tier II employee under a defined contribution plan is eligible for long-term disability benefits consistent with other
   Tier II new employees;
- ▶ provides that an elected official, instead of only a governor and a legislator, initially entering office on or after July 1, 2011, is only eligible to participate in the Tier II defined contribution plan;

59	<ul> <li>provides that a person initially entering regular full-time employment after July 1,</li> </ul>
60	2011, has one year instead of 30 days to make an irrevocable election between a
61	Tier II hybrid retirement system and a Tier II defined contribution retirement plan
62	and that the election must be submitted electronically;
63	<ul> <li>allows the Legislature to decrease benefits in the defined benefit portion of the Tier</li> </ul>
64	II Hybrid Retirement System for new public employees and new public safety and
65	firefighter employees for future years of service under certain conditions;
66	<ul> <li>provides that vesting of the defined contribution balance occurs upon accruing four</li> </ul>
67	years of service credit instead of four years from the date of employment under the
68	Tier II hybrid retirement systems;
69	<ul> <li>defines eligibility to receive a retirement allowance for a benefit tied to a retirement</li> </ul>
70	date for member in a defined contribution plan;
71	<ul> <li>allows an offset for administrative costs for forfeited defined contribution accounts</li> </ul>
72	and
73	<ul><li>makes technical changes.</li></ul>
74	Money Appropriated in this Bill:
75	None
76	Other Special Clauses:
77	None
78	<b>Utah Code Sections Affected:</b>
79	AMENDS:
80	<b>35A-4-502</b> , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapters 266 and 286
81	<b>49-11-102</b> , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapters 264 and 266
82	49-11-403, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapters 257, 266, and 321
83	<b>49-11-504</b> , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 264
84	<b>49-11-505</b> , as enacted by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 264
85	<b>49-11-602</b> , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2004, Chapter 118
86	<b>49-11-613</b> , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapters 252 and 382
87	49-11-902, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 227
88	<b>49-12-401</b> , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 321
89	<b>49-12-402</b> , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2007, Chapters 130 and 306

90	<b>49-12-405</b> , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2005, Chapter 116
91	<b>49-13-401</b> , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 321
92	<b>49-13-402</b> , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2007, Chapter 130
93	<b>49-13-405</b> , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2005, Chapter 116
94	<b>49-14-401</b> , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 321
95	<b>49-14-501</b> , as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2002, Chapter 250
96	<b>49-14-502</b> , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2003, Chapter 240
97	<b>49-14-503</b> , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2003, Chapter 240
98	<b>49-15-401</b> , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 321
99	<b>49-15-501</b> , as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2002, Chapter 250
100	<b>49-15-502</b> , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2003, Chapter 240
101	<b>49-15-503</b> , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2003, Chapter 240
102	<b>49-16-301</b> , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2004, Chapter 262
103	<b>49-16-401</b> , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 321
104	<b>49-16-501</b> , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2003, Chapter 240
105	<b>49-16-502</b> , as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2002, Chapter 250
106	<b>49-16-503</b> , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2003, Chapter 240
107	<b>49-17-401</b> , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 321
108	<b>49-17-501</b> , as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2002, Chapter 250
109	<b>49-18-401</b> , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 321
110	<b>49-18-501</b> , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2003, Chapter 240
111	<b>49-19-501</b> , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2006, Chapter 260
112	<b>49-20-404</b> , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 252
113	<b>49-21-102</b> , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2007, Chapter 130
114	<b>49-21-401</b> , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 321
115	<b>49-21-402</b> , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 321
116	<b>49-21-403</b> , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapters 266 and 321
117	<b>49-22-102</b> , as enacted by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 266
118	<b>49-22-201</b> , as enacted by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 266
119	<b>49-22-301</b> , as enacted by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 266
120	<b>49-22-303</b> , as enacted by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 266

121	<b>49-22-304</b> , as enacted by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 266
122	49-22-305, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 266
123	49-22-401, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 266
124	49-22-501, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 266
125	49-22-502, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 266
126	49-23-201, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 266
127	49-23-301, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 266
128	49-23-302, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 266
129	49-23-303, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 266
130	49-23-304, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 266
131	49-23-401, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 266
132	49-23-501, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 266
133	49-23-502, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 266
134	49-23-601, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2010, Chapter 266
135	67-5-8, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2007, Chapter 166
136	ENACTS:
137	<b>49-11-407</b> , Utah Code Annotated 1953
138	<b>49-11-901.5</b> , Utah Code Annotated 1953
139	<b>49-22-310</b> , Utah Code Annotated 1953
140	<b>49-22-403</b> , Utah Code Annotated 1953
141	<b>49-23-309</b> , Utah Code Annotated 1953
142	<b>49-23-403</b> , Utah Code Annotated 1953
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144	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
145	Section 1. Section 35A-4-502 is amended to read:
146	35A-4-502. Administration of Employment Security Act.
147	(1) (a) The department shall administer this chapter through the division.
148	(b) The department may make, amend, or rescind any rules and special orders
149	necessary for the administration of this chapter.
150	(c) The division may:
151	(i) employ persons;

152	(ii) make expenditures;
153	(iii) require reports;
154	(iv) make investigations;
155	(v) make audits of any or all funds provided for under this chapter when necessary; and
156	(vi) take any other action it considers necessary or suitable to that end.
157	(d) No later than the first day of October of each year, the department shall submit to
158	the governor a report covering the administration and operation of this chapter during the
159	preceding calendar year and shall make any recommendations for amendments to this chapter
160	as the department considers proper.
161	(e) (i) The report required under Subsection (1)(d) shall include a balance sheet of the
162	money in the fund in which there shall be provided, if possible, a reserve against liability in
163	future years to pay benefits in excess of the then current contributions, which reserve shall be
164	set up by the division in accordance with accepted actuarial principles on the basis of statistics
165	of employment, business activity, and other relevant factors for the longest possible period.
166	(ii) Whenever the department believes that a change in contribution or benefit rates
167	will become necessary to protect the solvency of the fund, it shall promptly inform the
168	governor and the Legislature and make appropriate recommendations.
169	(2) (a) The department may make, amend, or rescind rules in accordance with Title
170	63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.
171	(b) The director of the division or the director's designee may adopt, amend, or rescind
172	special orders after appropriate notice and opportunity to be heard. Special orders become
173	effective 10 days after notification or mailing to the last-known address of the individuals or
174	concerns affected thereby.
175	(3) The director of the division or the director's designee shall cause to be printed for
176	distribution to the public:
177	(a) the text of this chapter;
178	(b) the department's rules pertaining to this chapter;
179	(c) the department's annual reports to the governor required by Subsection (1)(e); and
180	(d) any other material the director of the division or the director's designee considers

(4) (a) The division may delegate to any person so appointed the power and authority it

relevant and suitable and shall furnish them to any person upon application.

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- considers reasonable and proper for the effective administration of this chapter and may bond any person handling money or signing checks under this authority.
  - (b) The department may, when permissible under federal and state law, make arrangements to voluntarily elect coverage under the United States Civil Service Retirement System or a comparable private retirement plan with respect to past as well as future services of individuals employed under this chapter who:
    - (i) were hired prior to October 1, 1980; and
  - (ii) have been retained by the department without significant interruption in the employees' services for the department.
  - (c) An employee of the department who no longer may participate in a federal or other retirement system as a result of a change in status or appropriation under this chapter may purchase credit with the employee's assets from the federal or other retirement system in which the employee may no longer participate in a retirement system created under:
  - (i) Title 49, Chapter 13, Public Employees' Noncontributory Retirement Act for a purchase made under this Subsection (4)(c) [made prior to July 1, 2011] by an employee eligible for service credit under Title 49, Chapter 13, Public Employees' Noncontributory Retirement Act; or
  - (ii) Title 49, Chapter 22, New Public Employees' Tier II Contributory Retirement Act, [if the date of purchase under this Subsection (4)(c) is on or after July 1, 2011] for a purchase made under this Subsection (4)(c) by an employee eligible for service credit under Title 49, Chapter 22, New Public Employees' Tier II Contributory Retirement Act.
  - (5) There is created an Employment Advisory Council composed of the members listed in Subsections (5)(a) and (b).
    - (a) The executive director shall appoint:
  - (i) not less than five employer representatives chosen from individuals recommended by employers, employer associations, or employer groups;
  - (ii) not less than five employee representatives chosen from individuals recommended by employees, employee associations, or employee groups; and
    - (iii) five public representatives chosen at large.
- 212 (b) The executive director or the executive director's designee shall serve as a 213 nonvoting member of the council.

(c) The employee representatives shall include both union and nonunion employees who fairly represent the percentage in the labor force of the state.

- (d) Employers and employees shall consider nominating members of groups who historically may have been excluded from the council, such as women, minorities, and individuals with disabilities.
- (e) (i) Except as required by Subsection (5)(e)(ii), as terms of current council members expire, the executive director shall appoint each new member or reappointed member to a four-year term.
- (ii) Notwithstanding the requirements of Subsection (5)(e)(i), the executive director shall, at the time of appointment or reappointment, adjust the length of terms to ensure that the terms of council members are staggered so that approximately half of the council is appointed every two years.
- (f) When a vacancy occurs in the membership for any reason, the replacement shall be appointed for the unexpired term.
- (g) The executive director shall terminate the term of any council member who ceases to be representative as designated by the council member's original appointment.
- (h) The council shall advise the department and the Legislature in formulating policies and discussing problems related to the administration of this chapter including:
  - (i) reducing and preventing unemployment;

- (ii) encouraging the adoption of practical methods of vocational training, retraining, and vocational guidance;
  - (iii) monitoring the implementation of the Wagner-Peyser Act;
- (iv) promoting the creation and development of job opportunities and the reemployment of unemployed workers throughout the state in every possible way; and
  - (v) appraising the industrial potential of the state.
- (i) The council shall assure impartiality and freedom from political influence in the solution of the problems listed in Subsection (5)(h).
- (j) The executive director or the executive director's designee shall serve as chair of the council and call the necessary meetings.
- 243 (k) A member may not receive compensation or benefits for the member's service, but 244 may receive per diem and travel expenses in accordance with:

- 245 (i) Section 63A-3-106;
- 246 (ii) Section 63A-3-107; and
- 247 (iii) rules made by the Division of Finance pursuant to Sections 63A-3-106 and 248 63A-3-107.
  - (1) The department shall provide staff support to the council.
  - (6) In the discharge of the duties imposed by this chapter, the division director or the director's designee as designated by department rule, may in connection with a disputed matter or the administration of this chapter:
    - (a) administer oaths and affirmations;
- (b) take depositions;

- (c) certify to official acts; and
- (d) issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, papers, correspondence, memoranda, and other records necessary as evidence.
  - (7) (a) In case of contumacy by or refusal to obey a subpoena issued to any person, any court of this state within the jurisdiction of which the inquiry is carried on or within the jurisdiction of which the person guilty of contumacy or refusal to obey is found or resides or transacts business, upon application by the director of the division or the director's designee shall have jurisdiction to issue to that person an order requiring the person to appear before the director or the director's designee to produce evidence, if so ordered, or give testimony regarding the matter under investigation or in question. Any failure to obey that order of the court may be punished by the court as contempt.
  - (b) Any person who, without just cause, fails or refuses to attend and testify or to answer any lawful inquiry or to produce books, papers, correspondence, memoranda, and other records, if it is in that person's power to do so, in obedience to a subpoena of the director or the director's designee shall be punished as provided in Subsection 35A-1-301(1)(b). Each day the violation continues is a separate offense.
  - (c) In the event a witness asserts a privilege against self-incrimination, testimony and evidence from the witness may be compelled pursuant to Title 77, Chapter 22b, Grants of Immunity.
  - (8) (a) In the administration of this chapter, the division shall cooperate with the United States Department of Labor to the fullest extent consistent with the provisions of this chapter

276	and shall take action, through the adoption of appropriate rules by the department and
277	administrative methods and standards, as necessary to secure to this state and its citizens all
278	advantages available under the provisions of:
279	(i) the Social Security Act that relate to unemployment compensation;
280	(ii) the Federal Unemployment Tax Act; and
281	(iii) the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970.
282	(b) In the administration of Section 35A-4-402, which is enacted to conform with the
283	requirements of the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970, 26
284	U.S.C. 3304, the division shall take any action necessary to ensure that the section is
285	interpreted and applied to meet the requirements of the federal act, as interpreted by the United
286	States Department of Labor and to secure to this state the full reimbursement of the federal
287	share of extended and regular benefits paid under this chapter that are reimbursable under the
288	federal act.
289	Section 2. Section 49-11-102 is amended to read:
290	49-11-102. Definitions.
291	As used in this title:
292	(1) (a) "Active member" means a member who is employed or who has been employed
293	by a participating employer within the previous 120 days.
294	(b) "Active member" does not include retirees.
295	(2) "Actuarial equivalent" means a benefit of equal value when computed upon the
296	basis of mortality tables as recommended by the actuary and adopted by the executive director,
297	including regular interest.
298	(3) "Actuarial interest rate" means the interest rate as recommended by the actuary and
299	adopted by the board upon which the funding of system costs and benefits are computed.
300	(4) (a) "Agency" means:
301	(i) a department, division, agency, office, authority, commission, board, institution, or
302	hospital of the state;
303	(ii) a county, municipality, school district, local district, or special service district;
304	(iii) a state college or university; or
305	(iv) any other participating employer.

(b) "Agency" does not include an entity listed under Subsection (4)(a)(i) that is a

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307 subdivision of another entity listed under Subsection (4)(a).

- (5) "Allowance" or "retirement allowance" means the pension plus the annuity, including any cost of living or other authorized adjustments to the pension and annuity.
- (6) "Alternate payee" means a member's former spouse or family member eligible to receive payments under a Domestic Relations Order in compliance with Section 49-11-612.
- (7) "Amortization rate" means the board certified percent of salary required to amortize the unfunded actuarial accrued liability in accordance with policies established by the board upon the advice of the actuary.
  - (8) "Annuity" means monthly payments derived from member contributions.
- (9) "Appointive officer" means an employee appointed to a position for a definite and fixed term of office by official and duly recorded action of a participating employer whose appointed position is designated in the participating employer's charter, creation document, or similar document, and who earns during the first full month of the term of office \$500 or more, indexed as of January 1, 1990, as provided in Section 49-12-407.
- (10) (a) "At-will employee" means a person who is employed by a participating employer and:
- (i) who is not entitled to merit or civil service protection and is generally considered exempt from a participating employer's merit or career service personnel systems;
- (ii) whose on-going employment status is entirely at the discretion of the person's employer; or
- (iii) who may be terminated without cause by a designated supervisor, manager, or director.
- (b) "At-will employee" does not include a career employee who has obtained a reasonable expectation of continued employment based on inclusion in a participating employer's merit system, civil service protection system, or career service personnel systems, policies, or plans.
- (11) "Beneficiary" means any person entitled to receive a payment under this title through a relationship with or designated by a member, participant, covered individual, or alternate payee of a defined contribution plan.
- 336 (12) "Board" means the Utah State Retirement Board established under Section 337 49-11-202.

338	(13) "Board member" means a person serving on the Utah State Retirement Board as
339	established under Section 49-11-202.
340	(14) "Certified contribution rate" means the board certified percent of salary paid on
341	behalf of an active member to the office to maintain the system on a financially and actuarially
342	sound basis.
343	(15) "Contributions" means the total amount paid by the participating employer and the
344	member into a system or to the Utah Governors' and Legislators' Retirement Plan under
345	Chapter 19, Utah Governors' and Legislators' Retirement Act.
346	(16) "Council member" means a person serving on the Membership Council
347	established under Section 49-11-202.
348	(17) "Covered individual" means any individual covered under Chapter 20, Public
349	Employees' Benefit and Insurance Program Act.
350	(18) "Current service" means covered service as defined in Chapters 12, 13, 14, 15, 16,
351	17, 18, and 19.
352	(19) "Defined benefit" or "defined benefit plan" or "defined benefit system" means a
353	system or plan offered under this title to provide a specified allowance to a retiree or a retiree's
354	spouse after retirement that is based on a set formula involving one or more of the following
355	factors:
356	(a) years of service;
357	(b) final average monthly salary; or
358	(c) a retirement multiplier.
359	(20) "Defined contribution" or "defined contribution plan" means any defined
360	contribution plan or deferred compensation plan authorized under the Internal Revenue Code
361	and administered by the board.
362	(21) "Educational institution" means a political subdivision or instrumentality of the
363	state or a combination thereof primarily engaged in educational activities or the administration
364	or servicing of educational activities, including:
365	(a) the State Board of Education and its instrumentalities;
366	(b) any institution of higher education and its branches;
367	(c) any school district and its instrumentalities;
368	(d) any vocational and technical school; and

369	(e) any entity arising out of a consolidation agreement between entities described under
370	this Subsection (21).
371	(22) "Elected official":
372	(a) means a person elected to a state office, county office, municipal office, school
373	board or school district office, local district office, or special service district office;
374	(b) includes a person who is appointed to serve an unexpired term of office described
375	under Subsection (22)(a); and
376	(c) does not include a judge or justice who is subject to a retention election under
377	Section 20A-12-201.
378	[(22)] (23) (a) "Employer" means any department, educational institution, or political
379	subdivision of the state eligible to participate in a government-sponsored retirement system
380	under federal law.
381	(b) "Employer" may also include an agency financed in whole or in part by public
382	funds.
383	[(23)] (24) "Exempt employee" means an employee working for a participating
384	employer:
385	(a) who is not eligible for service credit under Section 49-12-203, 49-13-203,
386	49-14-203, 49-15-203, or 49-16-203; and
387	(b) for whom a participating employer is not required to pay contributions or
388	nonelective contributions.
389	[(24)] (25) "Final average monthly salary" means the amount computed by dividing the
390	compensation received during the final average salary period under each system by the number
391	of months in the final average salary period.
392	[(25)] (26) "Fund" means any fund created under this title for the purpose of paying
393	benefits or costs of administering a system, plan, or program.
394	[(26)] (27) (a) "Inactive member" means a member who has not been employed by a
395	participating employer for a period of at least 120 days.
396	(b) "Inactive member" does not include retirees.
397	[(27)] (28) (a) "Initially entering" means hired, appointed, or elected for the first time,
398	in current service as a member with any participating employer.
399	(b) "Initially entering" does not include a person who has any prior service credit on

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400	file with the office.
401	[(28)] (29) (a) "Member" means a person, except a retiree, with contributions on
402	deposit with a system, the Utah Governors' and Legislators' Retirement Plan under Chapter 19,
403	Utah Governors' and Legislators' Retirement Act, or with a terminated system.
404	(b) "Member" also includes leased employees within the meaning of Section 414(n)(2)
405	of the Internal Revenue Code, if the employees have contributions on deposit with the office.
406	If leased employees constitute less than 20% of the participating employer's work force that is
407	not highly compensated within the meaning of Section 414(n)(5)(c)(ii), Internal Revenue Code,
408	"member" does not include leased employees covered by a plan described in Section 414(n)(5)
409	of the federal Internal Revenue Code.
410	[(29)] (30) "Member contributions" means the sum of the contributions paid to a
411	system or the Utah Governors' and Legislators' Retirement Plan, including refund interest if
412	allowed by a system, and which are made by:
413	(a) the member; and
414	(b) the participating employer on the member's behalf under Section 414(h) of the
415	Internal Revenue Code.
416	[(30)] (31) "Nonelective contribution" means an amount contributed by a participating
417	employer into a participant's defined contribution account.
418	[ <del>(31)</del> ] <u>(32)</u> "Normal cost rate":
419	(a) means the percent of salary that is necessary for a retirement system that is fully
420	funded to maintain its fully funded status; and
421	(b) is determined by the actuary based on the assumed rate of return established by the
422	board.
423	[(32)] (33) "Office" means the Utah State Retirement Office.
424	[(33)] (34) "Participant" means an individual with voluntary deferrals or nonelective
425	contributions on deposit with the defined contribution plans administered under this title.
426	[(34)] (35) "Participating employer" means a participating employer, as defined by

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Chapter 12, Public Employees' Contributory Retirement Act, Chapter 13, Public Employees'

Noncontributory Retirement Act, Chapter 14, Public Safety Contributory Retirement Act,

Retirement Act, Chapter 17, Judges' Contributory Retirement Act, and Chapter 18, Judges'

Chapter 15, Public Safety Noncontributory Retirement Act, Chapter 16, Firefighters'

431	Noncontributory Retirement Act, or an agency financed in whole or in part by public funds
432	which is participating in a system or plan as of January 1, 2002.
433	[(35)] (36) "Pension" means monthly payments derived from participating employer
434	contributions.
435	[(36)] (37) "Plan" means the Utah Governors' and Legislators' Retirement Plan created
436	by Chapter 19, Utah Governors' and Legislators' Retirement Act, the New Public Employees'
437	Tier II Defined Contribution Plan created by Chapter 22, Part 4, Tier II Defined Contribution
438	Plan, the New Public Safety and Firefighter Tier II Defined Contribution Plan created by
439	Chapter 23, Part 4, Tier II Defined Contribution Plan, or the defined contribution plans created
440	under Section 49-11-801.
441	[(37)] (38) (a) "Political subdivision" means any local government entity, including
442	cities, towns, counties, and school districts, but only if the subdivision is a juristic entity that is
443	legally separate and distinct from the state and only if its employees are not by virtue of their
444	relationship to the entity employees of the state.
445	(b) "Political subdivision" includes local districts, special service districts, or
446	authorities created by the Legislature or by local governments, including the office.
447	(c) "Political subdivision" does not include a project entity created under Title 11,
448	Chapter 13, Interlocal Cooperation Act, that was formed prior to July 1, 1987.
449	[(38)] (39) "Program" means the Public Employees' Insurance Program created under
450	Chapter 20, Public Employees' Benefit and Insurance Program Act, or the Public Employees'
451	Long-Term Disability program created under Chapter 21, Public Employees' Long-Term
452	Disability Act.
453	[(39)] (40) "Public funds" means those funds derived, either directly or indirectly, from
454	public taxes or public revenue, dues or contributions paid or donated by the membership of the
455	organization, used to finance an activity whose objective is to improve, on a nonprofit basis,
456	the governmental, educational, and social programs and systems of the state or its political
457	subdivisions.
458	[(40)] (41) "Qualified defined contribution plan" means a defined contribution plan
459	that meets the requirements of Section 401(k) or Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code.
460	[(41)] (42) (a) "Reemployed," "reemploy," or "reemployment" means work or service
461	performed after retirement, in exchange for compensation.

462	(b) Reemployment includes work or service performed on a contract if the retiree is:
463	(i) listed as the contractor; or
464	(ii) an owner, partner, or principle of the contractor.
465	[(42)] (43) "Refund interest" means the amount accrued on member contributions at a
466	rate adopted by the board.
467	[(43)] (44) "Retiree" means an individual who has qualified for an allowance under this
468	title.
469	[(44)] (45) "Retirement" means the status of an individual who has become eligible,
470	applies for, and is entitled to receive an allowance under this title.
471	[(45)] (46) "Retirement date" means the date selected by the member on which the
472	member's retirement becomes effective with the office.
473	(47) "Retirement related contribution":
474	(a) means any employer payment to any type of retirement plan or program made on
475	behalf of an employee; and
476	(b) does not include Social Security payments or Social Security substitute payments
477	made on behalf of an employee.
478	[ <del>(46)</del> ] (48) "Service credit" means:
479	(a) the period during which an employee is employed and compensated by a
480	participating employer and meets the eligibility requirements for membership in a system or the
481	Utah Governors' and Legislators' Retirement Plan, provided that any required contributions are
482	paid to the office; and
483	(b) periods of time otherwise purchasable under this title.
484	[ <del>(47)</del> ] (49) "System" means the individual retirement systems created by Chapter 12,
485	Public Employees' Contributory Retirement Act, Chapter 13, Public Employees'
486	Noncontributory Retirement Act, Chapter 14, Public Safety Contributory Retirement Act,
487	Chapter 15, Public Safety Noncontributory Retirement Act, Chapter 16, Firefighters'
488	Retirement Act, Chapter 17, Judges' Contributory Retirement Act, Chapter 18, Judges'
489	Noncontributory Retirement Act, and Chapter 19, Utah Governors' and Legislators' Retirement
490	Act, the defined benefit portion of the Tier II Hybrid Retirement System under Chapter 22, Part
491	3, Tier II Hybrid Retirement System, and the defined benefit portion of the Tier II Hybrid
492	Retirement System under Chapter 23, Part 3, Tier II Hybrid Retirement System.

493	$[\frac{(48)}{(50)}]$ "Tier I" means a system or plan under this title for which an employee is
494	eligible to participate if the employee initially enters regular full-time employment before July
495	1, 2011.
496	[(49)] (51) (a) "Tier II" means a system or plan under this title provided in lieu of a
497	Tier I system or plan for which an employee is eligible to participate, if the employee initially
498	enters regular full-time employment on or after July 1, 2011.
499	(b) "Tier II" includes:
500	(i) the Tier II hybrid system established under:
501	(A) Chapter 22, Part 3, Tier II Hybrid Retirement System; or
502	(B) Chapter 23, Part 3, Tier II Hybrid Retirement System; and
503	(ii) the Tier II Defined Contribution Plan (Tier II DC Plan) established under:
504	(A) Chapter 22, Part 4, Tier II Defined Contribution Plan; or
505	(B) Chapter 23, Part 4, Tier II Defined Contribution Plan.
506	[(50)] (52) "Unfunded actuarial accrued liability" or "UAAL":
507	(a) is determined by the system's actuary; and
508	(b) means the excess, if any, of the accrued liability of a retirement system over the
509	actuarial value of its assets.
510	[(51)] (53) "Voluntary deferrals" means an amount contributed by a participant into
511	that participant's defined contribution account.
512	Section 3. Section 49-11-403 is amended to read:
513	49-11-403. Purchase of public service credit not otherwise qualifying for benefit.
514	(1) A member, a participating employer, or a member and a participating employer
515	jointly may purchase service credit equal to the period of the member's employment in the
516	following:
517	(a) United States federal employment;
518	(b) employment in a private school based in the United States, if the member received
519	an employer paid retirement benefit for the employment;
520	(c) public employment in another state or territory of the United States which qualifies
521	the member for membership in the public plan or system covering the employment, but only if
522	the member does not qualify for any retirement benefits based on the employment;
523	(d) forfeited service credit in this state if the member does not qualify for an allowance

524	based on the service credit;
525	(e) full-time public service while on an approved leave of absence;
526	(f) the period of time for which disability benefits were paid if:
527	(i) the member was receiving:
528	(A) long-term disability benefits;
529	(B) short-term disability benefits; or
530	(C) worker's compensation disability benefits; and
531	(ii) the member's employer had not entered into a benefit protection contract under
532	Section 49-11-404 during the period the member was disabled due to sickness or accident;
533	(g) employment covered by a Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America
534	retirement plan if the member forfeits any retirement benefit from that retirement plan for the
535	period of employment to be purchased under this Subsection (1)(g); or
536	(h) employment in a charter school located within the state if the member forfeits any
537	retirement benefit under any other retirement system or plan for the period of employment to be
538	purchased under this Subsection (1)(h).
539	(2) A member shall:
540	(a) have at least four years of service credit before a purchase can be made under this
541	section; and
542	(b) forfeit service credit and any defined contribution balance based on employer
543	contributions under any other retirement system or plan based on the period of employment for
544	which service credit is being purchased.
545	(3) (a) To purchase credit under this section, the member, a participating employer, or a
546	member and a participating employer jointly shall make payment to the system under which the
547	member is currently covered.
548	(b) The amount of the payment shall be determined by the office based on a formula
549	that is:
550	(i) recommended by the actuary; and
551	(ii) adopted by the board.
552	(4) The purchase may be made through payroll deductions or through a lump sum
553	deposit based upon the present value of future payments.
554	(5) Total payment must be completed prior to the member's effective date of retirement

555 or service credit will be prorated in accordance with the amount paid. 556 (6) (a) For a purchase made before July 1, 2010, if any of the factors used to determine 557 the cost of a service credit purchase change at or before the member's retirement date, the cost 558 of the purchase shall be recalculated at the time of retirement. 559 (b) For a purchase made before July 1, 2010, if the recalculated cost exceeds the 560 amount paid for the purchase, the member, a participating employer, or a member and a 561 participating employer jointly may: 562 (i) pay the increased cost, plus interest, to receive the full amount of service credit; or (ii) not pay the increased cost and have the purchased service credit prorated. 563 564 (c) For a purchase made on or after July 1, 2010: 565 (i) the purchase shall be made in accordance with rules: 566 (A) adopted by the board based on recommendations by the board's actuary; and 567 (B) in effect at the time the purchase is completed; and 568 (ii) the cost of the service credit purchase shall not be recalculated at the time of 569 retirement. 570 (7) If the recalculated cost under Subsection (6)(a) is less than the amount paid for the 571 purchase, the office shall refund the excess payment to the member or participating employer 572 who paid for the purchase. 573 (8) (a) The board may adopt rules under which a member may make the necessary 574 payments to the office for purchases under this title as permitted by federal law. 575 (b) The office may reject any payments if the office determines the tax status of the 576 system, plans, or programs would be jeopardized by allowing the payment. 577 [(9) Account balances created under Section 49-22-303, 49-22-401, 49-23-302, or 578 49-23-401 may not be used to purchase service credit for a benefit under Sections 49-22-304, 579 49-22-305, 49-23-303, and 49-23-304. 580

- (9) An employee who elects to participate exclusively in the defined contribution plan under Chapter 22, Part 4, Tier II Defined Contribution Plan, or Chapter 23, Part 4, Tier II <u>Defined Contribution Plan, may not purchase service credit for that period of employment.</u>
- 583 Section 4. Section **49-11-407** is enacted to read:

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- 584 49-11-407. Service credit purchases by active employees only.
- 585 Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, only an active member may purchase

service credit under this title.

587	Section 5. Section 49-11-504 is amended to read:
588	49-11-504. Reemployment of a retiree Restrictions.
589	(1) As used in this section, "full-time" means:
590	(a) employment requiring 20 or more hours of work per week; or
591	(b) at least a half-time teaching contract.
592	(2) (a) Except for the provisions of Subsection (3), the provisions of this section do not
593	apply to a person who is subject to the provisions of Section 49-11-505.
594	(b) This section does not apply to [elected positions] employment as an elected official.
595	(3) A person who is not a retiree under this title is not subject to any postretirement
596	restrictions under this title.
597	(4) A retiree of an agency who is reemployed may not earn additional service credit, if
598	the retiree is reemployed by:
599	(a) a different agency; or
600	(b) the same agency after six months from the retirement date.
601	(5) A retiree of an agency who is reemployed on a full-time basis by the same agency
602	within six months of the date of retirement is subject to the following:
603	(a) the agency shall immediately notify the office;
604	(b) the office shall cancel the retiree's allowance and reinstate the retiree to active
605	member status;
606	(c) the allowance cancellation and reinstatement to active member status is effective on
607	the first day of the month following the date of reemployment;
608	(d) the reinstated retiree may not retire again with a recalculated benefit for a two-year
609	period from the date of cancellation of the original allowance, and if the retiree retires again
610	within the two-year period, the original allowance shall be resumed; and
611	(e) a reinstated retiree retiring after the two-year period shall be credited with the
612	service credit in the retiree's account at the time of the first retirement and from that time shall
613	be treated as a member of a system, including the accrual of additional service credit, but
614	subject to recalculation of the allowance under Subsection (9).
615	(6) A retiree of an agency who is reemployed by the same agency within six months of
616	retirement on a less than full-time basis by the same agency is subject to the following:

617	(a) the retiree may earn, without penalty, compensation from that position which is not
618	in excess of the exempt earnings permitted by Social Security;
619	(b) if a retiree receives compensation in a calendar year in excess of the Social Security
620	limitation, 25% of the allowance shall be suspended for the remainder of the six-month period;
621	(c) the effective date of a suspension and reinstatement of an allowance shall be set by
622	the office; and
623	(d) any suspension of a retiree's allowance under this Subsection (6) shall be applied
624	on a calendar year basis.
625	(7) For six months immediately following retirement, the retiree and participating
626	employer who are subject to Subsection (6) shall:
627	(a) maintain an accurate record of gross earnings in employment;
628	(b) report the gross earnings at least monthly to the office;
629	(c) immediately notify the office in writing of any postretirement earnings under
630	Subsection (6); and
631	(d) immediately notify the office in writing whether postretirement earnings equal or
632	exceed the exempt earnings under Subsection (6).
633	(8) (a) If a participating employer hires a retiree, on a full-time basis, who may not earn
634	additional service credit under Subsection (4), the participating employer may not [contribute]
635	make a retirement related contribution in an amount that exceeds the normal cost rate as
636	defined under Section 49-11-102 [to a plan for] on behalf of the retiree under [Subsection]
637	Subsections (8)(b) and (c).
638	(b) The contributions under Subsection (8)(a) are not required, but if paid, shall be paid
639	to a retiree-designated:
640	(i) qualified defined contribution plan administered by the board, if the participating
641	employer participates in a qualified defined contribution plan administered by the board; or
642	(ii) qualified defined contribution plan offered by the participating employer if the
643	participating employer does not participate in a qualified defined contribution plan
644	administered by the board.
645	(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection (8)(b), if an employer is not

participating in a qualified defined contribution plan administered by the board, the employer

may elect to pay the contributions under Subsection (8)(a) to a [nonqualified] deferred

548	compensation plan administered by the board.
549	(9) A retiree who has returned to work, accrued additional service credit, and again
650	retires shall have the retiree's allowance recalculated using:
551	(a) the formula in effect at the date of the retiree's original retirement for all service
552	credit accrued prior to that date; and
553	(b) the formula in effect at the date of the subsequent retirement for all service credit
654	accrued between the first and subsequent retirement dates.
555	(10) The board may make rules to implement this section.
656	Section 6. Section 49-11-505 is amended to read:
557	49-11-505. Reemployment of a retiree Restrictions.
658	(1) (a) For purposes of this section, "retiree":
559	[ <del>(a)</del> ] <u>(i)</u> means a person who:
660	[(i)] (A) retired from a participating employer; and
661	[(ii)] (B) begins reemployment on or after July 1, 2010 with a participating employer;
562	and
563	[(b)] (ii) does not include a retiree who is reemployed as an active senior judge
564	appointed to hear cases by the Utah Supreme Court in accordance with Article VIII, Section 4,
565	Utah Constitution.
666	(b) (i) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(b)(ii), this section does not apply to
567	employment as an elected official.
668	(ii) The provisions of this section apply to an elected sheriff.
569	(2) A retiree may not for the same period of reemployment:
670	(a) (i) earn additional service credit; or
571	(ii) receive any retirement related contribution from a participating employer; and
572	(b) receive a retirement allowance.
573	(3) The office shall cancel the retirement allowance of a retiree if the reemployment
674	with a participating employer begins within one year of the retiree's retirement date.
575	(4) If a retiree is not subject to Subsection (3), the retiree may elect to:
676	(a) earn additional service credit in accordance with this title and cancel the retiree's
677	retirement allowance; or
578	(b) continue to receive the retiree's retirement allowance and forfeit any retirement

related contribution from the participating employer who reemployed the retiree.

- (5) If an employee makes an election under Subsection (4)(b) to continue to receive a retirement allowance while reemployed, the participating employer shall contribute to the office the amortization rate, as defined in Section 49-11-102, to be applied to the system that would have covered the retiree.
  - (6) (a) A participating employer shall immediately notify the office:
  - (i) if the participating employer reemploys a retiree;
    - (ii) whether the remployment is subject to Subsection (3) or (4) of this section; and
- 687 (iii) of any election by the retiree under Subsection (4).

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- (b) A participating employer is liable to the office for a payment or failure to make a payment in violation of this section.
- (c) If a participating employer fails to notify the office in accordance with this section, the participating employer is immediately subject to a compliance audit by the office.
- (7) (a) The office shall immediately cancel the retirement allowance of a retiree in accordance with Subsection (7)(b) if the office receives notice or learns of:
  - (i) the reemployment of a retiree subject to Subsection (3); or
  - (ii) the election of a reemployed retiree under Subsection (4)(a).
- (b) The office shall cancel the allowance of a retiree subject to Subsection (7)(a), and reinstate the retiree to active member status on the first day of the month following the date of:
  - (i) reemployment if the retiree is subject to Subsection (3); or
  - (ii) an election by an employee under Subsection (4)(a).
- (8) (a) A retiree subject to Subsection (7)(b) who retires within two years from the date of reemployment:
  - (i) is not entitled to a recalculated retirement benefit; and
  - (ii) will resume the allowance that was being paid at the time of cancellation.
- (b) Subject to Subsection (2), a retiree who is re-instated to active membership under Subsection (7) and who retires two or more years after the date of re-instatement to active membership shall:
  - (i) resume receiving the allowance that was being paid at the time of cancellation; and
- 708 (ii) receive an additional allowance based on the formula in effect at the date of the 709 subsequent retirement for all service credit accrued between the first and subsequent retirement

710	dates.
711	(9) A retiree subject to this section shall report to the office the status of the
712	reemployment under Subsection (3) or (4).
713	(10) The board may make rules to implement this section.
714	Section 7. Section 49-11-602 is amended to read:
715	49-11-602. Participating employer to maintain records Time limit Penalties
716	for failure to comply.
717	(1) A participating employer shall maintain records necessary to calculate benefits
718	under this title and other records necessary for proper administration of this title as required by
719	the office.
720	(2) A participating employer shall maintain the records required under Subsection (1)
721	until the earliest of:
722	(a) three years after the date of retirement of the employee from a system or plan;
723	(b) three years after the date of death of the employee; or
724	(c) 65 years from the date of employment with the participating employer.
725	(3) A participating employer shall be liable to the office for:
726	(a) any liabilities and expenses, including administrative expenses and the cost of
727	increased benefits to members, resulting from the participating employer's failure to maintain
728	records under this section; and
729	(b) a penalty equal to 1% of the participating employer's last month's contributions.
730	(4) The executive director may waive all or any part of the interest, penalties, expenses,
731	and fees if the executive director finds there were extenuating circumstances surrounding the
732	participating employer's failure to comply with this section.
733	(5) The executive director may estimate the length of service, compensation, or age of
734	any member, if that information is not contained in the records.
735	(6) (a) A participating employer shall enroll an employee, make reports, submit
736	contributions, and provide other requested information electronically in a manner approved by
737	the office.
738	(b) A participating employer shall treat any information provided electronically or
739	otherwise by the office as subject to the confidentiality provisions of this title.

Section 8. Section **49-11-613** is amended to read:

741 49-11-613. Appeals procedure -- Right of appeal to hearing officer -- Board 742 reconsideration -- Judicial review. 743 [(1) (a) All members, retirees, participants, alternative payees, or covered individuals 744 of a system, plan, or program under this title shall acquaint themselves with their rights and 745 obligations under this title. 746 (1) (a) A member, retiree, participant, alternative payee, covered individual, employer. participating employer, and covered employer shall inform themselves of their rights and 747 748 obligations under this title. 749 (b) [Any] Subject to the provisions in Subsection (8), any dispute regarding a benefit, 750 right, obligation, or employment right under this title is subject to the procedures provided 751 under this section. 752 (c) A person who disputes a benefit, right, obligation, or employment right under this 753 title shall request a ruling by the executive director who may delegate the decision to the 754 deputy director. 755 (d) A person who is dissatisfied by a ruling [of the executive director or deputy 756 director under Subsection (1)(c) with respect to any benefit, right, obligation, or employment 757 right under this title shall request a review of that claim by a hearing officer. 758 (e) The executive director, on behalf of the board, may request that the hearing officer 759 review a dispute regarding any benefit, right, obligation, or employment right under this title by 760 filing a notice of board action and providing notice to all affected parties in accordance with 761 rules adopted by the board. 762 (2) The hearing officer shall: 763 (a) be hired by the executive director after consultation with the board; 764 (b) follow the procedures and requirements of Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative 765 Procedures Act, except as specifically modified under this title; 766 (c) hear and determine all facts relevant to a decision, including facts pertaining to 767 applications for benefits under any system, plan, or program under this title and all matters 768 pertaining to the administration of the office; and

(d) make conclusions of law in determining the person's rights under any system, plan,

(3) The board shall review and approve or deny all decisions of the hearing officer in

or program under this title and matters pertaining to the administration of the office.

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772	accordance with rules adopted by the board.
773	(4) The moving party in any proceeding brought under this section shall bear the
774	burden of proof.
775	(5) A party may file an application for reconsideration by the board upon any of the
776	following grounds:
777	(a) that the board acted in excess of its powers;
778	(b) that the order or award was procured by fraud;
779	(c) that the evidence does not justify the determination of the hearing officer; or
780	(d) that the party has discovered new material evidence that could not, with reasonable
781	diligence, have been discovered or procured prior to the hearing.
782	(6) The board shall affirm, reverse, or modify the decision of the hearing officer, or
783	remand the application to the hearing officer for further consideration.
784	(7) A party aggrieved by the board's decision may obtain judicial review by complying
785	with the procedures and requirements of Title 63G, Chapter 4, Administrative Procedures Act.
786	(8) The program shall provide an appeals process for medical claims that complies
787	with federal law.
788	[8] (9) The board may make rules to implement this section.
789	Section 9. Section 49-11-901.5 is enacted to read:
790	Part 9. Insurance Premium Tax Revenues Distribution
791	49-11-901.5. Premium tax revenues Distribution.
792	(1) (a) In accordance with this section, there shall be paid to the office:
793	(i) 50% of the annual tax levied, assessed, and collected under Title 59, Chapter 9,
794	Taxation of Admitted Insurers, upon premiums for property insurance, as defined under
795	Section 31A-1-301, and as applied to fire and allied lines insurance collected by insurance
796	companies within the state; and
797	(ii) 10% of all money assessed and collected under Title 59, Chapter 9, Taxation of
798	Admitted Insurers, upon premiums for life insurance, as defined in Section 31A-1-301, within
799	the state.
800	(b) Payments to the fund shall be made annually until the service liability under this
801	part is liquidated, after which the tax revenue provided in this Subsection (1) ceases.
802	(2) The office shall distribute the premium tax revenue paid under Subsection (1) as

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803	follows:
804	(a) an amount determined by the office to fully fund the long-term disability program
805	provided for volunteer firefighters under Section 49-23-601;
806	(b) an amount determined by the office to the Firefighters' Retirement Trust Fund
807	created under Section 49-16-104 equal to the amount when calculated as a percentage of the
808	certified contribution rate for members in Divisions A and B, as defined under Section
809	49-16-301, that is the percentage of the certified contribution rate paid to the Firefighters'
810	Retirement Trust Fund on July 1, 2004; and
811	(c) any remaining amount in accordance with Section 49-11-902.
812	Section 10. Section 49-11-902 is amended to read:
813	49-11-902. Premium tax revenues Formula Deposits.
814	(1) [ <del>(a)</del> ] If the premium tax revenue received by the office under Subsection
815	[49-16-301(6), when calculated as a percentage of the certified contribution rate for members
816	in Division A and B, as defined under Section 49-16-301, exceeds the percentage of the
817	certified contribution rate paid to the Firefighters' Retirement Trust Fund in accordance with
818	Subsection 49-16-301(6) on July 1, 2004] 49-11-901.5(1) and first paid in accordance with
819	Subsections 49-11-901.5 (2)(a) and (b), include any remaining amount, the office shall deposit
820	the [difference] amount in the:
821	(a) Public Safety Contributory Trust Fund created under Section 49-14-104; and [the]
822	(b) Public Safety Noncontributory Retirement Trust Fund created under Section
823	49-15-104.
824	[(b) If the premium tax revenue does not exceed the percentage of the certified
825	contribution rate paid to the Firefighters' Retirement Trust Fund in accordance with Subsection
826	49-16-301(6) on July 1, 2004 as calculated under Subsection (1)(a), the board may not make a
827	deposit under Subsection (1)(a).]
828	(2) The money deposited under this section shall be used to fund an increase for
829	retirees in the public safety retirement systems from a 2.5% maximum annual cost-of-living
830	adjustment to a 4% maximum annual cost-of-living adjustment under Sections 49-14-403 and

- adjustment to a 4% maximum annual cost-of-living adjustment under Sections 49-14-403 and 49-15-403 in the public safety retirement systems.
- (3) As required to implement this section, the office shall make the calculations and deposits for the equitable apportionment of money between:

834	(a) Division A1 and B1; and
835	(b) the contributory and noncontributory trust funds.
836	Section 11. Section 49-12-401 is amended to read:
837	49-12-401. Eligibility for an allowance Date of retirement Qualifications.
838	(1) A member is qualified to receive an allowance from this system when:
839	(a) the member ceases actual work for [a] every participating employer [in this system]
840	that employs the member before the member's retirement date and provides evidence of the
841	termination;
842	(b) the member has submitted to the office a notarized retirement application form that
843	states the member's proposed retirement date; and
844	(c) one of the following conditions is met as of the member's retirement date:
845	(i) the member has accrued at least four years of service credit and has attained an age
846	of 65 years;
847	(ii) the member has accrued at least 10 years of service credit and has attained an age
848	of 62 years;
849	(iii) the member has accrued at least 20 years of service credit and has attained an age
850	of 60 years; or
851	(iv) the member has accrued at least 30 years of service credit.
852	(2) (a) The member's retirement date:
853	(i) shall be the 1st or the 16th day of the month, as selected by the member;
854	(ii) shall be on or after the date of termination; and
855	(iii) may not be more than 90 days before or after the date the application is received by
856	the office.
857	(b) A member may not be employed by a participating employer in the system
858	established by this chapter on the retirement date selected under Subsection (2)(a)(i).
859	Section 12. Section <b>49-12-402</b> is amended to read:
860	49-12-402. Service retirement plans Calculation of retirement allowance
861	Social Security limitations.
862	(1) (a) Except as provided under Section 49-12-701, retirees of this system may choose
863	from the six retirement options described in this section.
864	(b) Options Two, Three, Four, Five, and Six are modifications of the Option One

865 calculation.

- (2) The Option One benefit is an annual allowance calculated as follows:
- (a) If the retiree is at least 65 years of age or has accrued at least 30 years of service credit, the allowance is:
- (i) an amount equal to 1.25% of the retiree's final average monthly salary multiplied by the number of years of service credit accrued prior to July 1, 1975; plus
- (ii) an amount equal to 2% of the retiree's final average monthly salary multiplied by the number of years of service credit accrued on and after July 1, 1975.
- (b) If the retiree is less than 65 years of age, the allowance shall be reduced 3% for each year of retirement from age 60 to age 65, unless the member has 30 or more years of accrued credit in which event no reduction is made to the allowance.
- (c) (i) Years of service includes any fractions of years of service to which the retiree may be entitled.
- (ii) At the time of retirement, if a retiree's combined years of actual, not purchased, service credit is within 1/10 of one year of the total years of service credit required for retirement, the retiree shall be considered to have the total years of service credit required for retirement.
- (d) An Option One allowance is only payable to the member during the member's lifetime.
- (3) The allowance payable under Options Two, Three, Four, Five, and Six is calculated by reducing an Option One benefit based on actuarial computations to provide the following:
- (a) Option Two is a reduced allowance paid to and throughout the lifetime of the retiree, and, if the retiree receives less in annuity payments than the amount of the retiree's member contributions, the remaining balance of the retiree's member contributions shall be paid in accordance with Sections 49-11-609 and 49-11-610.
- (b) Option Three is a reduced allowance paid to and throughout the lifetime of the retiree, and, upon the death of the retiree, the same reduced allowance paid to and throughout the lifetime of the retiree's lawful spouse at the time of retirement.
- (c) Option Four is a reduced allowance paid to and throughout the lifetime of the retiree, and upon the death of the retiree, an amount equal to 1/2 of the retiree's allowance paid to and throughout the lifetime of the retiree's lawful spouse at the time of retirement.

(d) Option Five is a modification of Option Three so that if the lawful spouse at the time of retirement predeceases the retiree, an allowance equivalent to the amount payable at the time of initial retirement under Option One shall be paid to the retiree for the remainder of the retiree's life, beginning on the [last day of the month following the month in which the lawful spouse dies.] first day of the month:

- (i) following the month in which the spouse died, if the application is received by the office within 90 days of the spouse's death; or
- (ii) following the month in which the application is received by the office, if the application is received by the office more than 90 days after the spouse's death.
- (e) Option Six is a modification of Option Four so that if the lawful spouse at the time of retirement predeceases the retiree, an allowance equivalent to the amount payable at the time of initial retirement under Option One shall be paid to the retiree for the remainder of the retiree's life, beginning on the [last day of the month following the month in which the lawful spouse dies.] first day of the month:
- (i) following the month in which the spouse died, if the application is received by the office within 90 days of the spouse's death; or
- (ii) following the month in which the application is received by the office, if the application is received by the office more than 90 days after the spouse's death.
- (4) (a) (i) The final average salary is limited in the computation of that part of an allowance based on service rendered prior to July 1, 1967, during a period when the retiree received employer contributions on a portion of compensation from an educational institution toward the payment of the premium required on a retirement annuity contract with the Teachers' Insurance and Annuity Association of America or with any other public or private system, organization, or company to \$4,800.
- (ii) This limitation is not applicable to retirees who elected to continue in this system by July 1, 1967.
- (b) Periods of employment which are exempt from this system under Subsection 49-12-203(1)(b), may be purchased by the member for the purpose of retirement only if all benefits from the Teachers' Insurance and Annuity Association of America or any other public or private system or organization based on this period of employment are forfeited.
  - (5) (a) If a retiree under Option One dies within 90 days after the retiree's retirement

927	date, the retirement is canceled and the death shall be considered as that of a member before
928	retirement.
929	(b) Any payments made to the retiree shall be deducted from the amounts due to the
930	beneficiary.
931	(6) If a retiree retires under either Option Five or Six and subsequently divorces, the
932	retiree may elect to convert the benefit to a Option One benefit at the time of divorce, if there is
933	no court order filed in the matter.
934	Section 13. Section 49-12-405 is amended to read:
935	49-12-405. Death of married member Service retirement benefits to surviving
936	spouse.
937	(1) Upon the request of a deceased member's lawful spouse at the time of the member's
938	death, the deceased member is considered to have retired under Option Three on the first day of
939	the month following the month in which the member died if the following requirements are
940	met:
941	(a) the member has:
942	(i) 25 or more years of service credit;
943	(ii) attained age 60 with 20 or more years of service credit;
944	(iii) attained age 62 with 10 or more years of service credit; or
945	(iv) attained age 65 with four or more years of service credit; and
946	(b) the member dies leaving a spouse to whom the member has been married at least
947	six months immediately prior to the death date.
948	(2) The spouse who requests a benefit under this section shall apply in writing to the
949	office. The allowance shall begin on the first day of the month:
950	(a) following the month in which the member died, if the application is received by the
951	office within 90 days of the member's death; or
952	(b) following the month in which the application is received by the office, if the
953	application is received by the office more than 90 days after the spouse's death.
954	(3) The Option Three benefit calculation, when there are 25 or more years of service
955	credit, shall be calculated without a reduction in allowance under Section 49-12-402.
956	(4) Except for a return of member contributions, benefits payable under this section are

retirement benefits and shall be paid in addition to any payments made under Section

958	49-12-501 and constitute a full and final settlement of the claim of the spouse or any other
959	beneficiary filing claim for benefits under Section 49-12-501.
960	Section 14. Section 49-13-401 is amended to read:
961	49-13-401. Eligibility for an allowance Date of retirement Qualifications.
962	(1) A member is qualified to receive an allowance from this system when:
963	(a) the member ceases actual work for $[a]$ every participating employer $[in this system]$
964	that employs the member before the member's retirement date and provides evidence of the
965	termination;
966	(b) the member has submitted to the office a notarized retirement application form that
967	states the member's proposed retirement date; and
968	(c) one of the following conditions is met as of the member's retirement date:
969	(i) the member has accrued at least four years of service credit and has attained an age
970	of 65 years;
971	(ii) the member has accrued at least 10 years of service credit and has attained an age
972	of 62 years;
973	(iii) the member has accrued at least 20 years of service credit and has attained an age
974	of 60 years;
975	(iv) the member has accrued at least 30 years of service credit; or
976	(v) the member has accrued at least 25 years of service credit, in which case the
977	member shall be subject to the reduction under Subsection 49-13-402(2)(b).
978	(2) (a) The member's retirement date:
979	(i) shall be the 1st or the 16th day of the month, as selected by the member;
980	(ii) shall be on or after the date of termination; and
981	(iii) may not be more than 90 days before or after the date the application is received by
982	the office.
983	(b) A member may not be employed by a participating employer in the system
984	established by this chapter on the retirement date selected under Subsection (2)(a)(i).
985	Section 15. Section 49-13-402 is amended to read:
986	49-13-402. Service retirement plans Calculation of retirement allowance
987	Social Security limitations.
988	(1) (a) Except as provided under Section 49-13-701, retirees of this system may choose

from the six retirement options described in this section.

- (b) Options Two, Three, Four, Five, and Six are modifications of the Option One calculation.
  - (2) The Option One benefit is an allowance calculated as follows:
- (a) If the retiree is at least 65 years of age or has accrued at least 30 years of service credit, the allowance is an amount equal to 2% of the retiree's final average monthly salary multiplied by the number of years of service credit accrued.
- (b) If the retiree is less than 65 years of age, the allowance shall be reduced 3% for each year of retirement from age 60 to age 65, plus a full actuarial reduction for each year of retirement prior to age 60, unless the member has 30 or more years of accrued credit, in which event no reduction is made to the allowance.
- (c) (i) Years of service include any fractions of years of service to which the retiree may be entitled.
- (ii) At the time of retirement, if a retiree's combined years of actual, not purchased, service credit is within 1/10 of one year of the total years of service credit required for retirement, the retiree shall be considered to have the total years of service credit required for retirement.
- (d) An Option One allowance is only payable to the member during the member's lifetime.
- (3) The allowance payable under Options Two, Three, Four, Five, and Six is calculated by reducing an Option One benefit based on actuarial computations to provide the following:
- (a) Option Two is a reduced allowance paid to and throughout the lifetime of the retiree, and, if the retiree receives less in annuity payments than the amount of the retiree's member contributions, the remaining balance of the retiree's member contributions shall be paid in accordance with Sections 49-11-609 and 49-11-610.
- (b) Option Three is a reduced allowance paid to and throughout the lifetime of the retiree, and, upon the death of the retiree, the same reduced allowance paid to and throughout the lifetime of the retiree's lawful spouse at the time of retirement.
- (c) Option Four is a reduced allowance paid to and throughout the lifetime of the retiree, and upon the death of the retiree, an amount equal to [1/2] one-half of the retiree's allowance paid to and throughout the lifetime of the retiree's lawful spouse at the time of

1020 retirement.

- (d) Option Five is a modification of Option Three so that if the lawful spouse at the time of retirement predeceases the retiree, an allowance equivalent to the amount payable at the time of initial retirement under Option One shall be paid to the retiree for the remainder of the retiree's life, beginning on the [last day of the month following the month in which the lawful spouse dies.] first day of the month:
- (i) following the month in which the spouse died, if the application is received by the office within 90 days of the spouse's death; or
- (ii) following the month in which the application is received by the office, if the application is received by the office more than 90 days after the spouse's death.
- (e) Option Six is a modification of Option Four so that if the lawful spouse at the time of retirement predeceases the retiree, an allowance equivalent to the amount payable at the time of initial retirement under Option One shall be paid to the retiree for the remainder of the retiree's life, beginning on the [last day of the month following the month in which the lawful spouse dies.] first day of the month:
- (i) following the month in which the spouse died, if the application is received by the office within 90 days of the spouse's death; or
- (ii) following the month in which the application is received by the office, if the application is received by the office more than 90 days after the spouse's death.
- (4) (a) (i) The final average salary is limited in the computation of that part of an allowance based on service rendered prior to July 1, 1967, during a period when the retiree received employer contributions on a portion of compensation from an educational institution toward the payment of the premium required on a retirement annuity contract with the Teachers' Insurance and Annuity Association of America or with any other public or private system, organization, or company to \$4,800.
- (ii) This limitation is not applicable to retirees who elected to continue in the Public Employees' Contributory Retirement System by July 1, 1967.
- (b) Periods of employment which are exempt from this system as permitted under Subsection 49-13-203(1)(b) may be purchased by the member for the purpose of retirement only if all benefits from the Teachers' Insurance and Annuity Association of America or any other public or private system or organization based on this period of employment are forfeited.

1051 (5) (a) If a retiree under Option One dies within 90 days after the retiree's retirement 1052 date, the retirement is canceled and the death shall be considered as that of a member before 1053 retirement. 1054 (b) Any payments made to the retiree shall be deducted from the amounts due to the 1055 beneficiary. 1056 (6) If a retiree retires under either Option Five or Six and subsequently divorces, the 1057 retiree may elect to convert the benefit to an Option One benefit at the time of divorce, if there 1058 is no court order filed in the matter. 1059 Section 16. Section 49-13-405 is amended to read: 1060 49-13-405. Death of married members -- Service retirement benefits to surviving 1061 spouse. (1) As used in this section, "member's full allowance" means an Option Three 1062 allowance calculated under Section 49-13-402 without an actuarial reduction. 1063 1064 (2) Upon the request of a deceased member's lawful spouse at the time of the member's death, the deceased member is considered to have retired under Option Three on the first day of 1065 the month following the month in which the member died if the following requirements are 1066 1067 met: 1068 (a) the member has: (i) 15 or more years of service credit; 1069 1070 (ii) attained age 62 with 10 or more years of service credit; or 1071 (iii) attained age 65 with four or more years of service credit; and 1072 (b) the member dies leaving a spouse to whom the member has been married at least 1073 six months immediately prior to the death date. 1074 (3) The spouse who requests a benefit under this section shall apply in writing to the 1075 office. The allowance shall begin on the first day of the month: 1076 (a) following the month in which the member died, if the application is received by the 1077 office within 90 days of the member's death; or 1078 (b) following the month in which the application is received by the office, if the 1079 application is received by the office more than 90 days after the spouse's death.

(4) The allowance payable to a surviving spouse under Subsection (2) is:

(a) if the member has 25 or more years of service credit at the time of death, the

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surviving spouse shall receive the member's full allowance;

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- (b) if the member has between 20-24 years of service credit and is not age 60 or older at the time of death, the surviving spouse shall receive [2/3] two-thirds of the member's full allowance;
- (c) if the member has between 15-19 years of service credit and is not age 62 or older at the time of death, the surviving spouse shall receive [1/3] one-third of the member's full allowance; or
- (d) if the member is age 60 or older with 20 or more years of service credit, age 62 or older with 10 or more years of service credit, or age 65 or older with four or more years of service credit at the time of death, the surviving spouse shall receive an Option Three benefit with actuarial reductions.
- (5) Except for a return of member contributions, benefits payable under this section are retirement benefits and shall be paid in addition to any other payments made under Section 49-13-501 and shall constitute a full and final settlement of the claim of the spouse or any other beneficiary filing a claim for benefits under Section 49-13-501.
  - Section 17. Section **49-14-401** is amended to read:
- 49-14-401. Eligibility for service retirement -- Date of retirement -- Qualifications.
  - (1) A member is qualified to receive an allowance from this system when:
- (a) the member ceases actual work for [a] every participating employer [in this system] that employs the member before the member's retirement date and provides evidence of the termination;
- (b) the member has submitted to the office a notarized retirement application form that states the member's proposed retirement date; and
  - (c) one of the following conditions is met as of the member's retirement date:
  - (i) the member has accrued at least 20 years of service credit;
- 1108 (ii) the member has accrued at least 10 years of service credit and has attained an age 1109 of 60 years; or
- 1110 (iii) the member has accrued at least four years of service credit and has attained an age 1111 of 65 years.
- 1112 (2) (a) The member's retirement date:

1113	(1) shall be the 1st of the 16th day of the month, as selected by the member;
1114	(ii) shall be on or after the date of termination; and
1115	(iii) may not be more than 90 days before or after the date the application is received by
1116	the office.
1117	(b) A member may not be employed by a participating employer in the system
1118	established by this chapter on the retirement date selected under Subsection (2)(a)(i).
1119	Section 18. Section 49-14-501 is amended to read:
1120	49-14-501. Death of active member in Division A Payment of benefits.
1121	(1) If an active member of this system enrolled in Division A under Section 49-14-301
1122	dies, benefits are payable as follows:
1123	(a) If the death is classified by the office as a line-of-duty death, the spouse at the time
1124	of death shall receive a lump sum of \$1,000 and an allowance equal to 30% of the deceased
1125	member's final average monthly salary.
1126	(b) If the death is not classified by the office as a line-of-duty death, benefits are
1127	payable as follows:
1128	(i) If the member has accrued less than 10 years of public safety service credit, the
1129	beneficiary shall receive the sum of \$1,000 or a refund of the member's member contributions,
1130	whichever is greater.
1131	(ii) If the member has accrued 10 or more years of public safety service credit at the
1132	time of death, the spouse at the time of death shall receive the sum of \$500, plus an allowance
1133	equal to 2% of the member's final average monthly salary for each year of service credit
1134	accrued by the member up to a maximum of 30% of the member's final average monthly salary.
1135	(2) Benefits are not payable to minor children of members covered under Division A.
1136	(3) If a benefit is not distributed under this section, and the member has designated a
1137	beneficiary, the member's member contributions shall be paid to the beneficiary.
1138	(4) (a) A spouse who requests a benefit under this section shall apply in writing to the
1139	office.
1140	(b) The allowance shall begin on the first day of the month:
1141	(i) following the month in which the member died, if the application is received by the
1142	office within 90 days of the member's death; or
1143	(ii) following the month in which the application is received by the office, if the

	application is received by the office more than 90 days after the member's death.
	Section 19. Section 49-14-502 is amended to read:
	49-14-502. Death of active member in Division B Payment of benefits.
	(1) If an active member of this system enrolled in Division B under Section 49-14-301
	dies, benefits are payable as follows:
	(a) If the death is classified by the office as a line-of-duty death, the spouse at the time
(	of death shall receive a lump sum of \$1,500 and an allowance equal to 37.5% of the member's
	final average monthly salary.
	(b) If the death is not classified by the office as a line-of-duty death, benefits are
	payable as follows:
	(i) If the member has accrued two or more years of public safety service credit at the
	time of death, the death is considered a line-of-duty death and the benefit shall be paid as
	provided under Subsection (1)(a).
	(ii) If the member has accrued less than two years of public safety service credit at the
	time of death, the spouse at the time of death shall receive a refund of the member's member
	contributions, plus 50% of the member's most recent 12 months' compensation.
	(c) (i) If the member has accrued two or more years of public safety service credit at
	the time of death, each of the member's unmarried children to age 18 or dependent unmarried
	mentally or physically disabled children shall receive a monthly allowance of \$50.
	(ii) Payments shall be made to the surviving parent or to a duly appointed guardian, or
	as otherwise provided under Sections 49-11-609 and 49-11-610.
	(2) In the event of the death of both parents, the spouse's benefit shall be prorated and
	paid to each of the member's unmarried children to age 18.
	(3) If a benefit is not distributed under the previous subsections, and the member has
	designated a beneficiary, the member's member contributions shall be paid to the beneficiary.
	(4) The combined annual payments made to the beneficiaries of any member under this
	section may not exceed 75% of the member's final average monthly salary.
	(5) (a) A spouse who requests a benefit under this section shall apply in writing to the
	office.
	(b) The allowance shall begin on the first day of the month:

(i) following the month in which the member died, if the application is received by the

11/5	office within 90 days of the member's death; or
1176	(ii) following the month in which the application is received by the office, if the
1177	application is received by the office more than 90 days after the member's death.
1178	Section 20. Section 49-14-503 is amended to read:
1179	49-14-503. Benefits payable upon death of inactive member.
1180	(1) If an inactive member who has less than 20 years of public safety service credit
1181	dies, the spouse at the time of death, or, if there is no spouse at the time of death, the member's
1182	minor children shall receive a refund of the member's member contributions or \$500,
1183	whichever is greater.
1184	(2) (a) If an inactive member with 20 or more years of public safety service credit dies,
1185	the spouse at the time of death shall receive an allowance in an amount of 50% of the amount
1186	the member would have received had retirement occurred on the first of the month following
1187	the month in which the death occurred.
1188	(b) This allowance shall be based on years of service credit and final average monthly
1189	salary under Section 49-14-402, reduced actuarially from age 50 to the age of the member at
1190	the time of death if the member is under age 50 at the time of death.
1191	(3) (a) A spouse who requests a benefit under this section shall apply in writing to the
1192	office.
1193	(b) The allowance shall begin on the first day of the month:
1194	(i) following the month in which the member died, if the application is received by the
1195	office within 90 days of the member's death; or
1196	(ii) following the month in which the application is received by the office, if the
1197	application is received by the office more than 90 days after the member's death.
1198	Section 21. Section <b>49-15-401</b> is amended to read:
1199	49-15-401. Eligibility for service retirement Date of retirement
1200	Qualifications.
1201	(1) A member is qualified to receive an allowance from this system when:
1202	(a) the member ceases actual work for [a] every participating employer [in this system]
1203	that employs the member before the member's retirement date and provides evidence of the
1204	termination;
1205	(b) the member has submitted to the office a notarized retirement application form that

1206	states the member's proposed retirement date; and
1207	(c) one of the following conditions is met as of the member's retirement date:
1208	(i) the member has accrued at least 20 years of service credit;
1209	(ii) the member has accrued at least 10 years of service credit and has attained an age
1210	of 60 years; or
1211	(iii) the member has accrued at least four years of service and has attained an age of 65
1212	years.
1213	(2) (a) The member's retirement date:
1214	(i) shall be the 1st or the 16th day of the month, as selected by the member;
1215	(ii) shall be on or after the date of termination; and
1216	(iii) may not be more than 90 days before or after the date the application is received by
1217	the office.
1218	(b) A member may not be employed by a participating employer in the system
1219	established by this chapter on the retirement date selected under Subsection (2)(a)(i).
1220	Section 22. Section <b>49-15-501</b> is amended to read:
1221	49-15-501. Death of active member in Division A Payment of benefits.
1222	(1) If an active member of this system enrolled in Division A under Section 49-15-301
1223	dies, benefits are payable as follows:
1224	(a) If the death is classified by the office as a line-of-duty death, benefits are payable as
1225	follows:
1226	(i) If the member has accrued less than 20 years of public safety service credit, the
1227	spouse at the time of death shall receive a lump sum of \$1,000 and an allowance equal to 30%
1228	of the member's final average monthly salary.
1229	(ii) If the member has accrued 20 or more years of public safety service credit, the
1230	member shall be considered to have retired with an allowance calculated under Section
1231	49-15-402 and the spouse at the time of death shall receive the death benefit payable to a
1232	spouse at the time of death under Section 49-15-504.
1233	(b) If the death is not classified as a line-of-duty death by the office, benefits are
1234	payable as follows:
1235	(i) If the member has accrued less than 10 years of public safety service credit, the
1236	beneficiary shall receive the sum of \$1,000 or a refund of the member's member contributions,

whichever is greater.

- (ii) If the member has accrued 10 or more years, but less than 20 years of public safety service credit at the time of death, the spouse at the time of death shall receive the sum of \$500, plus an allowance equal to 2% of the member's final average monthly salary for each year of service credit accrued by the member up to a maximum of 30% of the member's final average monthly salary.
- (iii) If the member has accrued 20 or more years of public safety service credit, the benefit shall be calculated as provided in Subsection (1)(a)(ii).
  - (2) Benefits are not payable to minor children under Division A.
- (3) If a benefit is not distributed under this section, and the member has designated a beneficiary, the member's member contribution shall be paid to the beneficiary.
- 1248 (4) (a) A spouse who requests a benefit under this section shall apply in writing to the office.
  - (b) The allowance shall begin on the first day of the month:
  - (i) following the month in which the member died, if the application is received by the office within 90 days of the member's death; or
  - (ii) following the month in which the application is received by the office, if the application is received by the office more than 90 days after the member's death.
    - Section 23. Section **49-15-502** is amended to read:
- **49-15-502.** Death of active member in Division B -- Payment of benefits.
  - (1) If an active member of this system enrolled in Division B under Section 49-15-301 dies, benefits are payable as follows:
  - (a) If the death is classified by the office as a line-of-duty death, the spouse at the time of death shall receive a lump sum of \$1,500 and an allowance equal to 37.5% of the member's final average monthly salary.
  - (b) If the death is not classified by the office as a line-of-duty death, and the member has accrued two or more years of public safety service credit at the time of death, the death is considered line-of-duty and the benefit shall be paid as provided under Subsection (1)(a).
  - (c) If the death is not classified by the office as a line-of-duty death, and the member has accrued less than two years of public safety service credit at the time of death, the spouse at the time of death shall receive a refund of the member's member contributions, plus 50% of the

member's most recent 12 months' compensation.

- (d) (i) If the member has accrued two or more years of public safety service credit at the time of death, each of the member's unmarried children to age 18 or dependent unmarried mentally or physically disabled children shall receive an allowance of \$50.
- (ii) Payments shall be made to the surviving parent or to a duly appointed guardian, or as otherwise provided under Section 49-11-609 or 49-11-610.
- (2) In the event of the death of both parents, the spouse's benefit shall be prorated and paid to each of the member's unmarried children to age 18.
- (3) If a benefit is not distributed under the previous subsections, and the member has designated a beneficiary, the member's member contributions shall be paid to the beneficiary.
- (4) The combined payments to beneficiaries of any member under this section may not exceed 75% of the member's final average monthly salary.
- (5) (a) A spouse who requests a benefit under this section shall apply in writing to the office.
  - (b) The allowance shall begin on the first day of the month:
  - (i) following the month in which the member died, if the application is received by the office within 90 days of the member's death; or
  - (ii) following the month in which the application is received by the office, if the application is received by the office more than 90 days after the member's death.
- Section 24. Section **49-15-503** is amended to read:

## 49-15-503. Benefits payable upon death of inactive member.

- (1) If an inactive member who has less than 20 years of public safety service credit dies, the spouse at the time of death, or, if there is no spouse at the time of death, the member's minor children shall receive a refund of the member's member contributions or \$500, whichever is greater.
- (2) (a) If an inactive member with 20 or more years of public safety service credit dies, the spouse at the time of death shall receive an allowance in an amount of 50% of the amount the member would have received had retirement occurred on the first of the month following the month in which the death occurred.
- (b) This allowance shall be based on years of service credit and final average monthly salary under Section 49-15-402, reduced actuarially from age 50 to the age of the member at

1299	the time of death if the member is under 50 years of age at the time of death.
1300	(3) (a) A spouse who requests a benefit under this section shall apply in writing to the
1301	office.
1302	(b) The allowance shall begin on the first day of the month:
1303	(i) following the month in which the member died, if the application is received by the
1304	office within 90 days of the member's death; or
1305	(ii) following the month in which the application is received by the office, if the
1306	application is received by the office more than 90 days after the member's death.
1307	Section 25. Section 49-16-301 is amended to read:
1308	49-16-301. Contributions Two divisions Election by employer to pay
1309	employee contributions Accounting for and vesting of worker contributions
1310	Deductions.
1311	(1) In addition to the money paid to this system under [Subsection (6)] Section
1312	49-11-901.5, participating employers and firefighter service employees shall jointly pay the
1313	certified contribution rates to the office to maintain this system on a financially and actuarially
1314	sound basis.
1315	(2) For purposes of determining contribution rates, this system is divided into two
1316	divisions according to Social Security coverage as follows:
1317	(a) members of this system with on-the-job Social Security coverage are in Division A;
1318	and
1319	(b) members of this system without on-the-job Social Security coverage are in Division
1320	B.
1321	(3) (a) A participating employer may elect to pay all or part of the required member
1322	contributions, in addition to the required participating employer contributions.
1323	(b) Any amount contributed by a participating employer under this section shall vest to
1324	the member's benefit as though the member had made the contribution.
1325	(c) The required member contributions shall be reduced by the amount that is paid by
1326	the participating employer.
1327	(4) (a) All member contributions are credited by the office to the account of the
1328	individual member.
1329	(b) This amount is held in trust for the payment of benefits to the member or the

1330	member's beneficiaries.
1331	(c) All member contributions are vested and nonforfeitable.
1332	(5) (a) Each member is considered to consent to payroll deductions of member
1333	contributions.
1334	(b) The payment of compensation less these payroll deductions is considered to be full
1335	payment for services rendered by the member.
1336	[(6) (a) Except as provided in Section 49-11-902, in addition to contribution rates
1337	described under this section, there shall be paid to the Firefighters' Retirement Trust Fund
1338	created under Section 49-16-104:]
1339	[(i) 50% of the annual tax levied, assessed, and collected under Title 59, Chapter 9,
1340	Taxation of Admitted Insurers, upon premiums for property insurance, as defined under
1341	Section 31A-1-301, and as applied to fire and allied lines insurance collected by insurance
1342	companies within the state; and]
1343	[(ii) 10% of all money assessed and collected under Title 59, Chapter 9, Taxation of
1344	Admitted Insurers, upon premiums for life insurance, as defined in Section 31A-1-301, within
1345	the state.]
1346	[(b) Payments to the fund shall be made annually until the service liability is
1347	liquidated, after which the tax revenue provided in this Subsection (6) for the Firefighters'
1348	Retirement Trust Fund ceases.]
1349	Section 26. Section 49-16-401 is amended to read:
1350	49-16-401. Eligibility for service retirement Date of retirement
1351	Qualifications.
1352	(1) A member is qualified to receive an allowance from this system when:
1353	(a) the member ceases actual work for $[a]$ <u>every</u> participating employer $[in this system]$
1354	that employs the member before the member's retirement date and provides evidence of the
1355	termination;
1356	(b) the member has submitted to the office a notarized retirement application form that
1357	states the member's proposed retirement date; and
1358	(c) one of the following conditions is met as of the member's retirement date:
1359	(i) the member has accrued at least 20 years of service credit;
1360	(ii) the member has accrued at least 10 years of service credit and has attained an age

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1361	of 60 years; or
1362	(iii) the member has accrued at least four years of service credit and has attained an age
1363	of 65 years.
1364	(2) (a) The member's retirement date:
1365	(i) shall be the 1st or the 16th day of the month, as selected by the firefighter service
1366	employee;
1367	(ii) shall be on or after the date of termination; and
1368	(iii) may not be more than 90 days before or after the date the application is received by
1369	the office.
1370	(b) A member may not be employed by a participating employer in the system
1371	established by this chapter on the retirement date selected under Subsection (2)(a)(i).
1372	Section 27. Section 49-16-501 is amended to read:
1373	49-16-501. Death of active member in Division A Payment of benefits.
1374	(1) If an active member of this system enrolled in Division A under Section 49-16-301
1375	dies, benefits are payable as follows:
1376	(a) If the death is classified by the office as a line-of-duty death, benefits are payable as
1377	follows:
1378	(i) If the member has accrued less than 20 years of firefighter service credit, the spouse
1379	at the time of death shall receive a lump sum of \$1,500 and an allowance equal to 30% of the
1380	member's final average monthly salary.
1381	(ii) If the member has accrued 20 or more years of firefighter service credit, the
1382	member shall be considered to have retired with an allowance calculated under Section
1383	49-16-402 and the spouse at the time of death shall receive the death benefit payable to a
1384	spouse under Section 49-16-504.
1385	(b) If the death is not classified as a line-of-duty death by the office, benefits are
1386	payable as follows:
1387	(i) If the member has accrued less than 10 years of firefighter service credit, the
1388	beneficiary shall receive a sum of \$1,000 or a refund of the member's member contributions,
1389	whichever is greater.
1390	(ii) If the member has accrued 10 or more years of firefighter service credit the spouse

at the time of death shall receive a sum of \$500, plus an allowance equal to 2% of the member's

1392 final average monthly salary for each year of service credit accrued by the member up to a 1393 maximum of 30% of the member's final average monthly salary. 1394 (2) (a) If the member dies without a current spouse, the spouse's allowance shall be 1395 equally divided and paid to each unmarried child until the child reaches age 21. 1396 (b) The payment shall be made to a duly appointed guardian or as provided under 1397 Sections 49-11-609 and 49-11-610. 1398 (3) If the benefit is not distributed under this section, and the member has designated a 1399 beneficiary, the member's member contributions shall be paid to the beneficiary. 1400 (4) (a) A spouse who requests a benefit under this section shall apply in writing to the 1401 office. 1402 (b) The allowance shall begin on the first day of the month: 1403 (i) following the month in which the member died, if the application is received by the 1404 office within 90 days of the member's death; or 1405 (ii) following the month in which the application is received by the office, if the application is received by the office more than 90 days after the member's death. 1406 1407 Section 28. Section 49-16-502 is amended to read: 1408 49-16-502. Death of active member in Division B -- Payment of benefits. 1409 (1) If an active member of this system enrolled in Division B under Section 49-16-301 1410 dies, benefits are payable as follows: 1411 (a) If the death is classified by the office as a line-of-duty death, benefits are payable as 1412 follows: 1413 (i) If the member has accrued less than 20 years of firefighter service credit, the spouse at the time of death shall receive a lump sum of \$1,500 and an allowance equal to 37.5% of the 1414 1415 member's final average monthly salary. 1416 (ii) If the member has accrued 20 or more years of firefighter service credit, the 1417 member shall be considered to have retired with an allowance calculated under Subsection 1418 49-16-402 and the spouse at the time of death shall receive the death benefit payable to a 1419 spouse under Section 49-16-504.

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(i) If the member has accrued five or more years of firefighter service credit, the death

(b) If the death is not classified by the office as a line-of-duty death, the benefits are

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1423	is considered line-of-duty and the same benefits are payable as established under Subsection
1424	(1)(a).
1425	(ii) If the member has accrued less than five years of firefighter service credit, the
1426	spouse at the time of death shall receive a refund of the member's contributions, plus 50% of
1427	the member's most recent 12 months compensation.
1428	(c) If the member has accrued five or more years of firefighter service credit, the
1429	member's unmarried children until they reach age 21 or dependent unmarried mentally or
1430	physically disabled children, shall receive a monthly allowance of \$75.
1431	(2) (a) In the event of the death of the member and spouse, the spouse's benefits are
1432	equally divided and paid to each unmarried child until the child reaches age 21.
1433	(b) The payments shall be made to the surviving parent or duly appointed guardian or
1434	as provided under Sections 49-11-609 and 49-11-610.
1435	(3) If a benefit is not distributed under the previous subsections, and the member has
1436	designated a beneficiary, the member's member contributions shall be paid to the beneficiary.
1437	(4) The combined monthly payments made to the beneficiaries of any member under
1438	this section may not exceed 75% of the member's final average monthly salary.
1439	(5) (a) A spouse who requests a benefit under this section shall apply in writing to the
1440	office.
1441	(b) The allowance shall begin on the first day of the month:
1442	(i) following the month in which the member died, if the application is received by the
1443	office within 90 days of the member's death; or
1444	(ii) following the month in which the application is received by the office, if the
1445	application is received by the office more than 90 days after the member's death.
1446	Section 29. Section 49-16-503 is amended to read:
1447	49-16-503. Benefits payable upon death of inactive member.
1448	(1) If an inactive member who has less than 20 years of firefighter service credit dies,
1449	the spouse at the time of death, or, if there is no spouse at the time of death, the member's
1450	minor children shall receive a refund of the member's member contributions or \$500,
1451	whichever is greater.
1452	(2) (a) If an inactive member with 20 or more years of firefighter service credit dies,

the spouse at the time of death shall receive an allowance in the amount of 50% of the amount

1454	the member would have received had retirement occurred on the first of the month following
1455	the month in which the death occurred.
1456	(b) This allowance shall be based on years of service credit and final average monthly
1457	salary under Section 49-16-402, reduced actuarially from age 50 to the age of the member at
1458	the time of death if the member is under 50 years of age at the time of death.
1459	(3) (a) A spouse who requests a benefit under this section shall apply in writing to the
1460	office.
1461	(b) The allowance shall begin on the first day of the month:
1462	(i) following the month in which the member died, if the application is received by the
1463	office within 90 days of the member's death; or
1464	(ii) following the month in which the application is received by the office, if the
1465	application is received by the office more than 90 days after the member's death.
1466	Section 30. Section 49-17-401 is amended to read:
1467	49-17-401. Eligibility for an allowance Date of retirement Qualifications.
1468	(1) A member is qualified to receive an allowance when:
1469	(a) the member ceases actual work for [a] every participating employer [in this system]
1470	that employs the member before the member's retirement date and provides evidence of the
1471	termination;
1472	(b) the member has submitted to the office a notarized retirement application form that
1473	states the member's proposed retirement date; and
1474	(c) one of the following conditions is met as of the member's retirement date:
1475	(i) the member has accrued at least six years of service credit and has attained an age of
1476	70 years;
1477	(ii) the member has accrued at least 10 years of service credit and has attained an age
1478	of 62 years;
1479	(iii) the member has accrued at least 20 years of service credit and has attained an age
1480	of 55 years; or
1481	(iv) the member has accrued at least 25 years of service credit.
1482	(2) (a) The member's retirement date:
1483	(i) shall be the 1st or the 16th day of the month, as selected by the member;
1484	(ii) shall be on or after the date of termination; and

1485	(iii) may not be more than 90 days before or after the date the application is received by
1486	the office.
1487	(b) A member may not be employed by a participating employer in the system
1488	established by this chapter on the retirement date selected under Subsection (2)(a)(i).
1489	Section 31. Section <b>49-17-501</b> is amended to read:
1490	49-17-501. Death benefit for members before retirement Computation.
1491	(1) Upon the receipt of acceptable proof of death of a member before the member's
1492	retirement date, the member's spouse at the time of death shall have the choice of the following
1493	death benefits:
1494	(a) a refund of the member's member contributions, including refund interest, plus 65%
1495	of the member's most recent 12 months' compensation prior to death; or
1496	(b) an allowance equal to 65% of the allowance computed in accordance with Section
1497	49-17-402, but disregarding early retirement reductions.
1498	(2) If there is no spouse to whom the member is married at the time of death, member
1499	contributions, including refund interest, shall be refunded to a beneficiary, in accordance with
1500	Sections 49-11-609 and 49-11-610.
1501	(3) (a) A spouse who requests a benefit under this section shall apply in writing to the
1502	office.
1503	(b) The allowance shall begin on the first day of the month:
1504	(i) following the month in which the member died, if the application is received by the
1505	office within 90 days of the member's death; or
1506	(ii) following the month in which the application is received by the office, if the
1507	application is received by the office more than 90 days after the member's death.
1508	Section 32. Section <b>49-18-401</b> is amended to read:
1509	49-18-401. Eligibility for an allowance Date of retirement Qualifications.
1510	(1) A member is qualified to receive an allowance when:
1511	(a) the member ceases actual work for [a] every participating employer [in this system]
1512	that employs the member before the member's retirement date and provides evidence of the
1513	termination;
1514	(b) the member has submitted to the office a notarized retirement application form that
1515	states the member's proposed retirement date; and

1310	(c) one of the following conditions is met as of the member's retirement date:
1517	(i) the member has accrued at least six years of service credit and has attained an age of
1518	70 years;
1519	(ii) the member has accrued at least 10 years of service credit and has attained an age
1520	of 62 years;
1521	(iii) the member has accrued at least 20 years of service credit and has attained an age
1522	of 55 years; or
1523	(iv) the member has accrued at least 25 years of service credit.
1524	(2) (a) The member's retirement date:
1525	(i) shall be the 1st or the 16th day of the month, as selected by the member;
1526	(ii) shall be on or after the date of termination; and
1527	(iii) may not be more than 90 days before or after the date the application is received by
1528	the office.
1529	(b) A member may not be employed by a participating employer in the system
1530	established by this chapter on the retirement date selected under Subsection (2)(a)(i).
1531	Section 33. Section 49-18-501 is amended to read:
1532	49-18-501. Death benefit for members before retirement Computation.
1533	(1) Upon the receipt of acceptable proof of death of a member before the member's
1534	retirement date, the member's spouse at the time of death shall have the choice of the following
1535	death benefits:
1536	(a) a refund of the member's member contributions, if any, plus 65% of the member's
1537	most recent 12 months' compensation prior to death; or
1538	(b) an allowance equal to 65% of the allowance computed in accordance with Section
1539	49-18-402, but disregarding early retirement reductions.
1540	(2) If there is no spouse to whom the member is married at the time of death, member
1541	contributions shall be refunded to a beneficiary, in accordance with Sections 49-11-609 and
1542	49-11-610.
1543	(3) (a) A spouse who requests a benefit under this section shall apply in writing to the
1544	office.
1545	(b) The allowance shall begin on the first day of the month:
1546	(i) following the month in which the member died, if the application is received by the

1547	office within 90 days of the member's death; or
1548	(ii) following the month in which the application is received by the office, if the
1549	application is received by the office more than 90 days after the member's death.
1550	Section 34. Section 49-19-501 is amended to read:
1551	49-19-501. Death of member or retiree Surviving spouse benefit.
1552	(1) Upon the death of a governor or legislator who has not yet retired and who has
1553	completed four or more years in the elected office, the member's spouse at the time of death
1554	shall receive an allowance equal to 50% of the allowance to which the governor or legislator
1555	would have been entitled upon reaching age 65, if the governor or legislator and surviving
1556	spouse had been married at least six months.
1557	(2) Upon the death of a governor or legislator receiving an allowance under this plan,
1558	the member's spouse at the time of death is entitled to an allowance equal to 50% of the
1559	allowance being paid to the member at the time of death.
1560	(3) (a) A spouse who requests a benefit under this section shall apply in writing to the
1561	office.
1562	(b) The allowance shall begin on the first day of the month:
1563	(i) following the month in which the member died, if the application is received by the
1564	office within 90 days of the member's death; or
1565	(ii) following the month in which the application is received by the office, if the
1566	application is received by the office more than 90 days after the member's death.
1567	Section 35. Section 49-20-404 is amended to read:
1568	49-20-404. Governors' and legislative benefit.
1569	(1) The state shall pay the percentage described in Subsection (3) of the cost of
1570	providing paid-up group health coverage policy for members and their surviving spouses
1571	covered under Chapter 19, Utah Governors' and Legislators' Retirement Act, or Chapter 22,
1572	New Public Employees' Tier II Contributory Retirement Act, who:
1573	(a) retire after January 1, 1998;
1574	(b) are at least 62 but less than 65 years of age;
1575	(c) elect to receive and apply for this benefit to the program; and
1576	(d) are active members at the time of retirement or have continued coverage with the
1577	program until the date of eligibility for the benefit under this Subsection (1).

1578	(2) The state shall pay the percentage described in Subsection (3) of the cost of
1579	providing Medicare supplemental coverage for members and their surviving spouses covered
1580	under Chapter 19, Utah Governors' and Legislators' Retirement Act who:
1581	(a) retire after January 1, 1998;
1582	(b) are at least 65 years of age; and
1583	(c) elect to receive and apply for this benefit to the program.
1584	(3) The following percentages apply to the benefit described in Subsections (1) and (2):
1585	(a) 100% if the member has accrued 10 or more years of service credit;
1586	(b) 80% if the member has accrued 8 or more years of service credit;
1587	(c) 60% if the member has accrued 6 or more years of service credit; and
1588	(d) 40% if the member has accrued 4 or more years of service credit.
1589	Section 36. Section 49-21-102 is amended to read:
1590	49-21-102. Definitions.
1591	As used in this chapter:
1592	(1) "Date of disability" means the date on which a period of continuous disability
1593	commences, and may not commence on or before the last day of actual work.
1594	(2) "Elimination period" means the three months at the beginning of each continuous
1595	period of total disability for which no benefit will be paid. The elimination period begins on
1596	the nearest first day of the month from the date of disability. The elimination period may
1597	include a one-time trial return to work period of less than 15 consecutive calendar days.
1598	(3) (a) "Eligible employee" means the following employee whose employer provides
1599	coverage under this chapter:
1600	(i) (A) any regular full-time employee as defined under Section 49-12-102 [or].
1601	49-13-102, <u>or 49-22-102;</u>
1602	(B) any public safety service employee as defined under Section 49-14-102 [or],
1603	49-15-102, or <u>49-23-102;</u>
1604	(C) any firefighter service employee or volunteer firefighter as defined under Section
1605	49-23-102 who began firefighter service on or after July 1, 2011;
1606	(D) any judge as defined under Section 49-17-102 or 49-18-102[, whose employer
1607	provides coverage under this chapter,]; or
1608	(E) the governor of the state; [and]

1609	(ii) an employee who is exempt from participating in a retirement system under
1610	Subsection 49-12-203(2), 49-13-203(2), 49-14-203(1), or 49-15-203(1); and
1611	[(iii)] (iii) an employee who is covered by a retirement program offered by the Teachers
1612	Insurance and Annuity Association of America[, if the employee's employer provides coverage
1613	under this chapter; and].
1614	(b) "Eligible employee" does not include:
1615	(i) any employee that is exempt from coverage under Section 49-21-201[-]; or
1616	(ii) a retiree.
1617	(4) "Maximum benefit period" means the maximum period of time the monthly
1618	disability income benefit will be paid under Section 49-21-403 for any continuous period of
1619	total disability.
1620	(5) "Monthly disability benefit" means the monthly payments and accrual of service
1621	credit under Section 49-21-401.
1622	(6) "Objective medical impairment" means an impairment resulting from an injury or
1623	illness which is diagnosed by a physician and which is based on accepted objective medical
1624	tests or findings rather than subjective complaints.
1625	(7) "Physician" means a licensed physician.
1626	(8) "Regular monthly salary" means the amount certified by the participating employer
1627	as the monthly salary of the eligible employee, unless there is a discrepancy between the
1628	certified amount and the amount actually paid, in which case the office shall determine the
1629	regular monthly salary.
1630	(9) "Regular occupation" means either the primary duties performed by the eligible
1631	employee for the 12 months preceding the date of disability, or a permanent assignment of duty
1632	to the eligible employee.
1633	(10) "Rehabilitative employment" means any occupation or employment for wage or
1634	profit, for which the eligible employee is reasonably qualified to perform based on education,
1635	training, or experience.
1636	(11) (a) "Total disability" or "totally disabled" means the complete inability, due to
1637	objective medical impairment, whether physical or mental, to engage in the eligible employee's
1638	regular occupation during the elimination period and the first 24 months of disability benefits.

(b) "Total disability" means, after the elimination period and the first 24 months of

disability benefits, the complete inability, based solely on physical objective medical impairment, to engage in any gainful occupation which is reasonable, considering the eligible employee's education, training, and experience.

Section 37. Section 49-21-401 is amended to read:

49-21-401. Disability benefits -- Application -- Eligibility.

- 1645 (1) An eligible employee shall apply for long-term disability benefits under this chapter by:
  - (a) completing an application form prepared by the office;
  - (b) signing a consent form allowing the office access to the eligible employee's medical records; and
    - (c) providing any documentation or information reasonably requested by the office.
  - (2) (a) If an eligible employee is unable to apply on the employee's own behalf, the application may be made by a person who is:
    - (i) the attorney for an eligible employee; or

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- (ii) appointed as a conservator or guardian of the eligible employee.
- (b) A person described in Subsection (2)(a), may not make an application for a deceased employee.
- (3) Upon request by the office, the participating employer of the eligible employee shall provide to the office documentation and information concerning the eligible employee.
- (4) The office shall review all relevant information and determine whether or not the eligible employee is totally disabled.
- (5) If the office determines that the eligible employee is totally disabled due to accidental bodily injury or physical illness which is not the result of the performance of an employment duty, the eligible employee shall receive a monthly disability benefit equal to two-thirds of the eligible employee's regular monthly salary, for each month the total disability continues beyond the elimination period, not to exceed the maximum benefit period.
- (6) If the office determines that the eligible employee is totally disabled due to psychiatric illness, the eligible employee shall receive:
- (a) a maximum of two years of monthly disability benefits equal to two-thirds of the eligible employee's regular monthly salary for each month the total disability continues beyond the elimination period;

(b) a maximum of \$10,000 for psychiatric expenses, including rehabilitation expenses preauthorized by the office's consultants, paid during the period of monthly disability benefits; and

- (c) payment of monthly disability benefits according to contractual provisions for a period not to exceed five years if the eligible employee is institutionalized due to psychiatric illness.
- (7) If the office determines that the eligible employee is totally disabled due to a physical injury resulting from external force or violence as a result of the performance of an employment duty, the eligible employee shall receive a monthly disability benefit equal to 100% of the eligible employee's regular monthly salary, for each month the total disability continues beyond the elimination period, not to exceed the maximum benefit period.
- (8) (a) Successive periods of disability are considered as a continuous period of disability if the period of disability:
  - (i) results from the same or related causes;

- (ii) is separated by less than six months of continuous full-time work at the individual's usual place of employment; and
  - (iii) commences while the individual is an eligible employee covered by this chapter.
- (b) The inability to work for a period of less than 15 consecutive calendar days is not considered as a period of disability.
- (c) If Subsection (8)(a) or (b) does not apply, successive periods of disability are considered as separate periods of disability.
- (9) The office may, at any time, have any eligible employee claiming disability examined by a physician chosen by the office to determine if the eligible employee is totally disabled.
- (10) A claim brought by an eligible employee for long-term disability benefits under the Public Employee's Long-Term Disability Program is barred if it is not commenced within one year from the eligible employee's date of disability, unless the office determines that under the surrounding facts and circumstances, the eligible employee's failure to comply with the time limitations was reasonable.
- (11) Medical or psychiatric conditions which existed prior to eligibility may not be a basis for disability benefits until the eligible employee has had one year of continuous

eligibility in the Public Employees Long-Term Disability Program.

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(12) If there is a valid benefit protection contract, service credit shall accrue during the period of total disability, unless the disabled eligible employee is exempted from a system, or is otherwise ineligible for service credit.

- (13) Regardless of any medical evidence provided by the employee to support the application for disability, an employee is not eligible for long-term disability benefits during any period in which the employee:
  - (a) makes a claim that the employee is able to work; or
- (b) has a pending action in a court or before any <u>federal</u>, state, or local administrative body in which the employee has made a claim that the employee is able to work.
- (14) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 49-11-618, upon written request by an employer, information obtained under this part may, upon an order of a court or an administrative law judge, be released to an employer who is a party in an action under Subsection (13).
  - Section 38. Section **49-21-402** is amended to read:
- 49-21-402. Reduction or reimbursement of benefit -- Circumstances -- Application for other benefits required.
- (1) A monthly disability benefit may not be paid for any period of total disability unless the eligible employee is under the ongoing care and treatment of a physician other than the eligible employee.
- (2) The monthly disability benefit shall be reduced or reimbursed by any amount received by, or payable to, the eligible employee from the following sources for the same period of time during which the eligible employee is entitled to receive a monthly disability benefit:
- (a) Social Security disability benefits, including all benefits received by the eligible employee, the eligible employee's spouse, and the eligible employee's children as determined by the Social Security Administration;
  - (b) workers' compensation indemnity benefits;
- 1730 (c) any money received by judgment, legal action, or settlement from a third party 1731 liable to the employee for the disability;
- 1732 (d) unemployment compensation benefits;

(e) automobile no-fault, medical payments, or similar insurance payments; and

- (f) any money received by a judgment, settlement, or other payment as a result of a claim against an employer.
- (3) The monthly disability benefit shall be reduced by any amount in excess of one-third of the eligible employee's regular monthly salary received by, or payable to, the eligible employee from the following sources for the same period of time during which the eligible employee is entitled to receive a monthly disability benefit:
  - (a) any employer-sponsored retirement programs; and

- (b) any disability benefit resulting from the disability for which benefits are being received under this chapter.
- (4) After the date of disability, cost-of-living increases to any of the benefits listed in Subsection (2) or (3) may not be considered in calculating a reduction to the monthly disability benefit.
- (5) Any amounts payable to the eligible employee from one or more of the sources under Subsection (2) are considered as amounts received whether or not the amounts were actually received by the eligible employee.
- (6) (a) An eligible employee shall first apply for all disability benefits from governmental entities under Subsection (2) to which the eligible employee is or may be entitled, and provide to the office evidence of the applications.
- [(b) The eligible employee shall also first apply at the earliest eligible age for all unreduced retirement benefits to which the eligible employee is or may be entitled, and provide to the office evidence of the application.]
- [(c)] (b) If the eligible employee fails to make application under this Subsection (6)[(a) or (b)], the monthly disability benefit shall be suspended.
  - Section 39. Section **49-21-403** is amended to read:
  - 49-21-403. Termination of disability benefits -- Calculation of retirement benefit.
- 1759 (1) An eligible employee covered by this chapter and eligible for service credit under a system or plan, [or a participant in the Tier II Defined Contribution Plan, created in Chapter 22, Part 4, Tier II Defined Contribution Plan, or Chapter 23, Part 4, Tier II Defined Contribution Plan, or Chapter 23, Part 4, Tier II Defined Contribution Plan, or Chapter 23, Part 4, Tier II Defined Contribution Plan, or Chapter 23, Part 4, Tier II Defined Contribution Plan, or Chapter 23, Part 4, Tier II Defined Contribution Plan, or Chapter 23, Part 4, Tier II Defined Contribution Plan, or Chapter 23, Part 4, Tier II Defined Contribution Plan, or Chapter 23, Part 4, Tier II Defined Contribution Plan, or Chapter 23, Part 4, Tier II Defined Contribution Plan, or Chapter 23, Part 4, Tier II Defined Contribution Plan, or Chapter 23, Part 4, Tier II Defined Contribution Plan, or Chapter 23, Part 4, Tier II Defined Contribution Plan, or Chapter 23, Part 4, Tier II Defined Contribution Plan, or Chapter 23, Part 4, Tier II Defined Contribution Plan, or Chapter 23, Part 4, Tier II Defined Contribution Plan, or Chapter 23, Part 4, Tier II Defined Contribution Plan, or Chapter 24, Tier II Defined Contribution Plan, or Chapter 25, Part 4, Tier II Defined Contribution Plan, or Chapter 25, Part 4, Tier II Defined Contribution Plan, or Chapter 26, Part 4, Tier II Defined Contribution Plan, or Chapter 26, Part 4, Tier II Defined Contribution Plan, or Chapter 26, Part 4, Tier II Defined Contribution Plan, or Chapter 26, Part 4, Tier II Defined Contribution Plan, or Chapter 26, Part 4, Tier II Defined Contribution Plan, or Chapter 26, Part 4, Tier II Defined Contribution Plan, or Chapter 26, Part 4, Tier II Defined Contribution Plan, or Chapter 26, Part 4, Tier II Defined Contribution Plan, or Chapter 26, Part 4, Tier II Defined Contribution Plan, or Chapter 26, Part 4, Tier II Defined Contribution Plan, or Chapter 26, Part 4, Tier II Defined Contribution Plan, or Chapter 26, Part 4, Tier II Defined Contribution Plan, or Chapter 26, Part
- 1763 Section 49-11-619, who applies and is qualified for a monthly disability benefit shall receive a

monthly disability benefit until the earlier of: 1764 1765 (a) the date of the eligible employee's death; 1766 (b) the date the eligible employee is no longer disabled; 1767 (c) the date the eligible employee has accumulated: (i) 20 years of service credit if the eligible employee is covered by Chapter 14, Public 1768 1769 Safety Contributory Retirement Act, or Chapter 15, Public Safety Noncontributory Retirement 1770 Act; 1771 (ii) 25 years of service credit if the eligible employee is covered by Chapter 17, Judges' 1772 Contributory Retirement Act, or Chapter 18, Judges' Noncontributory Retirement Act; 1773 (iii) 30 years of service credit if the eligible employee is covered by Chapter 12, Public 1774 Employees' Contributory Retirement Act, or Chapter 13, Public Employees' Noncontributory 1775 Retirement Act; 1776 (iv) 35 years of service credit if the eligible employee is covered by the defined benefit 1777 portion under Chapter 22, Part 3, Tier II Hybrid Retirement System, or is covered by the 1778 defined contribution plan under Chapter 22, Part 4, Tier II Defined Contribution Plan; or 1779 (v) 25 years of service credit if the eligible employee is covered by the defined benefit 1780 portion under Chapter 23, Part 3, Tier II Hybrid Retirement System, or is covered by the 1781 defined contribution plan under Chapter 23, Part 4, Tier II Defined Contribution Plan; or 1782 (d) the date the eligible employee has received a monthly disability benefit for the 1783 following applicable time periods: 1784 (i) if the eligible employee is under age 60, the monthly disability benefit is payable 1785 until age 65; 1786 (ii) if the eligible employee is 60 or 61 years of age on the date of disability, the 1787 monthly disability benefit is payable for five years; 1788 (iii) if the eligible employee is 62 or 63 years of age on the date of disability, the 1789 monthly disability benefit is payable for four years; 1790 (iv) if the eligible employee is 64 or 65 years of age on the date of disability, the 1791 monthly disability benefit is payable for three years; 1792 (v) if the eligible employee is 66, 67, or 68 years of age on the date of disability, the

(vi) if the eligible employee is 69 years of age or older on the date of disability, the

monthly disability benefit is payable for two years; and

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(2) (a) Upon termination of a monthly disability benefit, an eligible employee eligible for service credit under a system may retire under the requirements of the system which covered the eligible employee on the date of disability.

- (b) The final average salary used in the calculation of the allowance shall be based on the annual rate of pay on the date of disability, improved by the annual cost-of-living increase factor applied to retirees of the system which covered the eligible employee on the date of disability.
- (3) An eligible employee who is eligible for service credit in a system, but has relinquished rights to an allowance under Section 49-11-619, may receive the benefits the eligible employee would have received by being eligible for service credit in the system covering the eligible employee on the date of disability, except for the accrual of service credit, in accordance with this title.
- (4) An eligible employee receiving a monthly disability benefit who has service credit from two or more systems may not combine service credits under Section 49-11-405 in qualifying for retirement, unless the eligible employee would receive a greater allowance by combining the service credits.
- [(5) A monthly disability benefit payable to an eligible employee who is not eligible for service credit under a system shall terminate at the earliest of:]
  - [(a) the date the eligible employee would be eligible for an unreduced allowance;]
- [(b) the date the eligible employee has received a monthly disability benefit for the applicable time period as set forth in Subsection (1)(c); or]
  - (c) the date the eligible employee receives a reduced allowance.
- (5) An eligible employee covered by this chapter who is a participant in the Tier II

  Defined Contribution Plan, created in Chapter 22, Part 4, Tier II Defined Contribution Plan, or

  Chapter 23, Part 4, Tier II Defined Contribution Plan, who applies and is qualified for a

  monthly disability benefit, shall receive a monthly disability benefit until the earlier of:
- (a) the date of the eligible employee's death;
- 1823 (b) the date the eligible employee is no longer disabled;
- 1824 (c) (i) 35 years from the date the eligible employee began participation in the Tier II

  1825 Defined Contribution Plan, created in Chapter 22, Part 4, Tier II Defined Contribution Plan; or

1826	(ii) 25 years from the date the eligible employee began participation in the Tier II
1827	Defined Contribution Plan created in Chapter 23, Part 4, Tier II Defined Contribution Plan; or
1828	(d) the date the eligible employee has received a monthly disability benefit for the
1829	following applicable time periods:
1830	(i) if the eligible employee is under age 60, the monthly disability benefit is payable
1831	until age 65;
1832	(ii) if the eligible employee is 60 or 61 years of age on the date of disability, the
1833	monthly disability benefit is payable for five years;
1834	(iii) if the eligible employee is 62 or 63 years of age on the date of disability, the
1835	monthly disability benefit is payable for four years;
1836	(iv) if the eligible employee is 64 or 65 years of age on the date of disability, the
1837	monthly disability benefit is payable for three years;
1838	(v) if the eligible employee is 66, 67, or 68 years of age on the date of disability, the
1839	monthly disability benefit is payable for two years; and
1840	(vi) if the eligible employee is 69 years of age or older on the date of disability, the
1841	monthly disability benefit is payable for one year.
1842	Section 40. Section 49-22-102 is amended to read:
1843	49-22-102. Definitions.
1844	As used in this chapter:
1845	(1) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (1)(c), "compensation" means the total
1846	amount of payments made by a participating employer to a member of this system for services
1847	rendered to the participating employer, including:
1848	(i) bonuses;
1849	(ii) cost-of-living adjustments;
1850	(iii) other payments currently includable in gross income and that are subject to Social
1851	Security deductions, including any payments in excess of the maximum amount subject to
1852	deduction under Social Security law;
1853	(iv) amounts that the member authorizes to be deducted or reduced for salary deferral
1854	or other benefits authorized by federal law; and
1855	(v) member contributions.
1856	(b) "Compensation" for purposes of this chapter may not exceed the amount allowed

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- under Internal Revenue Code, Section 401(a)(17).
- 1858 (c) "Compensation" does not include:

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- 1859 (i) the monetary value of remuneration paid in kind, including a residence or use of equipment;
  - (ii) the cost of any employment benefits paid for by the participating employer;
  - (iii) compensation paid to a temporary employee or an employee otherwise ineligible for service credit;
  - (iv) any payments upon termination, including accumulated vacation, sick leave payments, severance payments, compensatory time payments, or any other special payments; or
  - (v) any allowances or payments to a member for costs or expenses paid by the participating employer, including automobile costs, uniform costs, travel costs, tuition costs, housing costs, insurance costs, equipment costs, and dependent care costs.
  - (d) The executive director may determine if a payment not listed under this Subsection (1) falls within the definition of compensation.
  - (2) "Corresponding Tier I system" means the system or plan that would have covered the member if the member had initially entered employment before July 1, 2011.
  - (3) "Final average salary" means the amount computed by averaging the highest five years of annual compensation preceding retirement subject to Subsections (3)(a), (b), (c), and (d).
  - (a) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(b), the percentage increase in annual compensation in any one of the years used may not exceed the previous year's compensation by more than 10% plus a cost-of-living adjustment equal to the decrease in the purchasing power of the dollar during the previous year, as measured by a United States Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index average as determined by the board.
  - (b) In cases where the participating employer provides acceptable documentation to the office, the limitation in Subsection (3)(a) may be exceeded if:
    - (i) the member has transferred from another agency; or
    - (ii) the member has been promoted to a new position.
  - (c) If the member retires more than six months from the date of termination of employment, the member is considered to have been in service at the member's last rate of pay from the date of the termination of employment to the effective date of retirement for purposes

of computing the member's final average salary only.

- (d) If the member has less than five years of service credit in this system, final average salary means the average annual compensation paid to the member during the full period of service credit.
- (4) "Participating employer" means an employer which meets the participation requirements of:
- (a) Sections 49-12-201 and 49-12-202;
- 1895 (b) Sections 49-13-201 and 49-13-202;
- 1896 (c) Section 49-19-201; or

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- 1897 (d) Section 49-22-201 or 49-22-202.
- 1898 (5) (a) "Regular full-time employee" means an employee whose term of employment 1899 for a participating employer contemplates continued employment during a fiscal or calendar 1900 year and whose employment normally requires an average of 20 hours or more per week, 1901 except as modified by the board, and who receives benefits normally provided by the 1902 participating employer.
  - (b) "Regular full-time employee" includes:
  - (i) a teacher whose term of employment for a participating employer contemplates continued employment during a school year and who teaches half-time or more;
  - (ii) a classified school employee whose employment normally requires an average of 20 hours per week or more for a participating employer, regardless of benefits provided;
  - (iii) an <u>appointed</u> officer[, <u>elective or appointive</u>,] who earns during the first full month of the term of office \$500 or more, indexed as of January 1, 1990, as provided in Section [49-22-309] 49-22-308;
  - (iv) a faculty member or employee of an institution of higher education who is considered full-time by that institution of higher education; and
  - (v) an individual who otherwise meets the definition of this Subsection (5) who performs services for a participating employer through a professional employer organization or similar arrangement.
    - (c) "Regular full-time employee" does not include:
- 1917 (i) a firefighter service employee as defined in Section 49-23-102; or
- 1918 (ii) a public safety service employee as defined in Section 49-23-102.

1919	(6) "System" means the New Public Employees' Tier II Contributory Retirement
1920	System created under this chapter.
1921	(7) "Years of service credit" means:
1922	(a) a period, consisting of 12 full months as determined by the board;
1923	(b) a period determined by the board, whether consecutive or not, during which a
1924	regular full-time employee performed services for a participating employer, including any time
1925	the regular full-time employee was absent on a paid leave of absence granted by a participating
1926	employer or was absent in the service of the United States government on military duty as
1927	provided by this chapter; or
1928	(c) the regular school year consisting of not less than eight months of full-time service
1929	for a regular full-time employee of an educational institution.
1930	Section 41. Section 49-22-201 is amended to read:
1931	49-22-201. System membership Eligibility.
1932	(1) Beginning July 1, 2011, a participating employer shall participate in this system.
1933	(2) (a) A person <u>initially</u> entering regular full-time employment with a participating
1934	employer on or after July 1, 2011, is eligible:
1935	(i) as a member for service credit and defined contributions under the Tier II hybrid
1936	retirement system established by Part 3, Tier II Hybrid Retirement System; or
1937	(ii) as a participant for defined contributions under the Tier II defined contribution plan
1938	established by Part 4, Tier II Defined Contribution Plan.
1939	(b) A person initially entering regular full-time employment with a participating
1940	employer on or after July 1, 2011, shall:
1941	(i) make an election to participate in the system created under this chapter within 30
1942	days from the date of [employment] eligibility for accrual of benefits:
1943	(A) as a member for service credit and defined contributions under the Tier II hybrid
1944	retirement system established by Part 3, Tier II Hybrid Retirement System; or
1945	(B) as a participant for defined contributions under the Tier II defined contribution plan
1946	established by Part 4, Tier II Defined Contribution Plan; and
1947	(ii) <u>electronically</u> submit to the office notification of the member's election under
1948	Subsection (2)(b)(i) in a manner approved by the office.

(c) An election made by a person <u>initially</u> entering regular full-time employment with a

participating employer under this Subsection (2) is irrevocable <u>beginning one year from the</u> <u>date of eligibility for accrual of benefits</u>.

- (d) If no election is made under Subsection (2)(b)(i), the person shall become a member eligible for service credit and defined contributions under the Tier II hybrid retirement system established by Part 3, Tier II Hybrid Retirement System.
- (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, [a governor or legislator] an elected official initially entering office on or after July 1, 2011:
- (a) is only eligible to participate in the Tier II defined contribution plan established under Chapter 22, Part 4, Tier II Defined Contribution Plan; and
- (b) is not eligible to participate in the Tier II hybrid retirement system established under Chapter 22, Part 3, Tier II Hybrid Retirement System.
  - Section 42. Section **49-22-301** is amended to read:

## **49-22-301.** Contributions.

- (1) Participating employers and members shall [jointly] pay the certified contribution rates to the office to maintain the defined benefit portion of this system on a financially and actuarially sound basis.
- (2) (a) A participating employer shall pay up to 10% of compensation toward the certified contribution rate to the office for the defined benefit portion of this system.
- (b) A member shall [pay] only pay to the office the amount, if any, of the certified contribution rate for the defined benefit portion of this system that exceeds [10% to the office] the percent of compensation paid by the participating employer under Subsection (2)(a).
- (c) In addition to the percent specified under Subsection (2)(a), the participating employer shall pay the corresponding Tier I system amortization rate of the employee's compensation to the office to be applied to the employer's corresponding Tier I system liability.
- (3) A participating employer may not elect to pay all or part of the required member contributions under Subsection (2)(b), in addition to the required participating employer contributions.
- (4) (a) A member contribution is credited by the office to the account of the individual member.
- 1979 (b) This amount, together with refund interest, is held in trust for the payment of benefits to the member or the member's beneficiaries.

1981	(c) A member contribution is vested and nonforfeitable.
1982	(5) (a) Each member is considered to consent to payroll deductions of member
1983	contributions.
1984	(b) The payment of compensation less these payroll deductions is considered full
1985	payment for services rendered by the member.
1986	(6) Benefits provided under the defined benefit portion of the Tier II Hybrid
1987	Retirement System created under this part:
1988	(a) may not be increased unless the actuarial funded ratios of all systems under this title
1989	reach 100%[:]: and
1990	(b) may be decreased only in accordance with the provisions of Section 49-22-310.
1991	Section 43. Section 49-22-303 is amended to read:
1992	49-22-303. Defined contribution benefit established Contribution by employer
1993	and employee Vesting of contributions Plans to be separate Tax-qualified status of
1994	plans.
1995	(1) (a) A participating employer shall make a nonelective contribution on behalf of
1996	each regular full-time employee who is a member of this system in an amount equal to $10\%$
1997	minus the contribution rate paid by the employer pursuant to Subsection 49-22-301(2)(a) of the
1998	member's compensation to a defined contribution plan qualified under Section 401(k) of the
1999	Internal Revenue Code which:
2000	(i) is sponsored by the board; and
2001	(ii) has been grandfathered under Section 1116 of the Federal Tax Reform Act of 1986.
2002	(b) The member may make [additional payments] voluntary deferrals to:
2003	(i) the qualified 401(k) plan which receives the employer contribution described in this
2004	Subsection (1); or
2005	(ii) at the member's option, another defined contribution plan established by the
2006	participating employer.
2007	(2) (a) The total amount contributed by the participating employer under Subsection
2008	(1)(a), including associated investment gains and losses, vests to the [member's benefit after
2009	four years of employment from the date of employment] member upon accruing four years of
2010	service credit under this title.
2011	(b) The total amount contributed by the member under Subsection (1)(b) vests to the

2012 member's benefit immediately and is nonforfeitable.

(3) (a) Contributions made by a participating employer under Subsection (1)(a) shall be invested in a default option selected by the board until the member is vested in accordance with Subsection (2)(a).

- (b) A member may direct the investment of contributions made by a participating employer under Subsection (1)(a) only after the contributions have vested in accordance with Subsection (2)(a).
- (c) A member may direct the investment of contributions made by the member under Subsection (1)(b).
- (4) No loans shall be available from contributions made by a participating employer under Subsection (1)(a).
- (5) No hardship distributions shall be available from contributions made by a participating employer under Subsection (1)(a).
- (6) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (6)(b), if a member terminates employment with a participating employer prior to the vesting period described in Subsection (2)(a), all contributions, including associated investment gains and losses, made by a participating employer on behalf of the member under Subsection (1)(a) are subject to forfeiture.
- (b) If a member who terminates employment with a participating employer prior to the vesting period described in Subsection (2)(a) subsequently enters employment with the same or another participating employer within 10 years of the termination date of the previous employment:
- (i) all contributions made by the previous participating employer on behalf of the member, including associated investment gains and losses, shall be reinstated upon [the member's completion of the vesting period under Subsection (2)(a)] employment as a regular full-time employee; and
- (ii) the length of time that the member worked with the previous employer shall be included in determining whether the member has completed the vesting period under Subsection (2)(a).
- (c) The [board] office shall establish a forfeiture account and shall specify the uses of the forfeiture account, which may include an offset against administrative costs or employer contributions made under this section.

2043	(7) The [board] office may request from any other qualified 401(k) plan under
2044	Subsection (1) or (2) any relevant information pertaining to the maintenance of its tax
2045	qualification under the Internal Revenue Code.
2046	(8) The [board] office may take any action which in its judgment is necessary to
2047	maintain the tax-qualified status of its 401(k) defined contribution plan under federal law.
2048	Section 44. Section 49-22-304 is amended to read:
2049	49-22-304. Defined benefit eligibility for an allowance Date of retirement
2050	Qualifications.
2051	(1) A member is qualified to receive an allowance from this system when:
2052	(a) before the member's retirement date, the member ceases actual work for $[\pi]$ every
2053	participating employer [in this system] that employs the member and provides evidence of the
2054	termination;
2055	(b) the member has submitted to the office a notarized retirement application form that
2056	states the member's proposed retirement date; and
2057	(c) one of the following conditions is met as of the member's retirement date:
2058	(i) the member has accrued at least four years of service credit and has attained an age
2059	of 65 years;
2060	(ii) the member has accrued at least 10 years of service credit and has attained an age
2061	of 62 years;
2062	(iii) the member has accrued at least 20 years of service credit and has attained an age
2063	of 60 years; or
2064	(iv) the member has accrued at least 35 years of service credit.
2065	(2) (a) The member's retirement date:
2066	(i) shall be the 1st or the 16th day of the month, as selected by the member;
2067	(ii) shall be on or after the date of termination; and
2068	(iii) may not be more than 90 days before or after the date the application is received by
2069	the office.
2070	(b) A member may not be employed by a participating employer in the system
2071	established by this chapter on the retirement date selected under Subsection (2)(a)(i).
2072	Section 45. Section 49-22-305 is amended to read:
2073	49-22-305. Defined benefit service retirement plans Calculation of retirement

## allowance -- Social Security limitations.

(1) (a) The retirees of this system may choose from the six retirement options described in this section.

- (b) Options Two, Three, Four, Five, and Six are modifications of the Option One calculation.
  - (2) The Option One benefit is an annual allowance calculated as follows:
- (a) If the retiree is at least 65 years of age or has accrued at least 35 years of service credit, the allowance is an amount equal to 1.5% of the retiree's final average salary multiplied by the number of years of service credit accrued on and after July 1, 2011.
- (b) If the retiree is less than 65 years of age, the allowance shall be reduced by the full actuarial amount for each year of retirement from age 60 to age 65, unless the member has 35 or more years of accrued credit in which event no reduction is made to the allowance.
- (c) (i) Years of service includes any fractions of years of service to which the retiree may be entitled.
- (ii) At the time of retirement, if a retiree's combined years of actual, not purchased, service credit is within [1/10] one-tenth of one year of the total years of service credit required for retirement, the retiree shall be considered to have the total years of service credit required for retirement.
- (d) An Option One allowance is only payable to the member during the member's lifetime.
- (3) The allowance payable under Options Two, Three, Four, Five, and Six is calculated by reducing an Option One benefit based on actuarial computations to provide the following:
- (a) Option Two is a reduced allowance paid to and throughout the lifetime of the retiree, and, if the retiree receives less in annuity payments than the amount of the retiree's member contributions, the remaining balance of the retiree's member contributions shall be paid in accordance with Sections 49-11-609 and 49-11-610.
- (b) Option Three is a reduced allowance paid to and throughout the lifetime of the retiree, and, upon the death of the retiree, the same reduced allowance is paid to and throughout the lifetime of the retiree's lawful spouse at the time of retirement.
- (c) Option Four is a reduced allowance paid to and throughout the lifetime of the retiree, and upon the death of the retiree, an amount equal to [1/2] one-half of the retiree's

allowance is paid to and throughout the lifetime of the retiree's lawful spouse at the time of retirement.

- (d) Option Five is a modification of Option Three so that if the lawful spouse at the time of retirement predeceases the retiree, an allowance equivalent to the amount payable at the time of initial retirement under Option One shall be paid to the retiree for the remainder of the retiree's life, beginning on the [last day of the month following the month in which the lawful spouse dies.] first day of the month:
- (i) following the month in which the spouse died, if the application is received by the office within 90 days of the spouse's death; or
- (ii) following the month in which the application is received by the office, if the application is received by the office more than 90 days after the spouse's death.
- (e) Option Six is a modification of Option Four so that if the lawful spouse at the time of retirement predeceases the retiree, an allowance equivalent to the amount payable at the time of initial retirement under Option One shall be paid to the retiree for the remainder of the retiree's life, beginning on the [last day of the month following the month in which the lawful spouse dies.] first day of the month:
- (i) following the month in which the spouse died, if the application is received by the office within 90 days of the spouse's death; or
- (ii) following the month in which the application is received by the office, if the application is received by the office more than 90 days after the spouse's death.
- [(4) Periods of employment which are exempt from this system under Subsection 49-22-203(1)(b) may be purchased by the member for the purpose of retirement only if all benefits from the Teachers' Insurance and Annuity Association of America or any other public or private system or organization based on this period of employment are forfeited.]
- [(5)] (4) (a) If a retiree under Option One dies within 120 days after the retiree's retirement date, the retirement is canceled and the death shall be considered as that of a member before retirement.
- (b) Any payments made to the retiree shall be deducted from the amounts due to the beneficiary.
- 2134 [(6)] (5) If a retiree retires under either Option Five or Six and subsequently divorces, 2135 the retiree may elect to convert the benefit to an Option One benefit at the time of divorce, if

2136	there is no court order filed in the matter.
2137	Section 46. Section 49-22-310 is enacted to read:
2138	49-22-310. Defined benefit adjustments Conditions Process Future years
2139	accrual.
2140	(1) In accordance with this section, the Legislature may make adjustments to the
2141	benefits provided for the defined benefit portion of the Tier II Hybrid Retirement System
2142	created under this part if the member's contribution required under Subsection 49-22-301(2)(b)
2143	to the certified contribution rate for the defined benefit portion of this system exceeds 2% of
2144	the member's salary and:
2145	(a) (i) the membership council created under Section 49-11-202 recommends an
2146	adjustment to the board in accordance with Subsection (2); and
2147	(ii) the board recommends specific adjustments to the Legislature in accordance with
2148	Subsection (2); or
2149	(b) an actuarial study that conforms with generally accepted actuarial principles and
2150	practices and with the Actuarial Standards of Practice issued by the Actuarial Standards Board
2151	and requested or commissioned by the board or the Legislature concludes:
2152	(i) there is a significant likelihood that contribution rates will continue to rise; and
2153	(ii) that participating employers are liable for system costs above the contribution rate
2154	established under Subsection 49-22-301(2)(a).
2155	(2) If the conditions under Subsection (1)(a) or (b) are met, the Legislature may adjust
2156	benefits for the defined benefit portion of the Tier II Hybrid Retirement System accrued or
2157	applied for future years of service including:
2158	(a) the final average salary calculation provided under Section 49-22-102;
2159	(b) the years of service required to be eligible to receive a retirement allowance under
2160	Section 49-22-304;
2161	(c) the years of service credit multiplier established under Subsection 49-22-305(2)(a);
2162	(d) the annual cost-of-living adjustment under Section 49-22-308; or
2163	(e) other provisions of the defined benefit portion of the Tier II Hybrid Retirement
2164	System.
2165	(3) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsections (1) and (2), the Legislature may
2166	make adjustments to the benefits provided for the defined benefit portion of the Tier II Hybrid

2167	Retirement System created under this part if an actuarial study described under Subsection
2168	(1)(b) concludes, due to current and projected economic conditions, member participation
2169	levels, and system structure. that the system:
2170	(i) cannot reasonably be sustained under its current provisions;
2171	(ii) is critically underfunded; and
2172	(iii) has become unstable and is in risk of collapse.
2173	(b) Subject to federal law, the adjustments under Subsection (3)(a) may include:
2174	(i) conversion to a different type of retirement plan;
2175	(ii) equitable distribution of system assets to retirees and members; and
2176	(iii) a closure of the system.
2177	Section 47. Section 49-22-401 is amended to read:
2178	49-22-401. Contributions Rates.
2179	(1) Up to the amount allowed by federal law, the participating employer shall
2180	[contribute] make a nonelective contribution of 10% of the participant's compensation to a
2181	defined contribution plan.
2182	(2) (a) The participating employer shall contribute the 10% nonelective contribution
2183	described in Subsection (1) to a defined contribution plan qualified under Section 401(k) of the
2184	Internal Revenue Code which:
2185	(i) is sponsored by the board; and
2186	(ii) has been grandfathered under Section 1116 of the Federal Tax Reform Act of 1986.
2187	(b) The member may make [additional payments] voluntary deferrals to:
2188	(i) the qualified 401(k) plan which receives the employer contribution described in this
2189	Subsection (2); or
2190	(ii) at the member's option, another defined contribution plan established by the
2191	participating employer.
2192	(c) In addition to the percent specified under Subsection (2)(a), the participating
2193	employer shall pay the corresponding Tier I system amortization rate of the employee's
2194	compensation to the office to be applied to the employer's corresponding Tier I system liability.
2195	(3) (a) The total amount contributed by the participating employer under Subsection
2196	(2)(a) vests to the [member's benefit after four years of employment from the date of
2197	employment   member upon accruing four years employment as a regular full-time employee

2198 <u>under this title</u>.

(b) The total amount contributed by the member under Subsection (2)(b) vests to the member's benefit immediately and is nonforfeitable.

- (4) (a) Contributions made by a participating employer under Subsection (2)(a) shall be invested in a default option selected by the board until the member is vested in accordance with Subsection (3)(a).
- (b) A member may direct the investment of contributions <u>including associated</u> <u>investment gains and losses</u> made by a participating employer under Subsection (2)(a) only after the contributions have vested in accordance with Subsection (3)(a).
- (c) A member may direct the investment of contributions made by the member under Subsection (3)(b).
- (5) No loans shall be available from contributions made by a participating employer under Subsection (2)(a).
- (6) No hardship distributions shall be available from contributions made by a participating employer under Subsection (2)(a).
- (7) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (7)(b), if a member terminates employment with a participating employer prior to the vesting period described in Subsection (3)(a), all contributions made by a participating employer on behalf of the member <u>including associated</u> <u>investment gains and losses</u> under Subsection (2)(a) are subject to forfeiture.
- (b) If a member who terminates employment with a participating employer prior to the vesting period described in Subsection (3)(a) subsequently enters employment with the same or another participating employer within 10 years of the termination date of the previous employment:
- (i) all contributions made by the previous participating employer on behalf of the member <u>including associated investment gains and losses</u> shall be reinstated upon the member's [completion of the vesting period under Subsection (3)(a)] <u>employment as a regular full-time</u> <u>employee</u>; and
- (ii) the length of time that the member worked with the previous employer shall be included in determining whether the member has completed the vesting period under Subsection (3)(a).
- (c) The [board] office shall establish a forfeiture account and shall specify the uses of

2229	the forfeiture account, which may include an offset against <u>administrative costs or</u> employer
2230	contributions made under this section.
2231	(8) The [board] office may request from any other qualified 401(k) plan under
2232	Subsection (2) any relevant information pertaining to the maintenance of its tax qualification
2233	under the Internal Revenue Code.
2234	(9) The [board] office may take any action which in its judgment is necessary to
2235	maintain the tax-qualified status of its 401(k) defined contribution plan under federal law.
2236	Section 48. Section 49-22-403 is enacted to read:
2237	49-22-403. Eligibility to receive a retirement allowance for a benefit tied to a
2238	retirement date for Defined Contribution members.
2239	(1) As used in this section, "eligible to receive a retirement allowance" means the date
2240	selected by the member who is a participant under this part on which the member has ceased
2241	employment and would be qualified to receive an allowance under Section 49-22-304 if the
2242	member had been under the Tier II Hybrid Retirement System for the same period of
2243	employment.
2244	(2) The office and a participating employer shall make an accounting of years of
2245	service credit accrued for a member who is a participant under this part in order to calculate
2246	when a member would be eligible to receive a retirement allowance for purposes of
2247	establishing when a member may be eligible for a benefit tied to a retirement date that may be
2248	provided under Section 67-19-14.4, this title, another state statute, or by a participating
2249	employer.
2250	Section 49. Section 49-22-501 is amended to read:
2251	49-22-501. Death benefit by means of group insurance policy Eligibility for
2252	death benefit Benefit calculation Payment of claim.
2253	(1) The office shall provide a death benefit through the purchase of a group insurance
2254	policy for members of this system.
2255	(2) The board shall make rules to administer the death benefit provided by this section
2256	and may, in accordance with federal law, establish:
2257	(a) benefit levels;
2258	(b) classes of members; and
2259	(c) a living benefit option.

2260 (3) This death benefit is payable	when:
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- (a) the member dies prior to the member's retirement date or dies under circumstances which Subsection [49-22-305(5)] 49-22-305(4) requires to be treated as the death of a member before retirement;
  - (b) the office receives acceptable proof of death; and
- (c) benefits are not payable under Section 49-22-307.
- 2266 (4) The death benefit payable to the beneficiary under this section is a lump-sum payment consisting of:
  - (a) the return of any member contributions under this chapter; plus
- (b) a percentage of the final average salary of the member to be determined by the board.
  - (5) Any amount of a living benefit option paid to the member prior to death shall be deducted from the benefit payable to the beneficiary.
    - (6) The cost of the death benefit shall be paid by the participating employer in addition to the contribution rate established under Section 49-22-301 or 49-22-401.
    - (7) The portion of the death benefit provided under Subsection (4)(b) may not be paid to the beneficiary of an inactive member unless the death of the member occurs either:
    - (a) within a period of 120 days after the last day of work for which the person received compensation; or
    - (b) while the member is still physically or mentally incapacitated from performance of duties, if the incapacity has been continuous since the last day of work for which compensation was received.
    - (8) The death benefit provided under Subsection (4)(b) shall be paid in accordance with Sections 49-11-609 and 49-11-610.
    - (9) The death benefit paid to the beneficiary of an inactive member, except as otherwise provided under Subsection (7), is a lump-sum return of the member's member contributions.
    - (10) Payment of the death benefit by the office constitutes a full settlement of any beneficiary's claim against the office and the office is not liable for any further or additional claims or assessments on behalf of the member.
  - (11) Unless otherwise specified in a written document filed with the office, death

2291	benefits payable to beneficiaries shall be in accordance with the order of precedence
2292	established under Title 75, Chapter 2, Intestate Succession and Wills.
2293	(12) A death benefit under this section may not be paid on behalf of a retiree under this
2294	system.
2295	Section 50. Section 49-22-502 is amended to read:
2296	49-22-502. Death of married members Service retirement benefits to surviving
2297	spouse.
2298	(1) As used in this section, "member's full allowance" means an Option Three
2299	allowance calculated under Section 49-22-305 without an actuarial reduction.
2300	(2) Upon the request of a deceased member's lawful spouse at the time of the member's
2301	death, the deceased member is considered to have retired under Option Three on the first day of
2302	the month following the month in which the member died if the following requirements are
2303	met:
2304	(a) the member has:
2305	(i) 15 or more years of service credit;
2306	(ii) attained age 62 with 10 or more years of service credit; or
2307	(iii) attained age 65 with four or more years of service credit; and
2308	(b) the member dies leaving a spouse to whom the member has been married at least
2309	six months immediately prior to the death date.
2310	(3) The spouse who requests a benefit under this section shall apply in writing to the
2311	office. The allowance shall begin on the first day of the month:
2312	(a) following the month in which the member died, if the application is received by the
2313	office within 90 days of the member's death; or
2314	(b) following the month in which the application is received by the office, if the
2315	application is received by the office more than 90 days after the spouse's death.
2316	(4) The allowance payable to a surviving spouse under Subsection (2) is as follows:
2317	(a) if the member has 25 or more years of service credit at the time of death, the
2318	surviving spouse shall receive the member's full allowance;
2319	(b) if the member has between 20-24 years of service credit and is not age 60 or older
2320	at the time of death, the surviving spouse shall receive 2/3 of the member's full allowance;

(c) if the member has between 15-19 years of service credit and is not age 62 or older

at the time of death, the surviving spouse shall receive 1/3 of the member's full allowance; or

(d) if the member is age 60 or older with 20 or more years of service credit, age 62 or

older with 10 or more years of service credit, or age 65 or older with four or more years of

service credit at the time of death, the surviving spouse shall receive an Option Three benefit

with actuarial reductions.

- (5) Except for a return of member contributions, benefits payable under this section are retirement benefits and shall be paid in addition to any other payments made under Section 49-22-501 and shall constitute a full and final settlement of the claim of the spouse or any other beneficiary filing a claim for benefits under Section 49-22-501.
  - Section 51. Section **49-23-201** is amended to read:

## 49-23-201. System membership -- Eligibility.

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- (1) Beginning July 1, 2011, a participating employer that employs public safety service employees or firefighter service employees shall participate in this system.
- (2) (a) A public safety service employee or a firefighter service employee <u>initially</u> entering employment with a participating employer on or after July 1, 2011, is eligible:
- (i) as a member for service credit and defined contributions under the Tier II hybrid retirement system established by Part 3, Tier II Hybrid Retirement System; or
- (ii) as a participant for defined contributions under the Tier II defined contributions plan established by Part 4, Tier II Defined Contribution Plan.
- (b) A public safety service employee or a firefighter service employee <u>initially</u> entering employment with a participating employer on or after July 1, 2011, shall:
- (i) make an election to participate in the system created under this chapter within 30 days from the date of [employment] eligibility for accrual of benefits:
- (A) as a member for service credit and defined contributions under the Tier II hybrid retirement system established by Part 3, Tier II Hybrid Retirement System; or
- (B) as a participant for defined contributions under the Tier II defined contribution plan established by Part 4, Tier II Defined Contribution Plan; and
- (ii) <u>electronically</u> submit to the office notification of the member's election under Subsection (2)(b)(i) in a manner approved by the office.
- 2351 (c) An election made by a public safety service employee or firefighter service employee initially entering employment with a participating employer under this Subsection (2)

2353 is irrevocable beginning one year from the date of eligibility for accrual of benefits.

- (d) If no election is made under Subsection (2)(b)(i), the public safety service employee or firefighter service employee shall become a member eligible for service credit and defined contributions under the Tier II hybrid retirement system established by Part 3, Tier II Hybrid Retirement System.
  - Section 52. Section **49-23-301** is amended to read:

## **49-23-301.** Contributions.

- (1) Participating employers and members shall [jointly] pay the certified contribution rates to the office to maintain the defined benefit portion of this system on a financially and actuarially sound basis in accordance with Subsection (2).
- (2) (a) A participating employer shall pay up to 12% of compensation toward the certified contribution rate to the office for the defined benefit portion of this system.
- (b) A member shall [pay] only pay to the office the amount, if any, of the certified contribution rate for the defined benefit portion of this system that exceeds [12% to the office] the percent of compensation paid by the participating employer under Subsection (2)(a).
- (c) In addition to the percent specified under Subsection (2)(a), the participating employer shall pay the corresponding Tier I system amortization rate of the employee's compensation to the office to be applied to the employer's corresponding Tier I system liability.
- (3) A participating employer may not elect to pay all or part of the required member contributions under Subsection (2)(b), in addition to the required participating employer contributions.
- (4) (a) A member contribution is credited by the office to the account of the individual member.
- (b) This amount, together with refund interest, is held in trust for the payment of benefits to the member or the member's beneficiaries.
  - (c) A member contribution is vested and nonforfeitable.
- (5) (a) Each member is considered to consent to payroll deductions of member contributions.
- (b) The payment of compensation less these payroll deductions is considered full payment for services rendered by the member.
- 2383 (6) Benefits provided under the defined benefit portion of the Tier II hybrid retirement

2384	system created under this part:
2385	(a) may not be increased unless the actuarial funded ratios of all systems under this title
2386	reach 100%[-]; and
2387	(b) may be decreased only in accordance with the provisions of Section 49-23-309.
2388	Section 53. Section 49-23-302 is amended to read:
2389	49-23-302. Defined contribution benefit established Contribution by employer
2390	and employee Vesting of contributions Plans to be separate Tax-qualified status of
2391	plans.
2392	(1) (a) A participating employer shall make a nonelective contribution on behalf of
2393	each public safety service employee or firefighter service employee who is a member of this
2394	system in an amount equal to 12% minus the contribution rate paid by the employer pursuant to
2395	Subsection 49-23-301(2)(a) of the member's compensation to a defined contribution plan
2396	qualified under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code which:
2397	(i) is sponsored by the board; and
2398	(ii) has been grandfathered under Section 1116 of the Federal Tax Reform Act of 1986.
2399	(b) The member may make [additional payments] voluntary deferrals to:
2400	(i) the qualified 401(k) plan which receives the employer contribution described in this
2401	Subsection (1); or
2402	(ii) at the member's option, another defined contribution plan established by the
2403	participating employer.
2404	(2) (a) The total amount contributed by the participating employer under Subsection
2405	(1)(a), including associated investment gains and losses, vests to the [member's benefit after
2406	four years of employment from the date of employment] member upon accruing four years of
2407	service credit under this title.
2408	(b) The total amount contributed by the member under Subsection (1)(b) vests to the
2409	member's benefit immediately and is nonforfeitable.
2410	(3) (a) Contributions made by a participating employer under Subsection (1)(a) shall be
2411	invested in a default option selected by the board until the member is vested in accordance with
2412	Subsection (2)(a).
2413	(b) A member may direct the investment of contributions made by a participating

employer under Subsection (1)(a) only after the contributions have vested in accordance with

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- 2416 (c) A member may direct the investment of contributions made by the member under 2417 Subsection (1)(b).
  - (4) No loans shall be available from contributions made by a participating employer under Subsection (1)(a).
  - (5) No hardship distributions shall be available from contributions made by a participating employer under Subsection (1)(a).
  - (6) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (6)(b), if a member terminates employment with a participating employer prior to the vesting period described in Subsection (2)(a), all contributions, including associated investment gains and losses, made by a participating employer on behalf of the member under Subsection (1)(a) are subject to forfeiture.
  - (b) If a member who terminates employment with a participating employer prior to the vesting period described in Subsection (2)(a) subsequently enters employment with the same or another participating employer within 10 years of the termination date of the previous employment:
  - (i) all contributions made by the previous participating employer on behalf of the member, including associated investment gains and losses, shall be reinstated upon the member's [completion of the vesting period under Subsection (2)(a)] employment as a regular full-time employee; and
  - (ii) the length of time that the member worked with the previous employer shall be included in determining whether the member has completed the vesting period under Subsection (2)(a).
  - (c) The [board] office shall establish a forfeiture account and shall specify the uses of the forfeiture account, which may include an offset against administrative costs or employer contributions made under this section.
  - (7) The [board] office may request from any other qualified 401(k) plan under Subsection (1) or (2) any relevant information pertaining to the maintenance of its tax qualification under the Internal Revenue Code.
  - (8) The [board] office may take any action which in its judgment is necessary to maintain the tax-qualified status of its 401(k) defined contribution plan under federal law.
  - Section 54. Section 49-23-303 is amended to read:

2446	49-23-303. Defined benefit eligibility for an allowance Date of retirement
2447	Qualifications.
2448	(1) A member is qualified to receive an allowance from this system when:
2449	(a) before the member's retirement date, the member ceases actual work for $[a]$ every
2450	participating employer [in this system] that employs the member and provides evidence of the
2451	termination;
2452	(b) the member has submitted to the office a notarized retirement application form that
2453	states the member's proposed retirement date; and
2454	(c) one of the following conditions is met as of the member's retirement date:
2455	(i) the member has accrued at least four years of service credit and has attained an age
2456	of 65 years;
2457	(ii) the member has accrued at least 10 years of service credit and has attained an age
2458	of 62 years;
2459	(iii) the member has accrued at least 20 years of service credit and has attained an age
2460	of 60 years; or
2461	(iv) the member has accrued at least 25 years of service credit.
2462	(2) (a) The member's retirement date:
2463	(i) shall be the 1st or the 16th day of the month, as selected by the member;
2464	(ii) shall be on or after the date of termination; and
2465	(iii) may not be more than 90 days before or after the date the application is received by
2466	the office.
2467	(b) A member may not be employed by a participating employer in the system
2468	established by this chapter on the retirement date selected under Subsection (2)(a)(i).
2469	Section 55. Section 49-23-304 is amended to read:
2470	49-23-304. Defined benefit service retirement plans Calculation of retirement
2471	allowance Social Security limitations.
2472	(1) (a) The retirees of this system may choose from the six retirement options described
2473	in this section.
2474	(b) Options Two, Three, Four, Five, and Six are modifications of the Option One
2475	calculation.
2476	(2) The Option One benefit is an annual allowance calculated as follows:

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(a) If the retiree is at least 65 years of age or has accrued at least 25 years of service credit, the allowance is an amount equal to 1.5% of the retiree's final average salary multiplied by the number of years of service credit accrued on and after July 1, 2011.

- (b) If the retiree is less than 65 years of age, the allowance shall be reduced by the full actuarial amount for each year of retirement from age 60 to age 65, unless the member has 25 or more years of accrued credit in which event no reduction is made to the allowance.
- (c) (i) Years of service includes any fractions of years of service to which the retiree may be entitled.
- (ii) At the time of retirement, if a retiree's combined years of actual, not purchased, service credit is within 1/10 of one year of the total years of service credit required for retirement, the retiree shall be considered to have the total years of service credit required for retirement.
- (d) An Option One allowance is only payable to the member during the member's lifetime.
- (3) The allowance payable under Options Two, Three, Four, Five, and Six is calculated by reducing an Option One benefit based on actuarial computations to provide the following:
- (a) Option Two is a reduced allowance paid to and throughout the lifetime of the retiree, and, if the retiree receives less in annuity payments than the amount of the retiree's member contributions, the remaining balance of the retiree's member contributions shall be paid in accordance with Sections 49-11-609 and 49-11-610.
- (b) Option Three is a reduced allowance paid to and throughout the lifetime of the retiree, and, upon the death of the retiree, the same reduced allowance is paid to and throughout the lifetime of the retiree's lawful spouse at the time of retirement.
- (c) Option Four is a reduced allowance paid to and throughout the lifetime of the retiree, and upon the death of the retiree, an amount equal to 1/2 of the retiree's allowance is paid to and throughout the lifetime of the retiree's lawful spouse at the time of retirement.
- (d) Option Five is a modification of Option Three so that if the lawful spouse at the time of retirement predeceases the retiree, an allowance equivalent to the amount payable at the time of initial retirement under Option One shall be paid to the retiree for the remainder of the retiree's life, beginning on the [last day of the month following the month in which the lawful spouse dies.] first day of the month:

2508	(i) following the month in which the spouse died, if the application is received by the
2509	office within 90 days of the spouse's death; or
2510	(ii) following the month in which the application is received by the office, if the
2511	application is received by the office more than 90 days after the spouse's death.
2512	(e) Option Six is a modification of Option Four so that if the lawful spouse at the time
2513	of retirement predeceases the retiree, an allowance equivalent to the amount payable at the time
2514	of initial retirement under Option One shall be paid to the retiree for the remainder of the
2515	retiree's life, beginning on the [last day of the month following the month in which the lawful
2516	spouse dies.] first day of the month:
2517	(i) following the month in which the spouse died, if the application is received by the
2518	office within 90 days of the spouse's death; or
2519	(ii) following the month in which the application is received by the office, if the
2520	application is received by the office more than 90 days after the spouse's death.
2521	[(4) Periods of employment which are exempt from this system may be purchased by
2522	the member for the purpose of retirement only if all benefits from any other public or private
2523	system or organization based on this period of employment are forfeited.]
2524	[(5)] (4) (a) If a retiree under Option One dies within 120 days after the retiree's
2525	retirement date, the retirement is canceled and the death shall be considered as that of a
2526	member before retirement.
2527	(b) Any payments made to the retiree shall be deducted from the amounts due to the
2528	beneficiary.
2529	[(6)] (5) If a retiree retires under either Option Five or Six and subsequently divorces,
2530	the retiree may elect to convert the benefit to an Option One benefit at the time of divorce, if
2531	there is no court order filed in the matter.
2532	Section 56. Section 49-23-309 is enacted to read:
2533	49-23-309. Defined benefit adjustments Conditions Process Future years
2534	accrual.
2535	(1) In accordance with this section, the Legislature may make adjustments to the
2536	benefits provided for the defined benefit portion of the Tier II Hybrid Retirement System
2537	created under this part if the member's contribution required under Subsection 49-23-301(2)(b)
2538	to the certified contribution rate for the defined benefit portion of this system exceeds 2% of

2539	the member's salary and:
2540	(a) (i) the membership council created under Section 49-11-202 recommends an
2541	adjustment to the board in accordance with Subsection (2); and
2542	(ii) the board recommends specific adjustments to the Legislature in accordance with
2543	Subsection (2); or
2544	(b) an actuarial study that conforms with generally accepted actuarial principles and
2545	practices and with the Actuarial Standards of Practice issued by the Actuarial Standards Board
2546	and requested or commissioned by the board or the Legislature concludes:
2547	(i) there is a significant likelihood that contribution rates will continue to rise; and
2548	(ii) that participating employers are liable for system costs above the contribution rate
2549	established under Subsection 49-23-301(2)(a).
2550	(2) If the conditions under Subsection (1)(a) or (b) are met, the Legislature may adjust
2551	benefits for the defined benefit portion of the Tier II Hybrid Retirement System accrued or
2552	applied for future years of service including:
2553	(a) the final average salary calculation provided under Section 49-23-102;
2554	(b) the years of service required to be eligible to receive a retirement allowance under
2555	Section 49-23-303;
2556	(c) the years of service credit multiplier established under Subsection 49-23-304(2)(a):
2557	(d) the annual cost-of-living adjustment under Section 49-23-307; or
2558	(e) other provisions of the defined benefit portion of the Tier II Hybrid Retirement
2559	System.
2560	(3) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsections (1) and (2), the Legislature may
2561	make adjustments to the benefits provided for the defined benefit portion of the Tier II Hybrid
2562	Retirement System created under this part if an actuarial study described under Subsection
2563	(1)(b) concludes, due to current and projected economic conditions, member participation
2564	levels, and system structure, that the system:
2565	(i) cannot reasonably be sustained under its current provisions;
2566	(ii) is critically underfunded; and
2567	(iii) has become unstable and is in risk of collapse.
2568	(b) Subject to federal law, the adjustments under Subsection (3)(a) may include:
2569	(i) conversion to a different type of retirement plan:

2570	(ii) equitable distribution of system assets to retirees and members; and
2571	(iii) a closure of the system.
2572	Section 57. Section 49-23-401 is amended to read:
2573	49-23-401. Contributions Rates.
2574	(1) Up to the amount allowed by federal law, the participating employer shall
2575	[contribute] make a nonelective contribution of 12% of the participant's compensation to a
2576	defined contribution plan.
2577	(2) (a) The participating employer shall contribute the 12% nonelective contribution
2578	described in Subsection (1) to a defined contribution plan qualified under Section 401(k) of the
2579	Internal Revenue Code which:
2580	(i) is sponsored by the board; and
2581	(ii) has been grandfathered under Section 1116 of the Federal Tax Reform Act of 1986.
2582	(b) The member may make [additional payments] voluntary deferrals to:
2583	(i) the qualified 401(k) plan which receives the employer contribution described in this
2584	Subsection (2); or
2585	(ii) at the member's option, another defined contribution plan established by the
2586	participating employer.
2587	(c) In addition to the percent specified under Subsection (2)(a), the participating
2588	employer shall pay the corresponding Tier I system amortization rate of the employee's
2589	compensation to the office to be applied to the employer's corresponding Tier I system liability.
2590	(3) (a) The total amount contributed by the participating employer under Subsection
2591	(2)(a) vests to the [member's benefit after four years of employment from the date of
2592	employment] member upon accruing four years of employment as a regular full-time employee
2593	under this chapter.
2594	(b) The total amount contributed by the member under Subsection (2)(b) vests to the
2595	member's benefit immediately and is nonforfeitable.
2596	(4) (a) Contributions made by a participating employer under Subsection (2)(a) shall be
2597	invested in a default option selected by the board until the member is vested in accordance with
2598	Subsection (3)(a).
2599	(b) A member may direct the investment of contributions, including associated
2600	investment gains and losses, made by a participating employer under Subsection (2)(a) only

after the contributions have vested in accordance with Subsection (3)(a).

- (c) A member may direct the investment of contributions made by the member under Subsection (3)(b).
- (5) No loans shall be available from contributions made by a participating employer under Subsection (2)(a).
- (6) No hardship distributions shall be available from contributions made by a participating employer under Subsection (2)(a).
- (7) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (7)(b), if a member terminates employment with a participating employer prior to the vesting period described in Subsection (3)(a), all contributions made by a participating employer on behalf of the member including associated investment gains and losses under Subsection (2)(a) are subject to forfeiture.
- (b) If a member who terminates employment with a participating employer prior to the vesting period described in Subsection (3)(a) subsequently enters employment with the same or another participating employer within 10 years of the termination date of the previous employment:
- (i) all contributions made by the previous participating employer on behalf of the member, including associated investment gains and losses, shall be reinstated upon the member's [completion of the vesting period under Subsection (3)(a)] employment as a regular full-time employee; and
- (ii) the length of time that the member worked with the previous employer shall be included in determining whether the member has completed the vesting period under Subsection (3)(a).
- (c) The [board] office shall establish a forfeiture account and shall specify the uses of the forfeiture account, which may include an offset against administrative costs of employer contributions made under this section.
- (8) The [board] office may request from any other qualified 401(k) plan under Subsection (2) any relevant information pertaining to the maintenance of its tax qualification under the Internal Revenue Code.
- (9) The [board] office may take any action which in its judgment is necessary to maintain the tax-qualified status of its 401(k) defined contribution plan under federal law.
- Section 58. Section **49-23-403** is enacted to read:

2632	49-23-403. Eligibility to receive a retirement allowance for a benefit tied to a
2633	retirement date for Defined Contribution members.
2634	(1) As used in this section, "eligible to receive a retirement allowance" means the date
2635	selected by the member who is a participant under this part on which the member has ceased
2636	employment and would be qualified to receive an allowance under Section 49-23-303 if the
2637	member had been under the Tier II Hybrid Retirement System for the same period of
2638	employment.
2639	(2) The office and a participating employer shall make an accounting of years of
2640	service credit accrued for a member who is a participant under this part in order to calculate
2641	when a member would be eligible to receive a retirement allowance for purposes of
2642	establishing when a member may be eligible for a benefit tied to a retirement date that may be
2643	provided under Section 67-19-14.4, this title, another state statute, or by a participating
2644	employer.
2645	Section 59. Section 49-23-501 is amended to read:
2646	49-23-501. Death benefit by means of group insurance policy Eligibility for
2647	death benefit Benefit calculation Payment of claim.
2648	(1) The office shall provide a death benefit through the purchase of a group insurance
2649	policy for members of this system.
2650	(2) The board shall make rules to administer the death benefit provided by this section
2651	and may, in accordance with federal law, establish:
2652	(a) benefit levels;
2653	(b) classes of members; and
2654	(c) a living benefit option.
2655	(3) This death benefit is payable when:
2656	(a) the member dies prior to the member's retirement date or dies under circumstances
2657	which Subsection [49-23-304(5)] 49-23-304(4) requires to be treated as the death of a member
2658	before retirement;
2659	(b) the office receives acceptable proof of death; and
2660	(c) benefits are not payable under Section 49-23-306.
2661	(4) The death benefit payable to the beneficiary under this section is a lump-sum
2662	payment consisting of:

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2663	(a) the return of any member contributions under this chapter; plus
2664	(b) a percentage of the final average salary of the member to be determined by the

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- (5) Any amount of a living benefit option paid to the member prior to death shall be deducted from the benefit payable to the beneficiary.
- 2668 (6) The cost of the death benefit shall be paid by the participating employer in addition to the contribution rate established under Section 49-23-301 or 49-23-401.
  - (7) The portion of the death benefit provided under Subsection (4)(b) may not be paid to the beneficiary of an inactive member unless the death of the member occurs either:
  - (a) within a period of 120 days after the last day of work for which the person received compensation; or
  - (b) while the member is still physically or mentally incapacitated from performance of duties, if the incapacity has been continuous since the last day of work for which compensation was received.
  - (8) The death benefit provided under Subsection (4)(b) shall be paid in accordance with Sections 49-11-609 and 49-11-610.
  - (9) The death benefit paid to the beneficiary of an inactive member, except as otherwise provided under Subsection (7), is a lump-sum return of the member's member contributions.
  - (10) Payment of the death benefit by the office constitutes a full settlement of any beneficiary's claim against the office and the office is not liable for any further or additional claims or assessments on behalf of the member.
  - (11) Unless otherwise specified in a written document filed with the office, death benefits payable to beneficiaries shall be in accordance with the order of precedence established under Title 75, Chapter 2, Intestate Succession and Wills.
- 2688 (12) A death benefit under this section may not be paid on behalf of a retiree under this system.
  - Section 60. Section **49-23-502** is amended to read:
- 2691 **49-23-502.** Death of married members -- Service retirement benefits to surviving spouse.
- 2693 (1) As used in this section, "member's full allowance" means an Option Three

allowance calculated under Section 49-23-304 without an actuarial reduction.

(2) Upon the request of a deceased member's lawful spouse at the time of the member's death, the deceased member is considered to have retired under Option Three on the first day of the month following the month in which the member died if the following requirements are met:

(a) the member has:

- 2700 (i) 15 or more years of service credit;
  - (ii) attained age 62 with 10 or more years of service credit; or
- 2702 (iii) attained age 65 with four or more years of service credit; and
  - (b) the member dies leaving a spouse to whom the member has been married at least six months immediately prior to the death date.
  - (3) The spouse who requests a benefit under this section shall apply in writing to the office. The allowance shall begin on the first day of the month:
  - (a) following the month in which the member died, if the application is received by the office within 90 days of the member's death; or
  - (b) <u>following the month</u> in which the application is received by the office, <u>if the</u> application is received by the office more than 90 days after the spouse's death.
    - (4) The allowance payable to a surviving spouse under Subsection (2) is:
  - (a) if the member has 25 or more years of service credit at the time of death, the surviving spouse shall receive the member's full allowance;
  - (b) if the member has between 20-24 years of service credit and is not age 60 or older at the time of death, the surviving spouse shall receive [2/3] two-thirds of the member's full allowance;
  - (c) if the member has between 15-19 years of service credit and is not age 62 or older at the time of death, the surviving spouse shall receive [1/3] one-third of the member's full allowance; or
  - (d) if the member is age 60 or older with 20 or more years of service credit, age 62 or older with 10 or more years of service credit, or age 65 or older with four or more years of service credit at the time of death, the surviving spouse shall receive an Option Three benefit with actuarial reductions.
    - (5) Except for a return of member contributions, benefits payable under this section are

the Utah State Bar Association; and

2725	retirement benefits and shall be paid in addition to any other payments made under Section
2726	49-23-501 and shall constitute a full and final settlement of the claim of the spouse or any other
2727	beneficiary filing a claim for benefits under Section 49-23-501.
2728	Section 61. Section 49-23-601 is amended to read:
2729	49-23-601. Long-term disability coverage.
2730	(1) Each participating employer shall cover the following employees under Title 49,
2731	Chapter 21, Public Employees' Long-Term Disability Act, or a substantially similar long-term
2732	disability program:
2733	[(1)] (a) public safety employees initially entering employment on or after July 1, 2011;
2734	[(2)] (b) firefighter service employees initially entering employment on or after July 1,
2735	2011; and
2736	[ <del>(3)</del> ] <u>(c)</u> volunteer firefighters.
2737	(2) The office shall ensure that the long-term disability program provided for volunteer
2738	firefighters under this section is funded with money paid under Section 49-11-901.5.
2739	(3) (a) In accordance with rules made by the office, a participating employer shall
2740	provide the office with information on each person who is actively serving the participating
2741	employer as a volunteer firefighter in order for the person to be eligible for long-term disability
2742	coverage under this section.
2743	(b) A participating employer shall provide to the office:
2744	(i) the information under Subsection (3)(a), not later than July 1, 2011; and
2745	(ii) updates to the information as changes occur.
2746	Section 62. Section 67-5-8 is amended to read:
2747	67-5-8. Eligibility for career service status.
2748	(1) (a) The attorney general has sole authority to determine who may be employed with
2749	the Office of the Attorney General.
2750	(b) An employee of the state or any of its departments or agencies has no claim or right
2751	to a position in the attorney general's office by virtue of that employment.
2752	(2) (a) An employee of the Office of the Attorney General shall be placed in a career
2753	service status if:
2754	(i) for an employee who is an attorney, the attorney is a member in good standing of

2756 (ii) except as provided in Subsection (3), the employee has been employed by the 2757 Office of the Attorney General as a probationary employee for a period of:

(A) at least one year but no more than 18 months; or

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- (B) in the case of investigators, at least 18 months, but no more than two years.
- (b) An employee now employed by the attorney general's office in career service may not be terminated under this chapter except for cause.
- (3) (a) The attorney general shall determine whether an employee should be granted career service status.
- (b) If, at the end of the probationary period established under Subsection (2), the attorney general determines that an employee should be granted career service status, the attorney general shall notify the employee in writing of that decision and place a copy of the notification in the employee's personnel file.
- (c) If the attorney general determines that career service status should not be granted, the attorney general may either terminate the employee or extend the probationary period for a period not to exceed one year.
- (d) The attorney general shall notify the employee in writing of that decision and place a copy of the notification in the employee's personnel file.
  - (e) An employee terminated under this section has no appeal rights under this chapter.
- (4) (a) An attorney in career service status under this chapter shall retire upon attaining the age of 70 years.
- (b) Subject to the provisions of [Section] Sections 49-11-504 and 49-11-505, an attorney required to retire under this section may be employed by the attorney general, after retirement, as a special assistant attorney general.
- (c) An attorney employed in the capacity of a special assistant under Subsection (4)(b) is not in career service status and is subject to termination in accordance with Section 67-5-12.

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## STATE GOVERNMENT (UCA 36-12-13(2)(b))

Enacting this bill will reallocate revenue from the Firefighters' Retirement Trust Fund and under some conditions the Public Safety Contributory Trust and the Public Safety Noncontributory Trust to help pay for volunteer firefighters' long-term disability. The estimated reallocations should be negligible with no net impact to the state.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENTS (UCA 36-12-13(2)(c))

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs for local governments.

DIRECT EXPENDITURES BY UTAH RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES (UCA 36-12-13(2)(d)) Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable expenditures by Utah residents or businesses.

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