

January 14, 2021

Governor JB Pritzker 207 Statehouse Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Governor Pritzker:

Pursuant to Public Act 88-593, as amended, at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the General Assembly Retirement System (GARS) held on January 12, 2021, the Board certified an FY 2022 State contribution of \$27,820,000, or 286.061% of projected payroll. Of the \$27,820,000, \$1,729,000 is for the employer's portion of the expected FY 2022 normal cost. The remaining \$26,091,000 is due to the unfunded liabilities.

Consistent with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 67, the GARS Board of Trustees adopted a funding policy, or Actuarially Determined Contribution (ADC) policy in 2015. The ADC provides for annual contributions that are equal to the annual normal cost of benefits earned plus amortization of the unfunded actuarial liability over a 20-year period, as a level percent of payroll. The remaining amortization period is 15 years. The FY 2022 ADC is \$35,005,692, or almost \$7.2 million higher than the amount calculated under the statutory funding plan.

The ADC is used in financial reporting but does not affect the certified employer contributions to GARS, which was certified by the Board pursuant to the statutory funding plan.

Attached is the FY 2020 actuarial valuation along with the FY 2022 certification letter prepared by the System's actuaries. The actuarial valuation, membership data used in the valuation, and all calculations were reviewed by the State Actuary.

> Very truly yours, Timothy B. Blair

> > Timothy Blair **Executive Secretary**

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