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1 AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Illinois Public Labor Relations Act is amended by changing Section 4 as follows:

6 (5 ILCS 315/4) (from Ch. 48, par. 1604)

Sec. 4. Management Rights. Employers shall not be required to bargain over matters of inherent managerial policy, which shall include such areas of discretion or policy as the functions of the employer, standards of services, its overall budget, the organizational structure and selection of new employees, examination techniques and direction of employees. Employers, however, shall be required to bargain collectively with regard to policy matters directly affecting wages, hours and terms and conditions of employment as well as the impact thereon upon request by employee representatives, but excluding (i) the payment of the additional member contributions set forth in subsections (a-1) and (a-5) of Sections 14-133, 15-157, and 16-152 of the Illinois Pension Code and (ii) the provision of compensation or benefits to employees who make the election under Section 14-106.5, 15-132.9, or 16-122.9 of the Illinois Pension Code in order to offset all or part of any compensation or benefit limitations

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included as part of the elections under those Sections.

To preserve the rights of employers and exclusive representatives which have established collective bargaining relationships or negotiated collective bargaining agreements prior to the effective date of this Act, employers shall be required to bargain collectively with regard to any matter concerning wages, hours or conditions of employment about which they have bargained for and agreed to in a collective bargaining agreement prior to the effective date of this Act, but excluding (i) the payment of the additional member contributions set forth in subsections (a-1) and (a-5) of Sections 14-133, 15-157, and 16-152 of the Illinois Pension Code and (ii) the provision of compensation or benefits to employees who make the election under Section 14-106.5, 15-132.9, or 16-122.9 of the Illinois Pension Code in order to offset all or part of any compensation or benefit limitations included as part of the elections under those Sections.

The chief judge of the judicial circuit that employs a public employee who is a court reporter, as defined in the Court Reporters Act, has the authority to hire, appoint, promote, evaluate, discipline, and discharge court reporters within that judicial circuit.

Nothing in this amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly shall be construed to intrude upon the judicial functions of any court. This amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly applies only to nonjudicial administrative matters relating to

- 1 the collective bargaining rights of court reporters.
- 2 (Source: P.A. 94-98, eff. 7-1-05.)
- 3 Section 10. The State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971
- 4 is amended by changing Sections 6.9 and 6.10 and by adding
- 5 Sections 6.10A and 6.16 as follows:
- 6 (5 ILCS 375/6.9)
- 7 Sec. 6.9. Health benefits for community college benefit
- 8 recipients and community college dependent beneficiaries.
- 9 (a) Purpose. It is the purpose of this amendatory Act of
- 10 1997 to establish a uniform program of health benefits for
- 11 community college benefit recipients and their dependent
- 12 beneficiaries under the administration of the Department of
- 13 Central Management Services.
- 14 (b) Creation of program. Beginning July 1, 1999, the
- Department of Central Management Services shall be responsible
- 16 for administering a program of health benefits for community
- 17 college benefit recipients and community college dependent
- 18 beneficiaries under this Section. The State Universities
- 19 Retirement System and the boards of trustees of the various
- 20 community college districts shall cooperate with the
- 21 Department in this endeavor.
- 22 (c) Eligibility. All community college benefit recipients
- 23 and community college dependent beneficiaries shall be
- 24 eligible to participate in the program established under this

- 1 Section, without any interruption or delay in coverage or
- 2 limitation as to pre-existing medical conditions. Eligibility
- 3 to participate shall be determined by the State Universities
- 4 Retirement System. Eligibility information shall be
- 5 communicated to the Department of Central Management Services
- in a format acceptable to the Department.
- 7 (d) Coverage. The health benefit coverage provided under
- 8 this Section shall be a program of health, dental, and vision
- 9 benefits.
- 10 The program of health benefits under this Section may
- include any or all of the benefit limitations, including but
- not limited to a reduction in benefits based on eligibility for
- 13 federal medicare benefits, that are provided under subsection
- 14 (a) of Section 6 of this Act for other health benefit programs
- 15 under this Act.
- 16 (e) Insurance rates and premiums. The Director shall
- 17 determine the insurance rates and premiums for community
- 18 college benefit recipients and community college dependent
- 19 beneficiaries. Rates and premiums may be based in part on age
- 20 and eligibility for federal Medicare coverage. The Director
- 21 shall also determine premiums that will allow for the
- 22 establishment of an actuarially sound reserve for this program.
- The cost of health benefits under the program shall be paid
- 24 as follows:
- 25 (1) For a community college benefit recipient, costs
- shall be an amount equal to the difference between the

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projected costs of health benefits under the program and projected contributions from community college districts, active contributors, and other income of the program. Other income of the program shall exclude contributions made by the State to retire unpaid claims of the program up to 75% of the total insurance rate shall be paid from the Community College Health Insurance Security Fund.

(2) The balance of the rate of insurance, including the entire premium for any coverage for community college dependent beneficiaries that has been elected, shall be paid by deductions authorized by the community college benefit recipient to be withheld from his or her monthly annuity or benefit payment from the State Universities Retirement System; except that (i) if the balance of the cost of coverage exceeds the amount of the monthly annuity or benefit payment, the difference shall be paid directly the State Universities Retirement System by the community college benefit recipient, and (ii) all or part of the balance of the cost of coverage may, at the option of the board of trustees of the community college district, be paid to the State Universities Retirement System by the board of the community college district from which the community college benefit recipient retired. The State Universities Retirement System shall promptly deposit all moneys withheld by or paid to it under this subdivision (e)(2)into the Community College Health

Security Fund. These moneys shall not be considered assets

of the State Universities Retirement System.

(f) Financing. All revenues arising from the administration of the health benefit program established under this Section shall be deposited into the Community College Health Insurance Security Fund, which is hereby created as a nonappropriated trust fund to be held outside the State Treasury, with the State Treasurer as custodian. Any interest earned on moneys in the Community College Health Insurance Security Fund shall be deposited into the Fund.

Moneys in the Community College Health Insurance Security Fund shall be used only to pay the costs of the health benefit program established under this Section, including associated administrative costs and the establishment of a program reserve. Beginning January 1, 1999, the Department of Central Management Services may make expenditures from the Community College Health Insurance Security Fund for those costs.

(g) Contract for benefits. The Director shall by contract, self-insurance, or otherwise make available the program of health benefits for community college benefit recipients and their community college dependent beneficiaries that is provided for in this Section. The contract or other arrangement for the provision of these health benefits shall be on terms deemed by the Director to be in the best interest of the State of Illinois and the community college benefit recipients based on, but not limited to, such criteria as administrative cost,

- service capabilities of the carrier or other contractor, and the costs of the benefits.
 - (h) Continuation of program. It is the intention of the General Assembly that the program of health benefits provided under this Section be maintained on an ongoing, affordable basis. The program of health benefits provided under this Section may be amended by the State and is not intended to be a pension or retirement benefit subject to protection under Article XIII, Section 5 of the Illinois Constitution.
 - (i) Other health benefit plans. A health benefit plan provided by a community college district (other than a community college district subject to Article VII of the Public Community College Act) under the terms of a collective bargaining agreement in effect on or prior to the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1997 shall continue in force according to the terms of that agreement, unless otherwise mutually agreed by the parties to that agreement and the affected retiree. A community college benefit recipient or community college dependent beneficiary whose coverage under such a plan expires shall be eligible to begin participating in the program established under this Section without any interruption or delay in coverage or limitation as to pre-existing medical conditions.
 - This Act does not prohibit any community college district from offering additional health benefits for its retirees or their dependents or survivors.

(Source: P.A. 90-497, eff. 8-18-97; 90-655, eff. 7-30-98.) 1

- (5 ILCS 375/6.10) 2
- 3 Sec. 6.10. Contributions to the Community College Health
- 4 Insurance Security Fund.
- 5 (a) Beginning January 1, 1999, every active contributor of
- 6 the State Universities Retirement System (established under
- Article 15 of the Illinois Pension Code) who (1) is a full-time 7
- 8 employee of a community college district (other than a
- 9 community college district subject to Article VII of the Public
- 10 Community College Act) or an association of community college
- 11 boards and (2) is not an employee as defined in Section 3 of
- 12 this Act shall make contributions toward the cost of community
- college annuitant and survivor health benefits at the rate of 1.3
- 0.50% of salary. Beginning July 1, 2014, the contribution rate 14
- 15 under this subsection (a) shall be 0.93% of salary.
- 16 These contributions shall be deducted by the employer and
- paid to the State Universities Retirement System as service 17
- 18 agent for the Department of Central Management Services. The
- 19 same processes for collecting System may use the
- contributions required by this subsection that it uses to 20
- 21 collect the contributions received from those employees under
- 22 Section 15-157 of the Illinois Pension Code. An employer may
- agree to pick up or pay the contributions required under this 23
- 24 subsection on behalf of the employee; such contributions shall
- 25 be deemed to have been paid by the employee.

The State Universities Retirement System shall promptly deposit all moneys collected under this subsection (a) into the Community College Health Insurance Security Fund created in Section 6.9 of this Act. The moneys collected under this Section shall be used only for the purposes authorized in Section 6.9 of this Act and shall not be considered to be assets of the State Universities Retirement System. Contributions made under this Section are not transferable to other pension funds or retirement systems and are not

refundable upon termination of service.

(b) Beginning January 1, 1999, every community college district (other than a community college district subject to Article VII of the Public Community College Act) or association of community college boards that is an employer under the State Universities Retirement System shall contribute toward the cost of the community college health benefits provided under Section 6.9 of this Act an amount equal to 0.50% of the salary paid to its full-time employees who participate in the State Universities Retirement System and are not members as defined in Section 3 of this Act. Beginning July 1, 2014, the contribution rate under this subsection (b) shall be 0.93% of salary.

These contributions shall be paid by the employer to the State Universities Retirement System as service agent for the Department of Central Management Services. The System may use the same processes for collecting the contributions required by

1 this subsection that it uses to collect the contributions

2 received from those employers under Section 15-155 of the

3 Illinois Pension Code.

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The State Universities Retirement System shall promptly deposit all moneys collected under this subsection (b) into the Community College Health Insurance Security Fund created in Section 6.9 of this Act. The moneys collected under this Section shall be used only for the purposes authorized in Section 6.9 of this Act and shall not be considered to be assets of t.he State Universities Retirement System. Contributions made under this Section are not transferable to other pension funds or retirement systems and are not refundable upon termination of service.

The Department of Healthcare and Family Services, or any successor agency designated to procure healthcare contracts pursuant to this Act, is authorized to establish funds, separate accounts provided by any bank or banks as defined by the Illinois Banking Act, or separate accounts provided by any savings and loan association or associations as defined by the Illinois Savings and Loan Act of 1985 to be held by the Director, outside the State treasury, for the purpose of receiving the transfer of moneys from the Community College Health Insurance Security Fund. The Department may promulgate rules further defining the methodology for the transfers. Any interest earned by moneys in the funds or accounts shall inure to the Community College Health Insurance Security Fund. The

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exclusively for transfers to administrative service organizations or their financial institutions for payments of claims to claimants and providers under the self-insurance health plan. The transferred moneys, and interest accrued thereon, shall not be used for any other purpose including, but not limited to, reimbursement of administration fees due the administrative service organization pursuant to its contract or contracts with the Department.

(c) On or before November 15 of each year, the Board of Trustees of the State Universities Retirement System shall certify to the Governor, the Director of Central Management Services, and the State Comptroller its estimate of the total amount of contributions to be paid under subsection (a) of this Section for the next fiscal year. Beginning in fiscal year 2008, the amount certified shall be decreased or increased each amount that the actual by the active employee contributions either fell short of or exceeded the estimate used by the Board in making the certification for the previous fiscal year. The State Universities Retirement System shall calculate the amount of actual active employee contributions in fiscal years 1999 through 2005. Based upon this calculation, the fiscal year 2008 certification shall include an amount equal to the cumulative amount that the actual active employee contributions either fell short of or exceeded the estimate used by the Board in making the certification for those fiscal

- years. The certification shall include a detailed explanation 1 2 of the methods and information that the Board relied upon in 3 preparing its estimate. As soon as possible after the effective
- 4 date of this Section, the Board shall submit its estimate for
- fiscal year 1999. 5
- 6 (d) Beginning in fiscal year 1999, on the first day of each 7 month, or as soon thereafter as may be practical, the State 8 Treasurer and the State Comptroller shall transfer from the 9 General Revenue Fund to the Community College Health Insurance 10 Security Fund 1/12 of the annual amount appropriated for that 11 fiscal year to the State Comptroller for deposit into the 12 Community College Health Insurance Security Fund under Section
- 13 1.4 of the State Pension Funds Continuing Appropriation Act.
- (e) Except where otherwise specified in this Section, the 14 15 definitions that apply to Article 15 of the Illinois Pension 16 Code apply to this Section.
- 17 (Source: P.A. 94-839, eff. 6-6-06; 95-632, eff. 9-25-07.)
- 18 (5 ILCS 375/6.10A new)
- 19 Sec. 6.10A. City colleges; optional participation in 20 of health benefits. Notwithstanding any other program 21 provision of this Act, the Department of Central Management 22 Services shall adopt rules authorizing optional participation 23 in the program of health benefits for community college benefit 24 recipients and community college dependent beneficiaries by any person who is otherwise ineligible to participate in that 25

- program solely as a result of that or another person's 1
- 2 employment with a community college district subject to Article
- 3 VII of the Public Community College Act.
- 4 (5 ILCS 375/6.16 new)
- 5 Sec. 6.16. Health benefit election for Tier I employees and
- 6 Tier I retirees.
- 7 (a) For purposes of this Section:
- 8 "Eligible Tier I employee" means, except as provided in
- 9 subsection (q) of this Section, an individual who makes or is
- 10 deemed to have made an election under paragraph (1) of
- 11 subsection (a) of Section 2-110.3, 14-106.5, 15-132.9, or
- 12 16-122.9 of the Illinois Pension Code.
- 13 "Eligible Tier I retiree" means, except as provided in
- subsection (g) of this Section, an individual who makes or is 14
- 15 deemed to have made an election under paragraph (1) of
- 16 subsection (a-5) of Section 2-110.3, 14-106.5, 15-132.9, or
- 16-122.9 of the Illinois Pension Code. 17
- 18 "Program of health benefits" means (i) a health plan, as
- defined in subsection (o) of Section 3 of this Act, that is 19
- 20 designed and contracted for by the Director under this Act or
- 21 any successor Act or (ii) if administration of that health plan
- 22 is transferred to a trust established by the State or an
- 23 independent Board in order to provide health benefits to a
- 24 class of a persons that includes eligible Tier I retirees, then
- 25 the plan of health benefits provided through that trust.

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- (b) As adequate and legal consideration for making an election under paragraph (1) of subsection (a) or (a-5) of Section 2-110.3, 14-106.5, 15-132.9, or 16-122.9 of the Illinois Pension Code, as the case may be, each eligible Tier I employee and each eligible Tier I retiree shall receive a vested and enforceable contractual right to participate in a program of health benefits while he or she qualifies as an annuitant or retired employee. That right also extends to such a person's dependents and survivors who are eligible under the applicable program of health benefits.
- (c) Notwithstanding subsection (b), eligible Tier I employees and eligible Tier I retirees may be required to make contributions toward the cost of coverage under a program of health benefits.
- (d) The vested and enforceable contractual right to a program of health benefits is not offered as, and shall not be considered, a pension or retirement benefit under Article XIII, Section 5 of the Illinois Constitution, the Illinois Pension Code, or any subsequent or successor enactment providing pension benefits.
- (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, except subsection (g) of this Section, a Tier I employee or Tier I retiree who has made an election under paragraph (2) of subsection (a) or (a-5) of Section 2-110.3, 14-106.5, 15-132.9, or 16-122.9 of the Illinois Pension Code, as the case may be, shall not be entitled to participate in any program of health

benefits under this Act as an annuitant or retired employee 1 receiving a retirement annuity, regardless of any contrary 2 3 election pursuant to any of those Sections under any other

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Notwithstanding any other provision of law, except subsection (q) of this Section, a Tier I employee who is not entitled to participate in the program of health benefits as an annuitant or retired employee receiving a retirement annuity, due to an election under paragraph (2) of subsection (a) or (a-5) of Section 2-110.3, 14-106.5, 15-132.9, or 16-122.9 of the Illinois Pension Code, as the case may be, shall not be required to make contributions toward the program of health benefits while he or she is an employee or active contributor. However, an active employee may be required to make contributions toward health benefits he or she receives during active service.

(f) The Department shall coordinate with each retirement system administering an election in accordance with this amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly to provide information concerning the impact of the election of health benefits. Each System shall include information prepared by the Department in the required election packet. The Department shall make information available to Tier I employees and Tier I retirees through video materials, group presentations, consultation by telephone or other electronic means, or any combination of these methods. The information in the election

- 1 packet shall include a notice that states: "YOU ARE HEREBY
- 2 ADVISED THAT THE PROGRAM OF HEALTH BENEFITS OFFERED IS FOR
- 3 ACCESS TO A GROUP HEALTHCARE PLAN ADMINISTERED BY THE
- 4 DEPARTMENT, AND YOU MAY BE REQUIRED TO PAY FOR THE FULL COST OF
- 5 COVERAGE PROVIDED BY THE PLAN, INCLUDING ALL PREMIUM,
- 6 DEDUCTIBLE, AND COPAY AMOUNTS."
- 7 (g) Nothing in this Section shall be construed as applying
- 8 to a person who is eliqible to make or who made the election
- 9 under Section 15-135.1 of the Illinois Pension Code.
- 10 Section 15. The Governor's Office of Management and Budget
- 11 Act is amended by changing Sections 7 and 8 as follows:
- 12 (20 ILCS 3005/7) (from Ch. 127, par. 417)
- Sec. 7. All statements and estimates of expenditures
- 14 submitted to the Office in connection with the preparation of a
- 15 State budget, and any other estimates of expenditures,
- 16 supporting requests for appropriations, shall be formulated
- 17 according to the various functions and activities for which the
- 18 respective department, office or institution of the State
- 19 government (including the elective officers in the executive
- 20 department and including the University of Illinois and the
- 21 judicial department) is responsible. All such statements and
- 22 estimates of expenditures relating to a particular function or
- 23 activity shall be further formulated or subject to analysis in
- 24 accordance with the following classification of objects:

- (1) Personal services
- 2 (2) State contribution for employee group insurance
- 3 (3) Contractual services
- 4 (4) Travel

- 5 (5) Commodities
- 6 (6) Equipment
- 7 (7) Permanent improvements
- 8 (8) Land
- 9 (9) Electronic Data Processing
- 10 (10) Telecommunication services
- 11 (11) Operation of Automotive Equipment
- 12 (12) Contingencies
- 13 (13) Reserve
- 14 (14) Interest
- 15 (15) Awards and Grants
- 16 (16) Debt Retirement
- 17 (17) Non-cost Charges.
- 18 (18) State retirement contribution for annual normal cost
- 19 (19) State retirement contribution for unfunded accrued
- 20 liability.
- 21 (Source: P.A. 93-25, eff. 6-20-03.)
- 22 (20 ILCS 3005/8) (from Ch. 127, par. 418)
- Sec. 8. When used in connection with a State budget or
- 24 expenditure or estimate, items (1) through (16) in the
- 25 classification of objects stated in Section 7 shall have the

- 1 meanings ascribed to those items in Sections 14 through 24.7,
- 2 respectively, of the State Finance Act. "An Act in relation to
- 3 State finance", approved June 10, 1919, as amended.
- When used in connection with a State budget or expenditure
- or estimate, items (18) and (19) in the classification of
- 6 objects stated in Section 7 shall have the meanings ascribed to
- 7 those items in Sections 24.12 and 24.13, respectively, of the
- 8 <u>State Finance Act.</u>
- 9 (Source: P.A. 82-325.)
- 10 Section 20. The State Finance Act is amended by changing
- 11 Section 13 and by adding Sections 24.12 and 24.13 as follows:
- 12 (30 ILCS 105/13) (from Ch. 127, par. 149)
- 13 Sec. 13. The objects and purposes for which appropriations
- are made are classified and standardized by items as follows:
- 15 (1) Personal services;
- 16 (2) State contribution for employee group insurance;
- 17 (3) Contractual services;
- 18 (4) Travel;
- 19 (5) Commodities;
- 20 (6) Equipment;
- 21 (7) Permanent improvements;
- 22 (8) Land;
- 23 (9) Electronic Data Processing;
- 24 (10) Operation of automotive equipment;

- (11) Telecommunications services; 1
- 2 (12) Contingencies;
- 3 (13) Reserve;
- (14) Interest;
- (15) Awards and Grants;
- 6 (16) Debt Retirement;
- 7 (17) Non-Cost Charges;
- 8 (18) State retirement contribution for annual normal cost;
- 9 (19) State retirement contribution for unfunded accrued
- 10 liability;
- 11 (20) (18) Purchase Contract for Real Estate.
- 12 When an appropriation is made to an officer, department,
- 13 institution, board, commission or other agency, or to a private
- 14 association or corporation, in one or more of the items above
- 15 specified, such appropriation shall be construed in accordance
- 16 with the definitions and limitations specified in this Act,
- 17 unless the appropriation act otherwise provides.
- An appropriation for a purpose other than one specified and 18
- defined in this Act may be made only as an additional, separate 19
- 20 and distinct item, specifically stating the object and purpose
- 21 thereof.
- 22 (Source: P.A. 84-263; 84-264.)
- 23 (30 ILCS 105/24.12 new)
- 24 Sec. 24.12. "State retirement contribution for annual
- normal cost" defined. The term "State retirement contribution 25

- for annual normal cost" means the portion of the total required 1
- 2 State contribution to a retirement system for a fiscal year
- 3 that represents the State's portion of the System's projected
- normal cost for that fiscal year, as determined and certified 4
- by the board of trustees of the retirement system in 5
- conformance with the applicable provisions of the Illinois 6
- 7 Pension Code.
- 8 (30 ILCS 105/24.13 new)
- Sec. 24.13. "State retirement contribution for unfunded 9
- 10 accrued liability" defined. The term "State retirement
- 11 contribution for unfunded accrued liability" means the portion
- 12 of the total required State contribution to a retirement system
- 13 for a fiscal year that is not included in the State retirement
- 14 contribution for annual normal cost.
- 15 Section 25. The Budget Stabilization Act is amended by
- changing Sections 20 and 25 as follows: 16
- 17 (30 ILCS 122/20)
- Sec. 20. Pension Stabilization Fund. 18
- 19 (a) The Pension Stabilization Fund is hereby created as a
- 20 special fund in the State treasury. Moneys in the fund shall be
- used for the sole purpose of making payments to the designated 21
- 22 retirement systems as provided in Section 25.
- 23 (b) For each fiscal year when the General Assembly's

appropriations and transfers or diversions as required by law from general funds do not exceed 99% of the estimated general funds revenues pursuant to subsection (a) of Section 10, the Comptroller shall transfer from the General Revenue Fund as provided by this Section a total amount equal to 0.5% of the estimated general funds revenues to the Pension Stabilization Fund.

- (c) For each fiscal year through State fiscal year 2019, when the General Assembly's appropriations and transfers or diversions as required by law from general funds do not exceed 98% of the estimated general funds revenues pursuant to subsection (b) of Section 10, the Comptroller shall transfer from the General Revenue Fund as provided by this Section a total amount equal to 1.0% of the estimated general funds revenues to the Pension Stabilization Fund.
- (c-10) In State fiscal year 2020 and each fiscal year thereafter, the State Comptroller shall order transferred and the State Treasurer shall transfer \$1,000,000,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the Pension Stabilization Fund.
- (c-15) The transfers made pursuant to subsection (c-10) of this Section shall continue through State fiscal year 2045 or until each of the designated retirement systems, as defined in Section 25, has achieved the funding ratio prescribed by law for that retirement system, whichever occurs first.
- (d) The Comptroller shall transfer 1/12 of the total amount to be transferred each fiscal year under this Section into the

- 1 Pension Stabilization Fund on the first day of each month of
- 2 that fiscal year or as soon thereafter as possible; except that
- 3 the final transfer of the fiscal year shall be made as soon as
- 4 practical after the August 31 following the end of the fiscal
- 5 year.
- 6 <u>Until State fiscal year 2020, before</u> the final
- 7 transfer for a fiscal year is made, the Comptroller shall
- 8 reconcile the estimated general funds revenues used in
- 9 calculating the other transfers under this Section for that
- 10 fiscal year with the actual general funds revenues for that
- 11 fiscal year. The final transfer for the fiscal year shall be
- 12 adjusted so that the total amount transferred under this
- 13 Section for that fiscal year is equal to the percentage
- specified in subsection (b) or (c) of this Section, whichever
- is applicable, of the actual general funds revenues for that
- 16 fiscal year. The actual general funds revenues for the fiscal
- year shall be calculated in a manner consistent with subsection
- 18 (c) of Section 10 of this Act.
- 19 (Source: P.A. 94-839, eff. 6-6-06.)
- 20 (30 ILCS 122/25)
- 21 Sec. 25. Transfers from the Pension Stabilization Fund.
- 22 (a) As used in this Section, "designated retirement
- 23 systems" means:
- 24 (1) the State Employees' Retirement System of
- 25 Illinois;

- (2) the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of 1
- 2 Illinois;

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- (3) the State Universities Retirement System;
- (4) the Judges Retirement System of Illinois; and 4
 - (5) the General Assembly Retirement System.
 - (b) As soon as may be practical after any money is deposited into the Pension Stabilization Fund, the State Comptroller shall apportion the deposited amount among the designated retirement systems and the State Comptroller and State Treasurer shall pay the apportioned amounts to the designated retirement systems. The amount deposited shall be apportioned among the designated retirement systems in proportion to their respective certified State contributions for the State fiscal year in which the payment is made to those systems in the same proportion as their respective portions of the total actuarial reserve deficiency of the designated retirement systems, as most recently determined by the Governor's Office of Management and Budget. Amounts received by a designated retirement system under this Section shall be used for funding the unfunded liabilities of the retirement system. Payments under this Section are authorized by the continuing appropriation under Section 1.7 of the State Pension Funds Continuing Appropriation Act.
 - (c) At the request of the State Comptroller, the Governor's Office of Management and Budget shall determine the individual and total actuarial reserve deficiencies of the designated

- retirement systems. For this purpose, the Governor's Office of 1
- 2 Management and Budget shall consider the latest available audit
- 3 and actuarial reports of each of the retirement systems and the
- 4 relevant reports and statistics of the Public Pension Division
- 5 of the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.
- 6 (d) Payments to the designated retirement systems under
- 7 this Section shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, any
- State contributions required under Section 2-124, 14-131, 8
- 9 15-155, 16-158, or 18-131 of the Illinois Pension Code.
- 10 Payments to the designated retirement systems under this
- 11 Section, transferred after the effective date of this
- 12 amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly, do not reduce and
- 13 do not constitute payment of any portion of the required State
- 14 contribution under Article 2, 14, 15, 16, or 18 of the Illinois
- Pension Code in that fiscal year. Such amounts shall not 15
- 16 reduce, and shall not be included in the calculation of, the
- 17 required State contribution under Article 2, 14, 15, 16, or 18
- of the Illinois Pension Code in any future year, until the 18
- 19 designated retirement system has received payment of
- 20 contributions pursuant to this Act.
- (Source: P.A. 94-839, eff. 6-6-06.) 21
- 22 Section 30. The Illinois Pension Code is amended by
- changing Sections 2-108, 2-119.1, 2-125, 2-126, 2-134, 2-162, 23
- 7-109, 14-103.10, 14-114, 14-132, 14-133, 14-135.08, 14-152.1, 24
- 15-106, 15-107, 15-111, 15-136, 15-156, 15-157, 15-163, 25

- 15-165, 15-198, 16-106, 16-121, 16-133, 16-133.1, 16-133.6, 1
- 2 16-136.1, 16-152, and 16-203 and by adding Sections 1-161,
- 1-162, 2-105.1, 2-105.2, 2-107.9, 2-110.3, 14-103.40, 3
- 14-103.41, 14-103.42, 14-106.5, 15-108.1, 15-108.2, 15-112.1, 4
- 5 15-132.9, 16-107.1, 16-107.2, 16-121.1, 16-122.9, 16-133.6,
- and 16-158.2 as follows: 6
- 7 (40 ILCS 5/1-161 new)
- 8 Sec. 1-161. Tier II Task Force.
- 9 (a) Definitions. As used in this Section:
- 10 "Tier II member" means a public employee who, on or after
- 11 January 1, 2011, became a member or participant of a retirement
- system or pension fund established under this Code. 12
- 13 "Tier II Task Force" or "Task Force" means the Tier II Task
- 14 Force created by this Section.
- 15 (b) The Tier II Task Force is hereby created. The Task
- 16 Force shall be composed of 16 members, appointed as follows:
- (1) Two members of the House of Representatives 17
- 18 appointed by the Speaker of the House, one of whom shall
- 19 serve as co-chair;
- (2) Two members of the House of Representatives 20
- 21 appointed by the Minority Leader of the House;
- 22 (3) Two members of the Senate appointed by the
- 23 President of the Senate, one of whom shall serve as
- 24 co-chair;
- (4) Two members of the Senate appointed by the Minority 25

1	Leader of the Senate; and
2	(5) Eight members, appointed by the co-chairs of the
3	Task Force, who are Board members of the public employee
4	unions representing Tier II members, no more than two of
5	which may be appointed from any individual public employee
6	union.
7	(c) The Task Force shall have the following
8	responsibilities:
9	(1) to examine the impact of Public Acts 96-889 and
10	96-1495 on the retirement security of Tier II members;
11	(2) to study the impact of Public Acts 96-889 and
12	96-1495 on the ability of retirements systems and pension
13	funds established under this Code to maintain qualified
14	plan status under the federal Internal Revenue Code and
15	other applicable laws;
16	(3) to examine the impact of the changes made by Public
17	Acts 96-889 and 96-1495 on the ability of public employers
18	to attract and retain highly qualified employees and
19	provide sufficient retirement security; and
20	(4) to make any recommendations regarding changes to
21	the pension benefits provided to Tier II employees the Task
22	Force deems necessary or advisable in order to:
23	(A) enhance the retirement security of Tier II
24	members;
25	(B) ensure that the various pension systems
26	maintain their status as qualified plans under the

1	federal Internal Revenue Code and other applicable
2	laws; and
3	(C) ensure that public employers in this State are
4	able to attract and retain highly qualified employees
5	and provide sufficient retirement security.
6	(d) The Commission on Government Forecasting and
7	Accountability shall provide administrative support to the
8	Task Force.
9	(e) The Task Force shall conduct a minimum of 4 public
10	hearings, with hearings in Springfield, Chicago, and at least
11	two other locations in Illinois as determined by the Task
12	Force.
13	(f) The Task Force shall issue its report to the General
14	Assembly no later than February 1, 2014.
15	(g) This Section is repealed on January 1, 2015.
16	(40 ILCS 5/1-162 new)
17	Sec. 1-162. Optional cash balance plan.
18	(a) Participation and Applicability. Beginning 12 months
19	after the effective date of this Section, any Tier I employee
20	who has made the election under item (i) of paragraph (1) of
21	subsection (a) of Section 14-106.5, 15-132.9, or 16-122.9 may
22	elect to participate in the optional cash balance plan created
23	under this Section.
24	The Board of Trustees of the applicable retirement system
25	shall promulgate rules to establish a one-time irrevocable

- election period wherein a person eligible to participate in the 1
- 2 optional cash balance plan may elect to participate.
- 3 (b) Title. The package of benefits provided under this
- Section may be referred to as the "optional cash balance plan". 4
- 5 Persons subject to the provisions of this Section may be
- referred to as "participants in the optional cash balance 6
- 7 plan".
- (b-5) Definitions. As used in this Section: 8
- 9 "Account" means the notional cash balance account
- established under this Section for a participant in the 10
- 11 optional cash balance plan.
- 12 "Salary" means "compensation" as defined in Article 14,
- "earnings" as defined in Article 15, and "salary" as defined in 13
- 14 Article 16, whichever is applicable, without regard to the
- limitation in subsection (b-5) of Section 1-160. 15
- 16 "Tier I employee" means a person who is a Tier I employee
- 17 under the applicable Article of this Code.
- (c) Cash Balance Account. A notional cash balance account 18
- 19 shall be established by the applicable retirement system for
- 20 each participant in the optional cash balance plan. The account
- 21 is notional and does not contain any actual money segregated
- 22 from the commingled assets of the retirement system. The cash
- 23 balance in the account is to be used in calculating benefits as
- 24 provided in this Section, but is not to be used in the
- 25 calculation of any refund, transfer, or other benefit under the
- 26 applicable Article of this Code.

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The amounts to be credited to the cash balance account shall consist of (i) amounts contributed by or on behalf of the participant as employee contributions, (ii) notional employer contributions, and (iii) interest credit that is attributable to the account, all as provided in this Section.

Whenever necessary for the prompt calculation or administration, or when the System lacks information necessary to the calculation or administration otherwise required of or for a benefit under this Section, the applicable retirement system may estimate an amount to be credited to or debited from a participant's cash balance account and then adjust the amount so credited or debited when more accurate information becomes available.

The applicable retirement system shall give to each participant in the optional cash balance plan who has not yet retired annual notice of (1) the balance in the participant's cash balance account and (2) an estimate of the retirement annuity that will be payable to the participant if he or she retires at age 59 1/2.

(d) Employee Contributions. In addition to the other contributions required under the applicable Article, each participant shall make contributions to the applicable retirement system at the rate of 2% of each payment of salary. The amount of each contribution shall be credited to the participant's cash balance account upon receipt and after the retirement system's reconciliation of the contribution.

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(e) Optional Employer Contributions. Employers may make optional additional contributions to the applicable retirement system on behalf of their employees who are participants in the optional cash balance plan in accordance with procedures prescribed by the retirement system, to the extent permitted by federal law and the rules prescribed by the retirement system. The optional additional contributions under this subsection are actual monetary contributions to the retirement system, and the amount of each optional additional contribution shall be credited to the participant's cash balance account upon receipt and after the retirement system's reconciliation of the contribution.

(f) Interest Credit. An amount representing earnings on investments shall be determined by the retirement system in accordance with this Section and credited to the participant's cash balance account for each fiscal year in which there is a positive balance in that account; except that no additional interest credit shall be credited while an annuity based on the account is being paid. The interest credit amount shall be a percentage of the average quarterly balance in the cash balance account during that fiscal year, and shall be calculated on June 30.

The percentage shall be the assumed treasury rate for the previous fiscal year, unless neither the retirement system's actual rate of investment earnings for the previous fiscal year nor the retirement system's actual rate of investment earnings

- for the five-year period ending at the end of the previous 1 2 fiscal year is less than the assumed treasury rate.
- 3 If both the retirement system's actual rate of investment 4 earnings for the previous fiscal year and the actual rate of 5 investment earnings for the five-year period ending at the end of the previous fiscal year are at least the assumed treasury 6 7 rate, then the percentage shall be:
- 8 (i) the assumed treasury rate, plus
- 9 (ii) two-thirds of the amount of the actual rate of investment earnings for the previous fiscal year that 10 11 exceeds the assumed treasury rate.
- 12 However, in no event shall the percentage applied under this 13 subsection exceed 10%.
- 14 For the purposes of this subsection only, "previous fiscal year" means fiscal year ending one year before the interest 15 16 rate is calculated.
- 17 For the purposes of this subsection only, "assumed treasury rate" means the average annual yield of the 30-year U.S. 18 19 Treasury Bond over the previous fiscal year, but not less than 20 4응.
- When a person applies for a benefit under this Section, the 21 22 retirement system shall apply an interest credit based on a 23 proration of an estimate of what the interest credit will be 24 for the relevant year. When the retirement system certifies the 25 credit on June 30, it shall adjust the benefit accordingly.
- 26 (f-10) Distribution upon Termination of Employment. Upon

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termination of active employment with at least 5 years of service credit under the applicable retirement system and prior to making application for an annuity under this Section, a participant in the optional cash balance plan may make an irrevocable election to distribute an amount not to exceed 40% of the balance in the participant's account in the form of a direct rollover to another qualified plan, to the extent allowed by federal law. If the participant makes such an election, then the amount distributed shall be debited from the participant's cash balance account. A participant in the optional cash balance plan shall be allowed only one distribution under this subsection. The remaining balance in the participant's account shall be used for the determination of other benefits provided under this Section.

(f-15) Refund. In lieu of receiving a distribution under subsection (f-10), at any time after terminating active employment under the applicable retirement system, but before receiving a retirement annuity under this Section, a participant in the optional cash balance plan may elect to receive a refund under this subsection. The refund shall consist of an amount equal to the amount of all employee contributions credited to the participant's account, but shall not include any interest credit or employer contributions. If the participant so requests, the refund may be paid in the form of a direct rollover to another qualified plan, to the extent allowed by federal law and in accordance with the rules of the

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applicable retirement system. Upon payment of the refund, the 1 2 participant's notional cash balance account shall be closed.

(g) Retirement Annuity. A participant in the optional cash balance plan may begin collecting a retirement annuity at age 59 1/2, but no earlier than the date of termination of active employment under the applicable retirement system.

The amount of the retirement annuity shall be calculated by the retirement system, based on the balance in the cash balance account, the assumption of future investment returns as specified in this subsection, the participant's election to have a lifetime survivor's annuity as specified in this subsection, the annual increase in retirement annuity as specified in subsection (h), the annual increase in survivor's annuity as specified in subsection (1), and any actuarial assumptions and tables adopted by the board of the retirement system for this purpose. The calculation shall determine the amount of retirement annuity, on an actuarially equivalent basis, that shall be designed to result in the balance in the participant's account arriving at zero on the date when the last payment of the retirement annuity (or survivor's annuity, if the participant elects to provide for a survivor's annuity pursuant to this subsection) is anticipated to be paid under the relevant actuarial assumptions. A retirement annuity or a survivor's annuity provided under this Section shall be a life annuity and shall not expire if the account balance equals zero.

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The annuity payment shall begin on the date specified by the participant submitting a written application, which date shall not be prior to termination of employment or more than one year before the application is received by the board; however, if the participant is not an employee of an employer participating in this System or in a participating system as defined in Article 20 of this Code on April 1 of the calendar year next following the calendar year in which the participant attains age $70 \, 1/2$, the annuity payment period shall begin on that date regardless of whether an application has been filed. The participant may elect, under the <u>participant's written</u> application for retirement, to receive a reduced annuity payable for his or her life and to have a lifetime survivor's annuity in a monthly amount equal to 50%, 75%, or 100% of that reduced monthly amount, to be paid after the participant's death to his or her eligible survivor. Eligibility for a survivor's annuity shall be determined under the applicable Article of this Code. For the purpose of calculating retirement annuities, future investment returns shall be assumed to be a percentage equal to the average yield of the 30-year U.S. Treasury Bond over the 5 fiscal years prior to the calculation of the initial retirement annuity, plus 250 basis points; but not less than 4% nor more than 8%. (h) Annual Increase in Retirement Annuity. The retirement

annuity shall be subject to an automatic annual increase in an

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- amount equal to 3% of the originally granted annuity on each 1 2 January 1 occurring on or after the first anniversary of the 3 annuity start date.
 - (i) Disability Benefits. There are no disability benefits provided under the optional cash balance plan, and no amounts for disability shall be deducted from the account of a participant in the optional cash balance plan. The disability benefits provided under the applicable retirement system apply to participants in the optional cash balance plan.
 - (j) Return to Service. Upon a return to service under the same retirement system after beginning to receive a retirement annuity under the optional cash balance plan, the retirement annuity shall be suspended and active participation in the optional cash balance plan shall resume. Upon termination of the employment, the retirement annuity shall resume in an amount to be recalculated in accordance with subsection (g), taking into effect the changes in the cash balance account. If a retired annuitant returns to service, his or her notional cash balance account shall be decreased by each payment of retirement annuity prior to the return to service.
 - (k) Survivor's Annuity Death before Retirement. In the case of a participant in the optional cash balance plan who had less than 5 years of service under the applicable Article and had not begun receiving a retirement annuity, the eligible survivor shall be entitled only to a refund of employee contributions under subsection (f-15).

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In the case of a participant in the optional cash balance plan who had at least 5 years of service under the applicable Article and had not begun receiving a retirement annuity, the eligible survivor shall be entitled to receive a survivor's annuity beginning at age 59 1/2 upon written application. The survivor's annuity shall be calculated in the same manner as a retirement annuity under subsection (q). At any time before receiving a survivor's annuity, the eligible survivor may claim a distribution under subsection (f-10) or a refund under subsection (f-15). The deceased participant's account shall continue to receive interest credit until the eligible survivor begins to receive a survivor's annuity or receives a refund of employee contributions under subsection (f-15).

Eligibility for a survivor's annuity shall be determined under the applicable Article of this Code. A child's or parent's annuity for an otherwise eligible child or dependent parent shall be in the same amount, if any, prescribed under the applicable Article.

(1) Annual Increase in Survivor's Annuity. A survivor's annuity granted under subsection (g) or (k) shall be subject to an automatic annual increase in an amount equal to 3% of the originally granted annuity on each January 1 occurring on or after the first anniversary of the annuity start date.

(m) Applicability of Provisions. The following provisions, if and as they exist in this Code, do not apply to participants in the optional cash balance plan with respect to participation

1	in the optional cash balance plan, except as they are
2	specifically provided for in this Section:
3	(1) minimum service or vesting requirements (other
4	than as provided in this Section);
5	(2) provisions limiting a retirement annuity to a
6	specified percentage of salary;
7	(3) provisions authorizing a minimum retirement or
8	survivor's annuity or a supplemental annuity;
9	(4) provisions authorizing any form of retirement
10	annuity or survivor's annuity not authorized under this
11	Section;
12	(5) provisions authorizing a reversionary annuity
13	(other than the survivor's annuity under subsection (g));
14	(6) provisions authorizing a refund of employee
15	contributions upon termination of service (other than upon
16	the death of the participant without an eligible survivor)
17	or any lump-sum payout in lieu of a retirement or
18	survivor's annuity (other than the distribution under
19	subsection (f-10) or the refund under subsection (f-15) of
20	this Section;
21	(7) provisions authorizing optional service credits or
22	the payment of optional additional contributions (other
23	than the optional employer contributions specifically
24	authorized in this Section); or
25	(8) a level income option.
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Code) does not apply to participation in the optional cash 1 2 balance plan and does not affect the calculation of benefits

payable under this Section.

The other provisions of this Code continue to apply to participants in the optional cash balance plan, to the extent that they do not conflict with this Section. In the case of a conflict between the provisions of this Section and any other provision of this Code, the provisions of this Section control.

- (n) Rules. The Board of Trustees of the applicable retirement system may adopt rules and procedures for the implementation of this Section, including but not limited to determinations of how to integrate the administration of this Section with the requirements of the applicable Article and any other applicable provisions of this Code.
- (o) Actual Employer Contributions. Payment of employer contributions with respect to participants in the optional cash balance plan shall be the responsibility of the actual employer. Optional additional contributions by employers may be paid in any amount, but must be paid in the manner specified by the applicable retirement system.
- (p) Prospective Modification. The provisions set forth in this Section are subject to prospective changes made by law, provided that any such changes shall not apply to any benefits accrued under this Section prior to the effective date of any amendatory Act of the General Assembly.
 - (g) Qualified Plan Status. No provision of this Section

- shall be interpreted in a way that would cause the applicable 1
- 2 retirement system to cease to be a qualified plan under Section
- 3 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.
- 4 (40 ILCS 5/2-105.1 new)
- 5 Sec. 2-105.1. Tier I employee. "Tier I employee": A
- 6 participant who first became a participant before January 1,
- 7 2011.
- 8 (40 ILCS 5/2-105.2 new)
- 9 Sec. 2-105.2. Tier I retiree. "Tier I retiree" means a
- 10 former Tier I employee who is receiving a retirement annuity.
- (40 ILCS 5/2-107.9 new)11
- Sec. 2-107.9. Future increase in income. "Future increase 12
- 13 in income": Any increase in income in any form offered for
- 14 service as a member under this Article after June 30, 2014 that
- would qualify as "salary", as defined in Section 2-108, but for 15
- 16 the fact that the increase in income was offered to the member
- on the condition that it not qualify as salary and was accepted 17
- 18 by the member subject to that condition.
- 19 (40 ILCS 5/2-108) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 2-108)
- Sec. 2-108. Salary. "Salary": (1) For members of the 20
- 21 General Assembly, the total compensation paid to the member by
- 22 the State for one year of service, including the additional

- amounts, if any, paid to the member as an officer pursuant to 1
- 2 Section 1 of "An Act in relation to the compensation and
- emoluments of the members of the General Assembly", approved 3
- December 6, 1907, as now or hereafter amended. 4
- 5 (2) For the State executive officers specified in Section
- 6 2-105, the total compensation paid to the member for one year
- 7 of service.
- 8 (3) For members of the System who are participants under
- 9 Section 2-117.1, or who are serving as Clerk or Assistant Clerk
- 10 of the House of Representatives or Secretary or Assistant
- 11 Secretary of the Senate, the total compensation paid to the
- 12 member for one year of service, but not to exceed the salary of
- the highest salaried officer of the General Assembly. 13
- However, in the event that federal law results in any 14
- 15 participant receiving imputed income based on the value of
- 16 group term life insurance provided by the State, such imputed
- 17 income shall not be included in salary for the purposes of this
- Article. 18
- 19 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section,
- 20 "salary" does not include any future increase in income that is
- 21 offered for service as a member under this Article pursuant to
- 22 the requirements of subsection (c) of Section 2-110.3 and
- 23 accepted by a Tier I employee, or a Tier I retiree returning to
- 24 active service, who has made the election under paragraph (2)
- 25 of subsection (a) or (a-5) of Section 2-110.3.
- (Source: P.A. 86-27; 86-273; 86-1028; 86-1488.) 26

1	(40 ILCS 5/2-110.3 new)
2	Sec. 2-110.3. Election by Tier I employees and Tier I
3	retirees.
4	(a) Each Tier I employee shall make an irrevocable election
5	<pre>either:</pre>
6	(1) to agree to item (i) or (ii) as set forth in this
7	paragraph (1):
8	(i) to have the amount of the automatic annual
9	increases in his or her retirement annuity that are
10	otherwise provided for in this Article calculated,
11	instead, as provided in subsection (a-1) of Section
12	2-119.1, and to waive his or her eligibility for 2
13	automatic annual increases in retirement annuity as
14	provided in subsection (a-2) of Section 2-119.1; or
15	(ii) to waive his or her eligibility for 3
16	automatic annual increases in retirement annuity, as
17	provided in subsection (a-3) of Section 2-119.1, and to
18	make the contributions set forth in subsection (a-5) of
19	Section 2-126; or
20	(2) to not agree to item (i) or (ii) as set forth in
21	paragraph (1) of this subsection.
22	The election required under this subsection (a) shall be
23	made by each Tier I employee no earlier than February 1, 2014
24	and no later than May 31, 2014, except that:
25	(i) a person who becomes a Tier I employee under this

1	Article on or after February 1, 2014 must make the election
2	under this subsection (a) within 60 days after becoming a
3	Tier I employee;
4	(ii) a person who returns to active service as a Tier I
5	employee under this Article on or after February 1, 2014
6	and has not yet made an election under this Section must
7	make the election under this subsection (a) within 60 days
8	after returning to active service as a Tier I employee; and
9	(iii) a person who made the election under subsection
10	(a-5) as a Tier I retiree remains bound by that election
11	and shall not make a later election under this subsection
12	<u>(a).</u>
13	If a Tier I employee fails for any reason to make a
14	required election under this subsection within the time
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15	specified, then the employee shall be deemed to have made the
	specified, then the employee shall be deemed to have made the election under paragraph (2) of this subsection.
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15 16 17 18	<pre>election under paragraph (2) of this subsection. (a-5) Each Tier I retiree shall make an irrevocable election either: (1) to agree to the following:</pre>
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15 16 17 18 19 20 21	election under paragraph (2) of this subsection. (a-5) Each Tier I retiree shall make an irrevocable election either: (1) to agree to the following: (i) to have the amount of the automatic annual increases in his or her retirement annuity calculated
15 16 17 18 19 20 21	election under paragraph (2) of this subsection. (a-5) Each Tier I retiree shall make an irrevocable election either: (1) to agree to the following: (i) to have the amount of the automatic annual increases in his or her retirement annuity calculated without regard to subsection (a-1), (a-2), or (a-3) of
15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23	election under paragraph (2) of this subsection. (a-5) Each Tier I retiree shall make an irrevocable election either: (1) to agree to the following: (i) to have the amount of the automatic annual increases in his or her retirement annuity calculated without regard to subsection (a-1), (a-2), or (a-3) of Section 2-119.1; and

1	(2) to not agree to items (i) and (ii) as set forth in
2	paragraph (1) of this subsection.
3	The election required under this subsection (a-5) shall be
4	made by each Tier I retiree no earlier than February 1, 2014
5	and no later than May 31, 2014, except that:
6	(i) a person who becomes a Tier I retiree under this
7	Article on or after February 1, 2014 must make the election
8	under this subsection (a-5) within 60 days after becoming a
9	Tier I retiree; and
10	(ii) a person who made the election under subsection
11	(a) as a Tier I employee remains bound by that election and
12	shall not make a later election under this subsection
13	<u>(a-5).</u>
14	If a Tier I retiree fails for any reason to make a required
15	election under this subsection within the time specified, then
16	the Tier I retiree shall be deemed to have made the election
17	under paragraph (2) of this subsection.
18	(a-10) All elections under subsection (a) or (a-5) that are
19	made or deemed to be made before June 1, 2014 shall take effect
20	on July 1, 2014. Elections that are made or deemed to be made
21	on or after June 1, 2014 shall take effect on the first day of
22	the month following the month in which the election is made or
23	deemed to be made.
24	(b) As adequate and legal consideration provided under this
25	amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly for making an
26	election under paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this Section,

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As adequate and legal consideration provided under this amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly for making an election under paragraph (1) of subsection (a-5) of this Section, any future increases in income offered for service as a member under this Article to a Tier I retiree who returns to active service after having made an election under paragraph (1) of subsection (a-5) of this Section shall be offered expressly and irrevocably as constituting salary under Section 2-108.

(c) A Tier I employee who makes the election under paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of this Section shall not be subject to either item (i) or (ii) set forth in paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this Section. However, any future increases in income offered for service as a member under this Article to a Tier I employee who has made the election under paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of this Section shall be offered expressly and irrevocably as not constituting salary under Section 2-108, and the member may not accept any future increase in income that is offered in violation of this requirement.

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of subsection (a-5) of this Section shall not be subject to either item (i) or (ii) set forth in paragraph (1) of subsection (a-5) of this Section. However, any future increases in income offered for service as a member under this Article to a Tier I retiree who returns to active service and has made the election under paragraph (2) of subsection (a-5) of this Section shall be offered expressly and irrevocably as not constituting salary under Section 2-108, and the member may not accept any future increase in income that is offered in violation of this requirement.

(d) The System shall make a good faith effort to contact each Tier I employee and Tier I retiree subject to this Section. The System shall mail information describing the required election to each Tier I employee and Tier I retiree by United States Postal Service mail to his or her last known address on file with the System. If the Tier I employee or Tier I retiree is not responsive to other means of contact, it is sufficient for the System to publish the details of any required elections on its website or to publish those details in a regularly published newsletter or other existing public forum.

Tier I employees and Tier I retirees who are subject to this Section shall be provided with an election packet containing information regarding their options, as well as the forms necessary to make the required election. Upon request, the System shall offer Tier I employees and Tier I retirees an

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opportunity to receive information from the System before making the required election. The information may be provided through video materials, group presentations, individual consultation with a member or authorized representative of the System in person or by telephone or other electronic means, or any combination of those methods. The System shall not provide advice or counseling with respect to which election a Tier I employee or Tier I retiree should make or specific to the legal or tax circumstances of or consequences to the Tier I employee or Tier I retiree.

The System shall inform Tier I employees and Tier I retirees in the election packet required under this subsection that the Tier I employee or Tier I retiree may also wish to obtain information and counsel relating to the election required under this Section from any other available source, including but not limited to labor organizations and private counsel.

In no event shall the System, its staff, or the Board be held liable for any information given to a member, beneficiary, or annuitant regarding the elections under this Section. The System shall coordinate with the Illinois Department of Central Management Services and each other retirement system administering an election in accordance with this amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly to provide information concerning the impact of the election set forth in this Section.

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- (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any future increases in income offered for service as a member must be offered expressly and irrevocably as not constituting "salary" under Section 2-108 to any Tier I employee, or Tier I retiree returning to active service, who has made an election under paragraph (2) of subsection (a) or (a-5) of Section 2-110.3. A Tier I employee, or Tier I retiree returning to active service, who has made an election under paragraph (2) or subsection (a) or (a-5) of Section 2-110.3 shall not accept any future increase in income that is offered for service as a member under this Article in violation of the requirement set forth in this subsection.
- (f) A member's election under this Section is not a prohibited election under subdivision (j)(1) of Section 1-119 of this Code.
 - (q) No provision of this Section shall be interpreted in a way that would cause the System to cease to be a qualified plan under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.
 - (h) If this Section is determined to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by a final unappealable decision of an Illinois court or a court of competent jurisdiction as applied to Tier I employees but not as applied to Tier I retirees, then this Section and the changes deriving from the election required under this Section shall be null and void as applied to Tier I employees but shall remain in full effect for Tier I retirees.

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- (i) If this Section is determined to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by a final unappealable decision of an Illinois court or a court of competent jurisdiction as applied to Tier I retirees but not as applied to Tier I employees, then this Section and the changes deriving from the election required under this Section shall be null and void as applied to Tier I retirees but shall remain in full effect for Tier I employees.
- (j) If an election created by this amendatory Act in any other Article of this Code or any change deriving from that election is determined to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by a final unappealable decision of an Illinois court or a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity of that provision shall not in any way affect the validity of this Section or the changes deriving from the election required under this Section.
- 17 (40 ILCS 5/2-119.1) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 2-119.1)
- Sec. 2-119.1. Automatic increase in retirement annuity. 18
- (a) Except as provided in subsections (a-1), (a-2), (a-3), 19 20 and (a-4), a A participant who retires after June 30, 1967, and 21 who has not received an initial increase under this Section 22 before the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1991, shall, in January or July next following the first anniversary 23 24 of retirement, whichever occurs first, and in the same month of 25 each year thereafter, but in no event prior to age 60, have the

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amount of the originally granted retirement annuity increased 1 2 as follows: for each year through 1971, 1 1/2%; for each year from 1972 through 1979, 2%; and for 1980 and each year 3 4 thereafter, 3%. Annuitants who have received an initial 5 increase under this subsection prior to the effective date of 6 this amendatory Act of 1991 shall continue to receive their

annual increases in the same month as the initial increase.

(a-1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article, for a Tier I employee who made the election under item (i) of paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Section 2-110.3, the amount of each automatic annual increase in retirement annuity occurring on or after the effective date of that election, other than the initial increase, shall be 3% of the originally granted retirement annuity.

(a-2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article, for a Tier I employee who made the election under item (i) of paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Section 2-110.3, once the first annual increase under this Section has been granted, the next 2 scheduled annual increases shall be skipped, and thereafter all annual increases shall be granted.

(a-3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article, for a Tier I employee who made the election under item (ii) of paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Section 2-110.3, once the first annual increase under this Section has been granted, the next 3 scheduled annual increases shall be skipped, and thereafter all annual increases shall be granted.

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- (a-4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article, for a Tier I retiree who made the election under paragraph (1) of subsection (a-5) of Section 2-110.3:
 - (1) if the Tier I retiree has not received the first annual increase under this Section as of the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly, then once the first annual increase under this Section has been granted, the next scheduled annual increase shall be skipped, the following annual increase shall be granted, the next annual increase shall be skipped, and thereafter all annual increases shall be granted; and
 - (2) if the Tier I retiree has received the first annual increase under this Section as of the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly, then the next annual increase after that effective date shall be skipped, the following annual increase shall be granted, the next annual increase shall be skipped, and thereafter all annual increases shall be granted.
- (b) Beginning January 1, 1990, for eligible participants who remain in service after attaining 20 years of creditable service, the 3% increases provided under subsection (a) shall begin to accrue on the January 1 next following the date upon which the participant (1) attains age 55, or (2) attains 20 years of creditable service, whichever occurs later, and shall continue to accrue while the participant remains in service; such increases shall become payable on January 1 or July 1,

2 retirement. For any person who has service credit in the System

for the entire period from January 15, 1969 through December

31, 1992, regardless of the date of termination of service, the

reference to age 55 in clause (1) of this subsection (b) shall

6 be deemed to mean age 50.

This subsection (b) does not apply to any person who first becomes a member of the System after <u>August 8, 2003</u> (the effective date of <u>Public Act 93-494</u>) this amendatory Act of the <u>93rd General Assembly</u>.

- (b-5) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article, a participant who first becomes a participant on or after January 1, 2011 (the effective date of Public Act 96-889) shall, in January or July next following the first anniversary of retirement, whichever occurs first, and in the same month of each year thereafter, but in no event prior to age 67, have the amount of the retirement annuity then being paid increased by 3% or the annual unadjusted percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers as determined by the Public Pension Division of the Department of Insurance under subsection (a) of Section 2-108.1, whichever is less.
- (c) The foregoing provisions relating to automatic increases are not applicable to a participant who retires before having made contributions (at the rate prescribed in Section 2-126) for automatic increases for less than the equivalent of one full year. However, in order to be eligible

- for the automatic increases, such a participant may make 1 2 arrangements to pay to the system the amount required to bring the total contributions for the automatic increase to the 3 equivalent of one year's contributions based upon his or her 4
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- (d) A participant who terminated service prior to July 1, 7 1967, with at least 14 years of service is entitled to an increase in retirement annuity beginning January, 1976, and to additional increases in January of each year thereafter, except as otherwise provided in subsection (a-2), (a-3), or (a-4).
 - The initial increase shall be 1 1/2% of the originally granted retirement annuity multiplied by the number of full years that the annuitant was in receipt of such annuity prior to January 1, 1972, plus 2% of the originally granted retirement annuity for each year after that date. subsequent annual increases shall be at the rate of 2% of the originally granted retirement annuity for each year through 1979 and at the rate of 3% for 1980 and thereafter.
 - (e) Beginning January 1, 1990, and except as provided in subsection (a-1) or (b-5), all automatic annual increases payable under this Section shall be calculated as a percentage of the total annuity payable at the time of the increase, including previous increases granted under this Article.
- (Source: P.A. 96-889, eff. 1-1-11; 96-1490, eff. 1-1-11.) 24
 - (40 ILCS 5/2-125) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 2-125)

- Sec. 2-125. Obligations of State; funding guarantee. 1
- 2 (a) The payment of (1) the required State contributions,
- (2) all benefits granted under this system and (3) all expenses 3
- 4 of administration and operation are obligations of the State to
- 5 the extent specified in this Article.
- 6 All income, interest and dividends derived from deposits
- 7 and investments shall be credited to the account of the system
- in the State Treasury and used to pay benefits under this 8
- 9 Article.
- The State shall be contractually obligated to 10 (b)
- 11 contribute to the System in each State fiscal year an amount
- 12 not less than the sum required in Section 2-124 as that Section
- 13 existed prior to the effective date of this amendatory Act of
- 14 the 98th General Assembly.
- The obligations created under this subsection (b) are 15
- contractual obligations protected and enforceable under 16
- 17 Article I, Section 16 and Article XIII, Section 5 of the
- Illinois Constitution. 18
- 19 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if the State
- 20 fails to pay in a State fiscal year the amount quaranteed under
- this subsection (b), the System may bring a mandamus action in 21
- 22 the Circuit Court of Sangamon County to compel the State to
- 23 make that payment, irrespective of other remedies that may be
- 24 available to the System. It shall be the mandatory fiduciary
- obligation of the Board of the System to bring that action if 25
- the State fails to pay in the fiscal year the amount quaranteed 26

under this subsection (b). Before commencing that action, the 1 2 Board shall submit a voucher for contributions required under 3 Section 2-134. If the State fails to pay a vouchered amount within 90 days after receiving a voucher for that amount, then 4 5 the Board shall submit a written request to the Comptroller 6 seeking payment of that amount. A copy of the request shall be 7 filed with the Secretary of State, and the Secretary of State 8 shall provide copies of the request to the Governor and General 9 Assembly. No earlier than the 16th day after filing a request 10 with the Secretary, but no later than the 21st day after filing 11 that request, the Board may commence such an action in the 12 Circuit Court. If the Board fails to commence such action on or before the 21st day after filing the request with the Secretary 13 14 of State, then any Tier I employee or Tier I retiree who made 15 an election under paragraph (1) of subsection (a) or (a-5) of 16 Section 2-110.3 may file a mandamus action against the Board to 17 compel the Board to commence its mandamus action against the State. This subsection (b) constitutes an express waiver of the 18 19 State's sovereign immunity. In ordering the State to make the required payment, the court may order a reasonable payment 20 21 schedule to enable the State to make the required payment. The 22 obligations and causes of action created under this subsection (b) shall be in addition to any other right or remedy otherwise 23 24 accorded by common law, or State or federal law, and nothing in this subsection (b) shall be construed to deny, abrogate, 25 26 impair, or waive any such common law or statutory right or

1 remedy.

Any payments required to be made by the State pursuant to 2 3 this subsection (b) are expressly subordinated to the payment of the principal, interest, and premium, if any, on any bonded 4 5 debt obligation of the State or any other State-created entity, either currently outstanding or to be issued, for which the 6 7 source of repayment or security thereon is derived directly or 8 indirectly from tax revenues collected by the State or any 9 other State-created entity. Payments on such bonded 10 obligations include any statutory fund transfers or other 11 prefunding mechanisms or formulas set forth, now or hereafter, 12 in State law or bond indentures, into debt service funds or accounts of the State related to such bonded obligations, 13 14 consistent with the payment schedules associated with such 15 obligations.

- 16 (Source: P.A. 83-1440.)
- 17 (40 ILCS 5/2-126) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 2-126)
- Sec. 2-126. Contributions by participants. 18
- 19 (a) Each participant shall contribute toward the cost of 20 his or her retirement annuity a percentage of each payment of 21 salary received by him or her for service as a member as 22 follows: for service between October 31, 1947 and January 1, 1959, 5%; for service between January 1, 1959 and June 30, 23 24 1969, 6%; for service between July 1, 1969 and January 10, 25 1973, 6 1/2%; for service after January 10, 1973, 7%; for

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service after December 31, 1981, 8 1/2%.

- (a-5) In addition to the contributions otherwise required under this Article, each Tier I employee who made the election under item (ii) of paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Section 2-110.3 shall also make the following contributions toward the cost of his or her retirement annuity from each payment of salary received by him or her for service as a member:
- (1) beginning July 1, 2014 and through June 30, 2015, 8 9 1% of salary; and
 - (2) beginning on July 1, 2015, 2% of salary.
 - (b) Beginning August 2, 1949, each male participant, and from July 1, 1971, each female participant shall contribute towards the cost of the survivor's annuity 2% of salary.

A participant who has no eligible survivor's annuity beneficiary may elect to cease making contributions for survivor's annuity under this subsection. A survivor's annuity shall not be payable upon the death of a person who has made this election, unless prior to that death the election has been revoked and the amount of the contributions that would have been paid under this subsection in the absence of the election is paid to the System, together with interest at the rate of 4% per year from the date the contributions would have been made to the date of payment.

(c) Beginning July 1, 1967, each participant shall contribute 1% of salary towards the cost of automatic increase in annuity provided in Section 2-119.1. These contributions

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shall be made concurrently with contributions for retirement 1 2 annuity purposes.

- (d) In addition, each participant serving as an officer of the General Assembly shall contribute, for the same purposes and at the same rates as are required of a regular participant, on each additional payment received as an officer. If the participant serves as an officer for at least 2 but less than 4 years, he or she shall contribute an amount equal to the amount that would have been contributed had the participant served as an officer for 4 years. Persons who serve as officers in the 87th General Assembly but cannot receive the additional payment to officers because of the ban on increases in salary during their terms may nonetheless make contributions based on those additional payments for the purpose of having the additional payments included in their highest salary for annuity purposes; however, persons electing to make these additional contributions must also pay an amount representing the corresponding employer contributions, as calculated by the System.
- (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article, the required contribution of a participant shall not be based on any salary in excess of the salary limitation applicable to that participant under Section 2-108 or who first becomes participant on or after January 1, 2011 shall not exceed the contribution that would be due under this Article if that participant's highest salary for annuity purposes

- \$106,800, plus any increases in that amount 1
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- (Source: P.A. 96-1490, eff. 1-1-11.) 3
- 4 (40 ILCS 5/2-134) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 2-134)
- 5 Sec. 2-134. To certify required State contributions and 6 submit vouchers.
- 7 (a) The Board shall certify to the Governor on or before 8 December 15 of each year through until December 15, 2011 the 9 amount of the required State contribution to the System for the 10 next fiscal year and shall specifically identify the System's 11 projected State normal cost for that fiscal year. certification under this subsection (a) shall include a copy of 12 13 the actuarial recommendations upon which it is based and shall 14 specifically identify the System's projected State normal cost 15 for that fiscal year.
 - (a-5) On or before November 1 of each year, beginning November 1, 2012, the Board shall submit to the State Actuary, the Governor, and the General Assembly a proposed certification of the amount of the required State contribution to the System for the next fiscal year, along with all of the actuarial assumptions, calculations, and data upon which that proposed certification is based. On or before January 1 of each year, beginning January 1, 2013, the State Actuary shall issue a preliminary report concerning the proposed certification and identifying, if necessary, recommended changes in actuarial

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assumptions that the Board must consider before finalizing its 1 2 certification of the required State contributions.

On or before January 15, 2013 and every January 15 thereafter, the Board shall certify to the Governor and the General Assembly the amount of the required State contribution for the next fiscal year. The certification shall include a copy of the actuarial recommendations upon which it is based and shall specifically identify the System's projected State normal cost for that fiscal year. The Board's certification must note any deviations from the State Actuary's recommended changes, the reason or reasons for not following the State Actuary's recommended changes, and the fiscal impact of not following the State Actuary's recommended changes on required State contribution.

(a-7) On or before May 1, 2004, the Board shall recalculate and recertify to the Governor the amount of the required State contribution to the System for State fiscal year 2005, taking into account the amounts appropriated to and received by the System under subsection (d) of Section 7.2 of the General Obligation Bond Act.

On or before July 1, 2005, the Board shall recalculate and recertify to the Governor the amount of the required State contribution to the System for State fiscal year 2006, taking into account the changes in required State contributions made by this amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly.

On or before April 1, 2011, the Board shall recalculate and

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recertify to the Governor the amount of the required State contribution to the System for State fiscal year 2011, applying the changes made by Public Act 96-889 to the System's assets and liabilities as of June 30, 2009 as though Public Act 96-889 was approved on that date.

(b) Beginning in State fiscal year 1996, on or as soon as possible after the 15th day of each month the Board shall submit vouchers for payment of State contributions to the System, in a total monthly amount of one-twelfth of the required annual State contribution certified under subsection (a). From the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly through June 30, 2004, the Board shall not submit vouchers for the remainder of fiscal year 2004 in excess the fiscal year 2004 certified contribution amount determined under this Section after taking into consideration the transfer to the System under subsection (d) of Section 6z-61 of the State Finance Act. These vouchers shall be paid by the State Comptroller and Treasurer by warrants drawn on the funds appropriated to the System for that fiscal year. If in any month the amount remaining unexpended from all other appropriations to the System for the applicable fiscal year (including the appropriations to the System under Section 8.12 of the State Finance Act and Section 1 of the State Pension Funds Continuing Appropriation Act) is less than the amount lawfully vouchered under this Section, the difference shall be paid from the General Revenue Fund under the continuing

- 1 appropriation authority provided in Section 1.1 of the State
- 2 Pension Funds Continuing Appropriation Act.
- 3 (c) The full amount of any annual appropriation for the
- 4 System for State fiscal year 1995 shall be transferred and made
- 5 available to the System at the beginning of that fiscal year at
- 6 the request of the Board. Any excess funds remaining at the end
- of any fiscal year from appropriations shall be retained by the
- 8 System as a general reserve to meet the System's accrued
- 9 liabilities.
- 10 (Source: P.A. 96-1497, eff. 1-14-11; 96-1511, eff. 1-27-11;
- 11 97-694, eff. 6-18-12.)
- 12 (40 ILCS 5/2-162)
- 13 Sec. 2-162. Application and expiration of new benefit
- increases.
- 15 (a) As used in this Section, "new benefit increase" means
- an increase in the amount of any benefit provided under this
- 17 Article, or an expansion of the conditions of eligibility for
- any benefit under this Article, that results from an amendment
- 19 to this Code that takes effect after the effective date of this
- 20 amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly. "New benefit
- 21 increase", however, does not include any benefit increase
- 22 resulting from the changes made to this Article by this
- amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly.
- 24 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code or any
- 25 subsequent amendment to this Code, every new benefit increase

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- is subject to this Section and shall be deemed to be granted 1 2 only in conformance with and contingent upon compliance with the provisions of this Section. 3
 - (c) The Public Act enacting a new benefit increase must identify and provide for payment to the System of additional funding at least sufficient to fund the resulting annual increase in cost to the System as it accrues.

Every new benefit increase is contingent upon the General Assembly providing the additional funding required under this subsection. The Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability shall analyze whether adequate additional funding has been provided for the new benefit increase and shall report its analysis to the Public Pension Division of the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. A new benefit increase created by a Public Act that does not include the additional funding required under this subsection is null and void. If the Public Pension Division determines that the additional funding provided for a new benefit increase under this subsection is or has become inadequate, it may so certify to the Governor and the State Comptroller and, in the absence of corrective action by the General Assembly, the new benefit increase shall expire at the end of the fiscal year in which the certification is made.

(d) Every new benefit increase shall expire 5 years after its effective date or on such earlier date as may be specified in the language enacting the new benefit increase or provided

- under subsection (c). This does not prevent the General 1
- 2 Assembly from extending or re-creating a new benefit increase
- 3 by law.
- (e) Except as otherwise provided in the language creating
- 5 the new benefit increase, a new benefit increase that expires
- under this Section continues to apply to persons who applied 6
- and qualified for the affected benefit while the new benefit 7
- increase was in effect and to the affected beneficiaries and 8
- 9 alternate payees of such persons, but does not apply to any
- 10 other person, including without limitation a person who
- 11 continues in service after the expiration date and did not
- 12 apply and qualify for the affected benefit while the new
- 13 benefit increase was in effect.
- (Source: P.A. 94-4, eff. 6-1-05.) 14
- 15 (40 ILCS 5/7-109) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 7-109)
- 16 Sec. 7-109. Employee.
- (1) "Employee" means any person who: 17
- 18 (a) 1. Receives earnings as payment for the performance
- of personal services or official duties out of the 19
- 20 general fund of a municipality, or out of any special
- 21 fund or funds controlled by a municipality, or by an
- 22 thereof, or instrumentality a participating
- 23 instrumentality, including, in counties, the fees or
- 24 earnings of any county fee office; and
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determining the employer-employee relationship, has the status of an employee with a municipality, or any instrumentality thereof, or participating а including instrumentality, aldermen, county supervisors and other persons (excepting employed as independent contractors) who are paid compensation, fees, allowances or other emolument for official duties, and, in counties, the several county fee offices.

(b) Serves as a township treasurer appointed under the School Code, as heretofore or hereafter amended, and who receives for such services regular compensation distinguished from per diem compensation, and any regular employee in the office of any township treasurer whether or not his earnings are paid from the income of the permanent township fund or from funds subject to distribution to the several school districts and parts of school districts as provided in the School Code, or from both such sources; or is the chief executive officer, chief educational officer, chief fiscal officer, or other employee of a Financial Oversight Panel established pursuant to Article 1H of the School Code, other than a superintendent or certified school business official, except that such person shall not be treated as an employee under this Section if that person has negotiated with the Financial Oversight Panel, in conjunction with the school district, a contractual

- 1 agreement for exclusion from this Section.
 - (c) Holds an elective office in a municipality, instrumentality thereof or participating instrumentality.
 - (2) "Employee" does not include persons who:
 - (a) Are eligible for inclusion under any of the following laws:
 - 1. "An Act in relation to an Illinois State Teachers' Pension and Retirement Fund", approved May 27, 1915, as amended;
 - 2. Articles 15 and 16 of this Code.

However, such persons shall be included as employees to the extent of earnings that are not eligible for inclusion under the foregoing laws for services not of an instructional nature of any kind.

However, any member of the armed forces who is employed as a teacher of subjects in the Reserve Officers Training Corps of any school and who is not certified under the law governing the certification of teachers shall be included as an employee.

(b) Are designated by the governing body of a municipality in which a pension fund is required by law to be established for policemen or firemen, respectively, as performing police or fire protection duties, except that when such persons are the heads of the police or fire department and are not eligible to be included within any such pension fund, they shall be included within this

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Article; provided, that such persons shall not be excluded to the extent of concurrent service and earnings not designated as being for police or fire protection duties. However, (i) any head of a police department who was a participant under this Article immediately before October 1, 1977 and did not elect, under Section 3-109 of this Act, to participate in a police pension fund shall be an "employee", and (ii) any chief of police who elects to participate in this Fund under Section 3-109.1 of this Code, regardless of whether such person continues to be employed as chief of police or is employed in some other rank or capacity within the police department, shall be an employee under this Article for so long as such person is employed to perform police duties by a participating municipality and has not lawfully rescinded that election.

(c) After August 26, 2011 (the effective date of Public Act 97-609), are contributors to or eligible to contribute to a Taft-Hartley pension plan established on or before June 1, 2011 and are employees of a theatre, arena, or convention center that is located in a municipality located in a county with a population greater than 5,000,000, and to which the participating municipality is required to contribute as the person's employer based on earnings from the municipality. Nothing in this paragraph shall affect service credit or creditable service for any period of service prior to August 26, 2011, and this paragraph shall

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not apply to individuals who are participating in the Fund prior to August 26, 2011.

- (d) Become an employee of any of the following participating instrumentalities on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly: the Illinois Municipal League; the Illinois Association of Park Districts; the Illinois Supervisors, County Commissioners and Superintendents of Highways Association; an association or not-for-profit corporation, membership in which is authorized under Section 85-15 of the Township Code; the United Counties Council; or the Will County Governmental League.
- (3) All persons, including, without limitation, public defenders and probation officers, who receive earnings from general or special funds of a county for performance of personal services or official duties within the territorial limits of the county, are employees of the county (unless excluded by subsection (2) of this Section) notwithstanding that they may be appointed by and are subject to the direction of a person or persons other than a county board or a county officer. It is hereby established that an employer-employee relationship under the usual common law rules exists between such employees and the county paying their salaries by reason of the fact that the county boards fix their rates of compensation, appropriate funds for payment of their earnings and otherwise exercise control over them. This finding and this

- 1 amendatory Act shall apply to all such employees from the date
- 2 of appointment whether such date is prior to or after the
- 3 effective date of this amendatory Act and is intended to
- 4 clarify existing law pertaining to their status as
- 5 participating employees in the Fund.
- 6 (Source: P.A. 97-429, eff. 8-16-11; 97-609, eff. 8-26-11;
- 7 97-813, eff. 7-13-12.)
- 8 (40 ILCS 5/14-103.10) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 14-103.10)
- 9 Sec. 14-103.10. Compensation.
- 10 (a) For periods of service prior to January 1, 1978, the
- 11 full rate of salary or wages payable to an employee for
- 12 personal services performed if he worked the full normal
- 13 working period for his position, subject to the following
- maximum amounts: (1) prior to July 1, 1951, \$400 per month or
- 15 \$4,800 per year; (2) between July 1, 1951 and June 30, 1957
- inclusive, \$625 per month or \$7,500 per year; (3) beginning
- July 1, 1957, no limitation.
- In the case of service of an employee in a position
- 19 involving part-time employment, compensation shall be
- determined according to the employees' earnings record.
- 21 (b) For periods of service on and after January 1, 1978,
- 22 all remuneration for personal services performed defined as
- 23 "wages" under the Social Security Enabling Act, including that
- 24 part of such remuneration which is in excess of any maximum
- 25 limitation provided in such Act, and including any benefits

- received by an employee under a sick pay plan in effect before 1
- 2 January 1, 1981, but excluding lump sum salary payments:
- 3 (1) for vacation,

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- (2) for accumulated unused sick leave,
- 5 (3) upon discharge or dismissal,
- 6 (4) for approved holidays.
- 7 (c) For periods of service on or after December 16, 1978, 8 compensation also includes any benefits, other than lump sum 9 salary payments made at termination of employment, which an 10 employee receives or is eligible to receive under a sick pay 11 plan authorized by law.
- 12 (d) For periods of service after September 30, 1985, 13 compensation also includes any remuneration for personal services not included as "wages" under the Social Security 14 15 Enabling Act, which is deducted for purposes of participation 16 in a program established pursuant to Section 125 of the 17 Internal Revenue Code or its successor laws.
 - (e) For members for which Section 1-160 applies for periods of service on and after January 1, 2011, all remuneration for personal services performed defined as "wages" under the Social Security Enabling Act, excluding remuneration that is in excess of the annual earnings, salary, or wages of a member or participant, as provided in subsection (b-5) of Section 1-160, but including any benefits received by an employee under a sick pay plan in effect before January 1, 1981. Compensation shall exclude lump sum salary payments:

- (1) for vacation; 1
- 2 (2) for accumulated unused sick leave;
- 3 (3) upon discharge or dismissal; and
- 4 (4) for approved holidays.
- 5 (f) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section,
- "compensation" does not include any future increase in income 6
- 7 offered by a department under this Article pursuant to the
- requirements of subsection (c) of Section 14-106.5 that is 8
- 9 accepted by a Tier I employee, or a Tier I retiree returning to
- 10 active service, who has made the election under paragraph (2)
- 11 of subsection (a) or (a-5) of Section 14-106.5.
- 12 (g) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section,
- 13 for an employee who first becomes a participant on or after the
- 14 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 98th General
- Assembly, "compensation" does not include any payments or 15
- reimbursements for travel vouchers submitted more than 30 days 16
- 17 after the last day of travel for which the voucher is
- 18 submitted.
- 19 (Source: P.A. 96-1490, eff. 1-1-11.)
- 20 (40 ILCS 5/14-103.40 new)
- 21 Sec. 14-103.40. Tier I employee. "Tier I employee": An
- 22 employee under this Article who first became a member or
- participant before January 1, 2011 under any reciprocal 23
- 24 retirement system or pension fund established under this Code
- other than a retirement system or pension fund established 25

- under Article 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or 18 of this Code. 1
- (40 ILCS 5/14-103.41 new) 2
- 3 Sec. 14-103.41. Tier I retiree. "Tier I retiree": A former
- 4 Tier I employee who is receiving a retirement annuity.
- 5 (40 ILCS 5/14-103.42 new)
- 6 Sec. 14-103.42. Future increase in income. "Future
- 7 increase in income": Any increase in income in any form offered
- by a department to an employee under this Article after June 8
- 30, 2014 that would qualify as "compensation", as defined in 9
- 10 Section 14-103.10, but for the fact that the department offered
- 11 the increase in income to the employee on the condition that it
- 12 not qualify as compensation and the employee accepted the
- increase in income subject to that condition. The term "future 13
- 14 increase in income" does not include an increase in income in
- 15 any form that is paid to a Tier I employee under an employment
- contract or collective bargaining agreement that is in effect 16
- 17 on the effective date of this Section but does include an
- increase in income in any form pursuant to an extension, 18
- amendment, or renewal of any such employment contract or 19
- 20 collective bargaining agreement on or after the effective date
- of this amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly. 21
- 22 (40 ILCS 5/14-106.5 new)
- Sec. 14-106.5. Election by Tier I employees and Tier I 23

1	retirees.
2	(a) Each Tier I employee shall make an irrevocable election
3	<pre>either:</pre>
4	(1) to agree to item (i) or (ii) as set forth in this
5	<pre>paragraph (1):</pre>
6	(i) to have the amount of the automatic annual
7	increases in his or her retirement annuity that are
8	otherwise provided for in this Article calculated,
9	instead, as provided in subsection (a-1) of Section
10	14-114, and to waive his or her eligibility for 2
11	automatic annual increases in retirement annuity as
12	provided in subsection (a-2) of Section 14-114; or
13	(ii) to waive his or her eligibility for 3
14	automatic annual increases in retirement annuity, as
15	provided in subsection (a-3) of Section 14-114, and to
16	make the contributions set forth in subsection (a-5) of
17	<u>Section 14-133; or</u>
18	(2) to not agree to item (i) or (ii) as set forth in
19	paragraph (1) of this subsection.
20	The election required under this subsection (a) shall be
21	made by each Tier I employee no earlier than February 1, 2014
22	and no later than May 31, 2014, except that:
23	(i) a person who becomes a Tier I employee under this
24	Article on or after February 1, 2014 must make the election
25	under this subsection (a) within 60 days after becoming a
26	Tier I employee;

1	(ii) a person who returns to active service as a Tier I
2	employee under this Article on or after February 1, 2014
3	and has not yet made an election under this Section must
4	make the election under this subsection (a) within 60 days
5	after returning to active service as a Tier I employee; and
6	(iii) a person who made the election under subsection
7	(a-5) as a Tier I retiree remains bound by that election
8	and shall not make a later election under this subsection
9	<u>(a).</u>
10	If a Tier I employee fails for any reason to make a
11	required election under this subsection within the time
12	specified, then the employee shall be deemed to have made the
13	election under paragraph (2) of this subsection.
14	(a-5) Each Tier I retiree shall make an irrevocable
15	election either:
16	(1) to agree to the following:
17	(i) to have the amount of the automatic annual
18	increases in his or her retirement annuity calculated
19	without regard to subsection $(a-1)$, $(a-2)$, or $(a-3)$ of
20	Section 14-114; and
21	(ii) to waive his or her eligibility for 2
22	automatic annual increases in retirement annuity as
23	provided in subsection (a-4) of Section 14-114; or
24	(2) to not agree to items (i) and (ii) as set forth in
25	paragraph (1) of this subsection.
26	The election required under this subsection (a-5) shall be

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- (i) a person who becomes a Tier I retiree under this Article on or after February 1, 2014 must make the election under this subsection (a-5) within 60 days after becoming a Tier I retiree; and
- (ii) a person who made the election under subsection (a) as a Tier I employee remains bound by that election and shall not make a later election under this subsection (a-5).
 - If a Tier I retiree fails for any reason to make a required election under this subsection within the time specified, then the Tier I retiree shall be deemed to have made the election under paragraph (2) of this subsection.
 - (a-10) All elections under subsection (a) or (a-5) that are made or deemed to be made before June 1, 2014 shall take effect on July 1, 2014. Elections that are made or deemed to be made on or after June 1, 2014 shall take effect on the first day of the month following the month in which the election is made or deemed to be made.
 - (b) As adequate and legal consideration provided under this amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly for making an election under paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this Section, any future increases in income offered by a department under this Article to a Tier I employee who has made an election under paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this Section shall be

offered expressly and irrevocably as constituting compensation 1 2 under Section 14-103.10. In addition, a Tier I employee who has made an election under item (i) of paragraph (1) of subsection 3 (a) of this Section shall receive the right to also participate 4 5 in the optional cash balance plan established under Section 6

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As adequate and legal consideration provided under this amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly for making an election under paragraph (1) of subsection (a-5) of this Section, any future increases in income offered by a department under this Article to a Tier I retiree who returns to active service after having made the election under paragraph (1) of subsection (a-5) of this Section shall be offered expressly and irrevocably as constituting compensation under Section 14-103.10.

(c) A Tier I employee who makes the election under paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of this Section shall not be subject to either item (i) or (ii) set forth in paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this Section. However, any future increases in income offered by a department under this Article to a Tier I employee who has made the election under paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of this Section shall be offered by the department expressly and irrevocably as not constituting compensation under Section 14-103.10, and the employee may not accept any future increase in income that is offered in violation of this requirement. In addition, a Tier I employee

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who has made the election under paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of this Section shall not receive the right to participate in the optional cash balance plan established under Section 1-162. A Tier I retiree who makes the election under paragraph (2) of subsection (a-5) of this Section shall not be subject to either item (i) or (ii) set forth in paragraph (1) of subsection (a-5) of this Section. However, any future increases in income offered by a department under this Article to a Tier I retiree who returns to active service and has made the election under paragraph (2) of subsection (a-5) of this Section shall be offered by the department expressly and irrevocably as not constituting compensation under Section 14-103.10, and the employee may not accept any future increase in income that is offered in violation of this requirement. In addition, a Tier I retiree who returns to active service and has made the election under paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of this Section shall not receive the right to participate in the optional cash balance plan established under Section 1-162. (d) The System shall make a good faith effort to contact

each Tier I employee and Tier I retiree subject to this Section. The System shall mail information describing the required election to each Tier I employee and Tier I retiree by United States Postal Service mail to his or her last known address on file with the System. If the Tier I employee or Tier I retiree is not responsive to other means of contact, it is sufficient for the System to publish the details of any

required elections on its website or to publish those details 1

in a regularly published newsletter or other existing public

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Tier I employees and Tier I retirees who are subject to this Section shall be provided with an election packet containing information regarding their options, as well as the forms necessary to make the required election. Upon request, the System shall offer Tier I employees and Tier I retirees an opportunity to receive information from the System before making the required election. The information may consist of video materials, group presentations, individual consultation with a member or authorized representative of the System in person or by telephone or other electronic means, or any combination of those methods. The System shall not provide advice or counseling with respect to which election a Tier I employee or Tier I retiree should make or specific to the legal or tax circumstances of or consequences to the Tier I employee or Tier I retiree.

The System shall inform Tier I employees and Tier I retirees in the election packet required under this subsection that the Tier I employee or Tier I retiree may also wish to obtain information and counsel relating to the election required under this Section from any other available source, including but not limited to labor organizations and private counsel.

In no event shall the System, its staff, or the Board be

- held liable for any information given to a member, beneficiary, 1
- 2 or annuitant regarding the elections under this Section. The
- 3 System shall coordinate with the Illinois Department of Central
- 4 Management Services and each other retirement system
- 5 administering an election in accordance with this amendatory
- Act of the 98th General Assembly to provide information 6
- 7 concerning the impact of the election set forth in this
- 8 Section.
- 9 (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a
- 10 department under this Article is required to offer any future
- 11 increases in income expressly and irrevocably as not
- 12 constituting "compensation" under Section 14-103.10 to any
- Tier I employee, or Tier I retiree returning to active service, 13
- 14 who has made an election under paragraph (2) of subsection (a)
- or (a-5) of Section 14-106.5. A Tier I employee, or Tier I 15
- 16 retiree returning to active service, who has made an election
- 17 under paragraph (2) of subsection (a) or (a-5) of Section
- 14-106.5 shall not accept any future increase in income that is 18
- 19 offered by an employer under this Article in violation of the
- 20 requirement set forth in this subsection.
- 21 (f) A member's election under this Section is not a
- 22 prohibited election under subdivision (j)(1) of Section 1-119
- 23 of this Code.
- 24 (g) An employee who has made the election under item (i) of
- paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this Section may elect to 25
- 26 participate in the optional cash balance plan under Section

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- 2 The election to participate in the optional cash balance plan shall be made in writing, in the manner provided by the 3 4 applicable retirement system.
 - (h) No provision of this Section shall be interpreted in a way that would cause the System to cease to be a qualified plan under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.
 - (i) If this Section is determined to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by a final unappealable decision of an Illinois court or a court of competent jurisdiction as applied to Tier I employees but not as applied to Tier I retirees, then this Section and the changes deriving from the election required under this Section shall be null and void as applied to Tier I employees but shall remain in full effect for Tier I retirees.
 - (j) If this Section is determined to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by a final unappealable decision of an Illinois court or a court of competent jurisdiction as applied to Tier I retirees but not as applied to Tier I employees, then this Section and the changes deriving from the election required under this Section shall be null and void as applied to Tier I retirees but shall remain in full effect for Tier I employees.
 - (k) If an election created by this amendatory Act in any other Article of this Code or any change deriving from that election is determined to be unconstitutional or otherwise

- 1 invalid by a final unappealable decision of an Illinois court
- 2 or a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity of that
- provision shall not in any way affect the validity of this 3
- Section or the changes deriving from the election required 4
- 5 under this Section.
- (40 ILCS 5/14-114) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 14-114) 6
- 7 Sec. 14-114. Automatic increase in retirement annuity.
- 8 (a) Subject to the provisions of subsections (a-1), (a-2), 9 (a-3), and (a-4), any Any person receiving a retirement annuity 10 under this Article who retires having attained age 60, or who 11 retires before age 60 having at least 35 years of creditable 12 service, or who retires on or after January 1, 2001 at an age which, when added to the number of years of his or her 13 creditable service, equals at least 85, shall, on January 1 14 15 next following the first full year of retirement, have the 16 amount of the then fixed and payable monthly retirement annuity increased 3%. Any person receiving a retirement annuity under 17 this Article who retires before attainment of age 60 and with 18 less than (i) 35 years of creditable service if retirement is 19 before January 1, 2001, or (ii) the number of years of 20 21 creditable service which, when added to the member's age, would 22 equal 85, if retirement is on or after January 1, 2001, shall have the amount of the fixed and payable retirement annuity 23 24 increased by 3% on the January 1 occurring on or next following (1) attainment of age 60, or (2) the first anniversary of 25

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retirement, whichever occurs later. However, for persons who 1 2 receive the alternative retirement annuity under Section 14-110, references in this subsection (a) to attainment of age 3 60 shall be deemed to refer to attainment of age 55. For a 4 5 person receiving early retirement incentives under Section 14-108.3 whose retirement annuity began after January 1, 1992 6 7 pursuant to an extension granted under subsection (e) of that 8 Section, the first anniversary of retirement shall be deemed to 9 be January 1, 1993. For a person who retires on or after June 10 28, 2001 and on or before October 1, 2001, and whose retirement annuity is calculated, in whole or in part, under Section 11 12 14-110 or subsection (g) or (h) of Section 14-108, the first anniversary of retirement shall be deemed to be January 1, 13 2002. 14

On each January 1 following the date of the initial increase under this subsection, the employee's monthly retirement annuity shall be increased by an additional 3%.

Beginning January 1, 1990, and except as provided in subsection (a-1), all automatic annual increases payable under this Section shall be calculated as a percentage of the total annuity payable at the time of the increase, including previous increases granted under this Article.

(a-1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article, for a Tier I employee who made the election under item (i) of paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Section 14-106.5, the amount of each automatic annual increase in retirement annuity

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- (a-2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article, for a Tier I employee who made the election under item (i) of paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Section 14-106.5, once the first annual increase under this Section has been granted, the next 2 scheduled annual increases shall be skipped, and thereafter all annual increases shall be granted.
- (a-3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article, for a Tier I employee who made the election under item (ii) of paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Section 14-106.5, once the first annual increase under this Section has been granted, the next 3 scheduled annual increases shall be skipped, and thereafter all annual increases shall be granted.
- (a-4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article, for a Tier I retiree who made the election under paragraph (1) of subsection (a-5) of Section 14-106.5:
 - (1) if the Tier I retiree has not received the first annual increase under this Section as of the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly, then once the first annual increase under this Section has been granted, the next scheduled annual increase shall be skipped, the following annual increase shall be granted, the next annual increase shall be skipped, and thereafter all annual increases shall be granted; and
 - (2) if the Tier I retiree has received the first annual

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increase under this Section as of the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly, then the next annual increase after that effective date shall be skipped, the following annual increase shall be granted, the next annual increase shall be skipped, and thereafter all annual increases shall be granted.

- (b) The provisions of subsection (a) of this Section shall be applicable to an employee only if the employee makes the additional contributions required after December 31, 1969 for the purpose of the automatic increases for not less than the equivalent of one full year. If an employee becomes an annuitant before his additional contributions equal one full year's contributions based on his salary at the date of retirement, the employee may pay the necessary balance of the contributions to the system, without interest, and be eligible for the increasing annuity authorized by this Section.
- (c) The provisions of subsection (a) of this Section shall not be applicable to any annuitant who is on retirement on December 31, 1969, and thereafter returns to State service, unless the member has established at least one year of additional creditable service following reentry into service.
- (d) In addition to other increases which may be provided by this Section, on January 1, 1981 any annuitant who was receiving a retirement annuity on or before January 1, 1971 shall have his retirement annuity then being paid increased \$1 per month for each year of creditable service. On January 1,

- 1982, any annuitant who began receiving a retirement annuity on 1
- 2 or before January 1, 1977, shall have his retirement annuity
- 3 then being paid increased \$1 per month for each year of
- creditable service. 4
- 5 On January 1, 1987, any annuitant who began receiving a
- retirement annuity on or before January 1, 1977, shall have the 6
- 7 monthly retirement annuity increased by an amount equal to 8¢
- 8 per year of creditable service times the number of years that
- 9 have elapsed since the annuity began.
- 10 (e) Every person who receives the alternative retirement
- 11 annuity under Section 14-110 and who is eligible to receive the
- 12 3% increase under subsection (a) on January 1, 1986, shall also
- receive on that date a one-time increase in retirement annuity 13
- equal to the difference between (1) his actual retirement 14
- annuity on that date, including any increases received under 15
- subsection (a), and (2) the amount of retirement annuity he 16
- 17 would have received on that date if the amendments to
- subsection (a) made by Public Act 84-162 had been in effect 18
- since the date of his retirement. 19
- 20 (Source: P.A. 91-927, eff. 12-14-00; 92-14, eff. 6-28-01;
- 92-651, eff. 7-11-02.) 21
- 22 (40 ILCS 5/14-132) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 14-132)
- 23 Sec. 14-132. Obligations of State; funding guarantee.
- 24 (a) The payment of the required department contributions,
- 25 all allowances, annuities, benefits granted under

- Article, and all expenses of administration of the system are 1
- 2 obligations of the State of Illinois to the extent specified in
- 3 this Article.
- 4 All income of the system shall be credited to a separate
- 5 account for this system in the State treasury and shall be used
- to pay allowances, annuities, benefits and administration 6
- 7 expense.
- 8 The State shall be contractually obligated to (b)
- 9 contribute to the System in each State fiscal year an amount
- not less than the sum required in Section 14-131 as that 10
- 11 Section existed prior to the effective date of this amendatory
- 12 Act of the 98th General Assembly.
- 13 The obligations created under this subsection (b) are
- 14 contractual obligations protected and enforceable under
- Article I, Section 16 and Article XIII, Section 5 of the 15
- 16 Illinois Constitution.
- 17 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if the State
- fails to pay in a State fiscal year the amount guaranteed under 18
- 19 this subsection (b), the System may bring a mandamus action in
- 20 the Circuit Court of Sangamon County to compel the State to
- make that payment, irrespective of other remedies that may be 21
- 22 available to the System. It shall be the mandatory fiduciary
- 23 obligation of the Board of the System to bring that action if
- 24 the State fails to pay in the fiscal year the amount guaranteed
- 25 under this subsection (b). Before commencing that action, the
- 26 Board shall submit a voucher for the contributions required in

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Section 14-131. If the State fails to pay a vouchered amount within 90 days after receiving a voucher for that amount, then the Board shall submit a written request to the Comptroller seeking payment of that amount. A copy of the request shall be filed with the Secretary of State, and the Secretary of State shall provide copies of the request to the Governor and General Assembly. No earlier than the 16th day after filing a request with the Secretary, but no later than the 21st day after filing that request, the Board may commence such an action in the Circuit Court. If the Board fails to commence such action on or before the 21st day after filing the request with the Secretary of State, then any Tier I employee or Tier I retiree who made the election under paragraph (1) of subsection (a) or (a-5) of Section 14-106.5 may file a mandamus action against the Board to compel the Board to commence its mandamus action against the State. This subsection (b) constitutes an express waiver of the State's sovereign immunity. In ordering the State to make the required payment, the court may order a reasonable payment schedule to enable the State to make the required payment. The obligations and causes of action created under this subsection (b) shall be in addition to any other right or remedy otherwise accorded by common law, or State or federal law, and nothing in this subsection shall be construed to deny, abrogate, impair, or waive any such common law or statutory right or remedy. Any payments required to be made by the State pursuant to

this subsection (b) are expressly subordinated to the payment

- of the principal, interest, and premium, if any, on any bonded 1 debt obligation of the State or any other State-created entity, 2 3 either currently outstanding or to be issued, for which the source of repayment or security thereon is derived directly or 4 5 indirectly from tax revenues collected by the State or any other State-created entity. Payments on 6 such bonded obligations include any statutory fund transfers or other 7 8 prefunding mechanisms or formulas set forth, now or hereafter, 9 in State law or bond indentures, into debt service funds or accounts of the State related to such bonded obligations, 10 consistent with the payment schedules associated with such 11
- (Source: P.A. 80-841.) 13

obligations.

- 14 (40 ILCS 5/14-133) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 14-133)
- 15 Sec. 14-133. Contributions on behalf of members.
- 16 (a) Each participating employee shall make contributions to the System, based on the employee's compensation, as 17
- 18 follows:

- (1) Covered employees, except as indicated below, 3.5% 19
- for retirement annuity, and 0.5% for a widow or survivors 20
- 21 annuity;
- 22 (2) Noncovered employees, except as indicated below,
- 7% for retirement annuity and 1% for a widow or survivors 23
- 24 annuity;
- 25 (3) Noncovered employees serving in a position in which

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- "eligible creditable service" as defined in Section 14-110 may be earned, 1% for a widow or survivors annuity plus the following amount for retirement annuity: 8.5% through December 31, 2001; 9.5% in 2002; 10.5% in 2003; and 11.5% in 2004 and thereafter:
 - (4) Covered employees serving in a position in which "eligible creditable service" as defined in Section 14-110 may be earned, 0.5% for a widow or survivors annuity plus the following amount for retirement annuity: 5% through December 31, 2001; 6% in 2002; 7% in 2003; and 8% in 2004 and thereafter;
 - Each security employee of the Department of Corrections or of the Department of Human Services who is a covered employee, 0.5% for a widow or survivors annuity plus the following amount for retirement annuity: 5% through December 31, 2001; 6% in 2002; 7% in 2003; and 8% in 2004 and thereafter;
 - (6) Each security employee of the Department of Corrections or of the Department of Human Services who is not a covered employee, 1% for a widow or survivors annuity plus the following amount for retirement annuity: 8.5% through December 31, 2001; 9.5% in 2002; 10.5% in 2003; and 11.5% in 2004 and thereafter.
- (a-1) In addition to the contributions required under subsection (a), an employee who elects to participate in the optional cash balance plan under Section 1-162 shall pay to the

- System for the purpose of participating in the optional cash 1
- 2 balance plan an additional contribution of 2% of each payment
- 3 of compensation received while he or she is a participant in
- the optional cash balance plan. These contributions shall not 4
- 5 be used for the purpose of determining any benefit under this
- Article except as provided in the optional cash balance plan. 6
- 7 (a-5) In addition to the contributions otherwise required
- under this Article, each Tier I member who made the election 8
- 9 under item (ii) of paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Section
- 14-106.5 shall also make the following contributions for 10
- 11 retirement annuity from each payment of compensation:
- 12 (1) beginning July 1, 2014 and through June 30, 2015,
- 13 1% of compensation; and
- 14 (2) beginning on July 1, 2015, 2% of compensation.
- 15 (b) Contributions shall be in the form of a deduction from
- 16 compensation and shall be made notwithstanding that the
- 17 compensation paid in cash to the employee shall be reduced
- thereby below the minimum prescribed by law or regulation. Each 18
- 19 member is deemed to consent and agree to the deductions from
- 20 compensation provided for in this Article, and shall receipt in
- full for salary or compensation. 21
- 22 (Source: P.A. 92-14, eff. 6-28-01.)
- 23 (40 ILCS 5/14-135.08) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 14-135.08)
- 24 Sec. 14-135.08. To certify required State contributions.
- 25 (a) To certify to the Governor and to each department, on

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or before November 15 of each year through until November 15, 2011, the required rate for State contributions to the System for the next State fiscal year, as determined under subsection (b) of Section 14-131. The certification to the Governor under this subsection (a) shall include a copy of the actuarial recommendations upon which the rate is based and shall specifically identify the System's projected State normal cost for that fiscal year.

(a-5) On or before November 1 of each year, beginning November 1, 2012, the Board shall submit to the State Actuary, the Governor, and the General Assembly a proposed certification of the amount of the required State contribution to the System for the next fiscal year, along with all of the actuarial assumptions, calculations, and data upon which that proposed certification is based. On or before January 1 of each year, beginning January 1, 2013, the State Actuary shall issue a preliminary report concerning the proposed certification and identifying, if necessary, recommended changes in actuarial assumptions that the Board must consider before finalizing its certification of the required State contributions.

On or before January 15, 2013 and each January 15 thereafter, the Board shall certify to the Governor and the General Assembly the amount of the required State contribution for the next fiscal year. The certification shall include a copy of the actuarial recommendations upon which it is based and shall specifically identify the System's projected State

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2 must note any deviations from the State Actuary's recommended

changes, the reason or reasons for not following the State

Actuary's recommended changes, and the fiscal impact of not

following the State Actuary's recommended changes on the

required State contribution.

- (b) The certifications under subsections (a) and (a-5)shall include an additional amount necessary to pay all principal of and interest on those general obligation bonds due the next fiscal year authorized by Section 7.2(a) of the General Obligation Bond Act and issued to provide the proceeds deposited by the State with the System in July 2003, representing deposits other than amounts reserved Section 7.2(c) of the General Obligation Bond Act. For State fiscal year 2005, the Board shall make a supplemental certification of the additional amount necessary to pay all principal of and interest on those general obligation bonds due in State fiscal years 2004 and 2005 authorized by Section 7.2(a) of the General Obligation Bond Act and issued to provide the proceeds deposited by the State with the System in July 2003, representing deposits other than amounts reserved under Section 7.2(c) of the General Obligation Bond Act, as soon as practical after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly.
- On or before May 1, 2004, the Board shall recalculate and recertify to the Governor and to each department the amount of

- the required State contribution to the System and the required 1
- 2 rates for State contributions to the System for State fiscal
- 3 year 2005, taking into account the amounts appropriated to and
- received by the System under subsection (d) of Section 7.2 of 4
- 5 the General Obligation Bond Act.
- 6 On or before July 1, 2005, the Board shall recalculate and
- 7 recertify to the Governor and to each department the amount of
- 8 the required State contribution to the System and the required
- 9 rates for State contributions to the System for State fiscal
- 10 year 2006, taking into account the changes in required State
- 11 contributions made by this amendatory Act of the 94th General
- 12 Assembly.
- 13 On or before April 1, 2011, the Board shall recalculate and
- 14 recertify to the Governor and to each department the amount of
- 15 the required State contribution to the System for State fiscal
- 16 year 2011, applying the changes made by Public Act 96-889 to
- 17 the System's assets and liabilities as of June 30, 2009 as
- though Public Act 96-889 was approved on that date. 18
- (Source: P.A. 96-1497, eff. 1-14-11; 96-1511, eff. 1-27-11; 19
- 97-694, eff. 6-18-12.) 20
- 21 (40 ILCS 5/14-152.1)
- 22 Sec. 14-152.1. Application and expiration of new benefit
- 23 increases.
- 24 (a) As used in this Section, "new benefit increase" means
- 25 an increase in the amount of any benefit provided under this

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- Article, or an expansion of the conditions of eligibility for 1 2 any benefit under this Article, that results from an amendment 3 to this Code that takes effect after June 1, 2005 (the effective date of Public Act 94-4). "New benefit increase", 5 however, does not include any benefit increase resulting from the changes made to this Article or Article 1 by Public Act 6 7 96-37 or this amendatory Act of the 98th 96th General Assembly.
 - (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code or any subsequent amendment to this Code, every new benefit increase is subject to this Section and shall be deemed to be granted only in conformance with and contingent upon compliance with the provisions of this Section.
 - (c) The Public Act enacting a new benefit increase must identify and provide for payment to the System of additional funding at least sufficient to fund the resulting annual increase in cost to the System as it accrues.

Every new benefit increase is contingent upon the General Assembly providing the additional funding required under this subsection. The Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability shall analyze whether adequate additional funding has been provided for the new benefit increase and shall report its analysis to the Public Pension Division of the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. A new benefit increase created by a Public Act that does not include the additional funding required under this subsection is null and void. If the Public Pension Division determines that the the certification is made.

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- additional funding provided for a new benefit increase under 1 this subsection is or has become inadequate, it may so certify 2 3 to the Governor and the State Comptroller and, in the absence of corrective action by the General Assembly, the new benefit 5 increase shall expire at the end of the fiscal year in which
- (d) Every new benefit increase shall expire 5 years after 7 8 its effective date or on such earlier date as may be specified 9 in the language enacting the new benefit increase or provided 10 under subsection (c). This does not prevent the General 11 Assembly from extending or re-creating a new benefit increase
 - (e) Except as otherwise provided in the language creating the new benefit increase, a new benefit increase that expires under this Section continues to apply to persons who applied and qualified for the affected benefit while the new benefit increase was in effect and to the affected beneficiaries and alternate payees of such persons, but does not apply to any other person, including without limitation a person who continues in service after the expiration date and did not apply and qualify for the affected benefit while the new benefit increase was in effect.
- (Source: P.A. 96-37, eff. 7-13-09.) 23
- 24 (40 ILCS 5/15-106) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 15-106)
- 25 Sec. 15-106. Employer. "Employer": The University of

1 Illinois, Southern Illinois University, Chicago State 2 Illinois University, Governors University, Eastern State 3 University, Illinois State University, Northeastern Illinois 4 University, Northern Illinois University, Western Illinois 5 University, the State Board of Higher Education, the Illinois 6 Mathematics and Science Academy, the University Civil Service 7 Merit Board, the Board of Trustees of the State Universities 8 Retirement System, the Illinois Community College Board, 9 community college boards, any association of community college 10 boards organized under Section 3-55 of the Public Community 11 College Act, the Board of Examiners established under the 12 Illinois Public Accounting Act, and, only during the period for which employer contributions required under Section 15-155 are 13 paid, the following organizations: the alumni associations, 14 the foundations and the athletic associations which are 15 16 affiliated with the universities and colleges included in this Section as employers. An individual that begins employment 17 after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 98th 18 19 General Assembly with an entity not defined as an employer in 20 this Section shall not be deemed an employee for the purposes 21 of this Article with respect to that employment and shall not 22 be eligible to participate in the System with respect to that 23 employment; provided, however, that those individuals who are 24 both employed and already participants in the System on the 25 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly shall be entitled to remain participants in the System 26

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Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, an individual who begins employment with any of the following employers on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly shall not be deemed an employee and shall not be eligible to participate in the System with respect to that employment: any association of community college boards organized under Section 3-55 of the Public Community College Act, the Association of Illinois Middle-Grade Schools, the Illinois Association of School Administrators, the Illinois Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, the Illinois Principals Association, the Illinois Association of School Business Officials, or the Illinois Special Olympics; provided, however, that those individuals who are both employed and already participants in the System on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly shall be entitled to remain participants in the System for the duration of that employment and continue to earn service credit.

A department as defined in Section 14-103.04 is an employer for any person appointed by the Governor under the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois who is a participating employee defined in Section 15-109. The Department of Central Management Services is an employer with respect to persons employed by the State Board of Higher Education in positions

- 1 with the Illinois Century Network as of June 30, 2004 who
- 2 remain continuously employed after that date by the Department
- 3 of Central Management Services in positions with the Illinois
- 4 Century Network, the Bureau of Communication and Computer
- 5 Services, or, if applicable, any successor bureau.
- 6 The cities of Champaign and Urbana shall be considered
- 7 employers, but only during the period for which contributions
- 8 are required to be made under subsection (b-1) of Section
- 9 15-155 and only with respect to individuals described in
- subsection (h) of Section 15-107.
- 11 (Source: P.A. 95-369, eff. 8-23-07; 95-728, eff. 7-1-08 See
- 12 Sec. 999.)
- 13 (40 ILCS 5/15-107) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 15-107)
- 14 Sec. 15-107. Employee.
- 15 (a) "Employee" means any member of the educational,
- 16 administrative, secretarial, clerical, mechanical, labor or
- other staff of an employer whose employment is permanent and
- 18 continuous or who is employed in a position in which services
- 19 are expected to be rendered on a continuous basis for at least
- 4 months or one academic term, whichever is less, who (A)
- 21 receives payment for personal services on a warrant issued
- 22 pursuant to a payroll voucher certified by an employer and
- drawn by the State Comptroller upon the State Treasurer or by
- 24 an employer upon trust, federal or other funds, or (B) is on a
- 25 leave of absence without pay. Employment which is irregular,

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- intermittent or temporary shall not be considered continuous 1 2 for purposes of this paragraph.
 - However, a person is not an "employee" if he or she:
 - (1) is a student enrolled in and regularly attending classes in a college or university which is an employer, and is employed on a temporary basis at less than full time;
 - (2) is currently receiving a retirement annuity or a disability retirement annuity under Section 15-153.2 from this System;
 - (3) is on a military leave of absence;
 - (4) is eligible to participate in the Federal Civil Service Retirement System and is currently contributions to that system based upon earnings paid by an employer;
 - (5) is on leave of absence without pay for more than 60 days immediately following termination of disability benefits under this Article;
 - (6) is hired after June 30, 1979 as a public service program participant under the Federal Comprehensive Employment and Training Act and receives earnings in whole or in part from funds provided under that Act: or
 - (7) is employed on or after July 1, 1991 to perform services that are excluded by subdivision (a)(7)(f) or (a) (19) of Section 210 of the federal Social Security Act

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- from the definition of employment given in that Section (42 1 2 U.S.C. 410).
 - (b) Any employer may, by filing a written notice with the board, exclude from the definition of "employee" all persons employed pursuant to a federally funded contract entered into after July 1, 1982 with a federal military department in a program providing training in military courses to federal military personnel on a military site owned by the United States Government, if this exclusion is not prohibited by the federally funded contract or federal laws or rules governing the administration of the contract.
 - (c) Any person appointed by the Governor under the Civil Administrative Code of the State is an employee, if he or she is a participant in this system on the effective date of the appointment.
 - (d) A participant on lay-off status under civil service rules is considered an employee for not more than 120 days from the date of the lay-off.
 - (e) A participant is considered an employee during (1) the first 60 days of disability leave, (2) the period, not to exceed one year, in which his or her eligibility for disability benefits is being considered by the board or reviewed by the courts, and (3) the period he or she receives disability benefits under the provisions of Section 15-152, workers' compensation or occupational disease benefits, or disability income under an insurance contract financed wholly or partially

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- (f) Absences without pay, other than formal leaves of absence, of less than 30 calendar days, are not considered as an interruption of a person's status as an employee. If such absences during any period of 12 months exceed 30 work days, the employee status of the person is considered as interrupted 7 as of the 31st work day.
 - (q) A staff member whose employment contract requires services during an academic term is to be considered an employee during the summer and other vacation periods, unless he or she declines an employment contract for the succeeding academic term or his or her employment status is otherwise terminated, and he or she receives no earnings during these periods.
 - (h) An individual who was a participating employee employed in the fire department of the University of Illinois's Champaign-Urbana campus immediately prior to the elimination that fire department and who immediately after the elimination of that fire department became employed by the fire department of the City of Urbana or the City of Champaign shall continue to be considered as an employee for purposes of this Article for so long as the individual remains employed as a firefighter by the City of Urbana or the City of Champaign. The individual shall cease to be considered an employee under this subsection (h) upon the first termination of the individual's employment as a firefighter by the City of Urbana or the City

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(i) An individual who is employed on a full-time basis as an officer or employee of a statewide teacher organization that serves System participants or an officer of a national teacher organization that serves System participants may participate in the System and shall be deemed an employee, provided that (1) the individual has previously earned creditable service under this Article, (2) the individual files with the System an irrevocable election to become a participant before the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly, (3) the individual does not receive credit for that employment under any other Article of this Code, and (4) the individual first became a full-time employee of the teacher organization and becomes a participant before the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly. An employee under this subsection (i) is responsible for paying to the System both (A) employee contributions based on the actual received for service with the compensation teacher organization and (B) employer contributions equal to the normal costs (as defined in Section 15-155) resulting from that service; all or any part of these contributions may be paid on the employee's behalf or picked up for tax purposes authorized under federal law) by the teacher organization.

A person who is an employee as defined in this subsection

(i) may establish service credit for similar employment prior
to becoming an employee under this subsection by paying to the

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- System for that employment the contributions specified in this 1 2 subsection, plus interest at the effective rate from the date 3 of service to the date of payment. However, credit shall not be granted under this subsection for any such prior employment for 4 5 which the applicant received credit under any other provision 6 of this Code, or during which the applicant was on a leave of absence under Section 15-113.2.
 - A person employed by the State Board of Higher Education in a position with the Illinois Century Network as of June 30, 2004 shall be considered to be an employee for so long as he or she remains continuously employed after that date by the Department of Central Management Services in a position with the Illinois Century Network, the Bureau of Communication and Computer Services, or, if applicable, any successor bureau and meets the requirements of subsection (a).
- 16 (k) In the case of doubt as to whether any person is an 17 employee within the meaning of this Section, the decision of the Board shall be final. 18
- (Source: P.A. 97-651, eff. 1-5-12.) 19
- 20 (40 ILCS 5/15-108.1 new)
- 21 Sec. 15-108.1. Tier I employee. "Tier I employee": An 22 employee under this Article, other than a participant in the self-managed plan under Section 15-158.2, who first became a 23 24 member or participant before January 1, 2011 under any reciprocal retirement system or pension fund established under 25

this Code other than a retirement system or pension fund 1 established under Article 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or 18 of this Code. 2 3 However, for the purposes of the election under Section 15-132.9 and the consequences arising from that election, "Tier 4 5 I employee" does not include a participant under this Article who would qualify as a Tier I employee but who has made an 6 irrevocable election on or before January 1, 2013 to retire 7 8 from service pursuant to the terms of a collective bargaining 9 agreement in effect on January 1, 2013, excluding any 10 extension, amendment, or renewal of that agreement on or after 11 that date, and has notified the System of that election.

12 (40 ILCS 5/15-108.2 new)

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Sec. 15-108.2. Tier I retiree. "Tier I retiree": A former Tier I employee who is receiving a retirement annuity. However, for the purposes of the election under Section 15-132.9 and the consequences arising from that election, "Tier I retiree" also includes a participant under this Article who would qualify as a Tier I employee but who has made an irrevocable election on or before January 1, 2013 to retire from service pursuant to the terms of a collective bargaining agreement in effect on January 1, 2013, excluding any extension, amendment, or renewal of that agreement on or after that date, and has notified the System of that election.

A person does not become a Tier I retiree by virtue of receiving a reversionary, survivors, beneficiary or disability

annuity.

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- (40 ILCS 5/15-111) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 15-111) 2
- 3 Sec. 15-111. Earnings. "Earnings": An amount paid for 4 personal services equal to the sum of the basic compensation 5 plus extra compensation for summer teaching, overtime or other 6 extra service. For periods for which an employee receives service credit under subsection (c) of Section 15-113.1 or 7 8 Section 15-113.2, earnings are equal to the basic compensation 9 on which contributions are paid by the employee during such 10 periods. Compensation for employment which is irregular, 11 intermittent and temporary shall not be considered earnings, 12 unless the participant is also receiving earnings from the 1.3 employer as an employee under Section 15-107.
 - With respect to transition pay paid by the University of Illinois to a person who was a participating employee employed in the fire department of the University of Illinois's Champaign-Urbana campus immediately prior to the elimination of that fire department:
 - (1) "Earnings" includes transition pay paid to the employee on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 91st General Assembly.
 - (2) "Earnings" includes transition pay paid to the employee before the effective date of this amendatory Act 91st General Assembly only if (i) contributions under Section 15-157 have been withheld from

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that transition pay or (ii) the employee pays to the System 1

2 before January 1, 2001 an amount representing employee

contributions under Section 15-157 on that transition pay. 3

Employee contributions under item (ii) may be paid in a

lump sum, by withholding from additional transition pay

accruing before January 1, 2001, or in any other manner

approved by the System. Upon payment of the employee

on contributions transition pay, the corresponding

employer contributions become an obligation of the State.

10 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section,

11 "earnings" does not include any future increase in income

offered by an employer under this Article pursuant to the

requirements of subsection (c) of Section 15-132.9 that is

accepted by a Tier I employee, or a Tier I retiree returning to

active service, who has made the election under paragraph (2) 15

of subsection (a) or (a-5) of Section 15-132.9. 16

17 (Source: P.A. 91-887, eff. 7-6-00.)

18 (40 ILCS 5/15-112.1 new)

19 Sec. 15-112.1. Future increase in income. "Future increase

in income": Any increase in income in any form offered by an

employer to an employee under this Article after June 30, 2014

22 that would qualify as "earnings", as defined in Section 15-111,

but for the fact that the employer offered the increase in 23

income to the employee on the condition that it not qualify as

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subject to that condition. The term "future increase in income"
does not include an increase in income in any form that is paid
to a Tier I employee under an employment contract or collective
bargaining agreement that is in effect on the effective date of
this Section but does include an increase in income in any form
pursuant to an extension, amendment, or renewal of any such
employment contract or collective bargaining agreement on or
after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 98th
General Assembly.

10 (40 ILCS 5/15-132.9 new)

11 Sec. 15-132.9. Election by Tier I employees and Tier I 12 retirees.

(a) Each Tier I employee shall make an irrevocable election 1.3 14 either:

(1) to agree to item (i) or (ii) as set forth in this paragraph (1):

> (i) to have the amount of the automatic annual increases in his or her retirement annuity that are otherwise provided for in this Article calculated, instead, as provided in subsection (d-1) of Section 15-136, and to waive his or her eligibility for 2 automatic annual increases in retirement annuity as provided in subsection (d-2) of Section 15-157; or

(ii) to waive his or her eligibility for 3 automatic annual increases in retirement annuity, as

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	make t	he cor	ntribution	ns set	forth	in su	bsectio	on (a-5)	of
	Section	on 15-1	157; or							

- (2) to not agree to item (i) or (ii) as set forth in paragraph (1) of this subsection.
- The election required under this subsection (a) shall be made by each Tier I employee no earlier than February 1, 2014 and no later than May 31, 2014, except that:
 - (i) a person who becomes a Tier I employee under this

 Article on or after February 1, 2014 must make the election

 under this subsection (a) within 60 days after becoming a

 Tier I employee;
 - (ii) a person who returns to active service as a Tier I employee under this Article on or after February 1, 2014 and has not yet made an election under this Section must make the election under this subsection (a) within 60 days after returning to active service as a Tier I employee; and

 (iii) a person who made the election under subsection (a-5) as a Tier I retiree remains bound by that election and shall not make a later election under this subsection (a).
- If a Tier I employee fails for any reason to make a required election under this subsection within the time specified, then the employee shall be deemed to have made the election under paragraph (2) of this subsection.
- 26 (a-5) Each Tier I retiree shall make an irrevocable

1	election either:
2	(1) to agree to the following:
3	(i) to have the amount of the automatic annual
4	increases in his or her retirement annuity calculated
5	without regard to subsection (d-1), (d-2), or (d-3) of
6	Section 15-136; and
7	(ii) to waive his or her eligibility for 2
8	automatic annual increases in retirement annuity as
9	provided in subsection (d-4) of Section 15-136; or
10	(2) to not agree to items (i) and (ii) as set forth in
11	paragraph (1) of this subsection.
12	The election required under this subsection (a-5) shall be
13	made by each Tier I retiree no earlier than February 1, 2014
14	and no later than May 31, 2014, except that:
15	(i) a person who becomes a Tier I retiree under this
16	Article on or after February 1, 2014 must make the election
17	under this subsection (a-5) within 60 days after becoming a
18	Tier I retiree; and
19	(ii) a person who made the election under subsection
20	(a) as a Tier I employee remains bound by that election and
21	shall not make a later election under this subsection
22	<u>(a-5).</u>
23	If a Tier I retiree fails for any reason to make a required
24	election under this subsection within the time specified, then
25	the Tier I retiree shall be deemed to have made the election

under paragraph (2) of this subsection.

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(a-10) All elections under subsection (a) or (a-5) that are made or deemed to be made before June 1, 2014 shall take effect on July 1, 2014. Elections that are made or deemed to be made on or after June 1, 2014 shall take effect on the first day of the month following the month in which the election is made or deemed to be made.

(b) As adequate and legal consideration provided under this amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly for making an election under paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this Section, any future increases in income offered by an employer under this Article to a Tier I employee who has made an election under paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this Section shall be offered expressly and irrevocably as constituting earnings under Section 15-111. In addition, a Tier I employee who has made an election under item (i) of paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this Section shall receive the right to also participate in the optional cash balance plan established under Section 1-162.

As adequate and legal consideration provided under this amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly for making an election under paragraph (1) of subsection (a-5) of this Section, any future increases in income offered by an employer under this Article to a Tier I retiree who returns to active service after having made the election under paragraph (1) of subsection (a-5) of this Section shall be offered expressly and irrevocably as constituting earnings under Section 15-111.

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(c) A Tier I employee who makes the election under paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of this Section shall not be subject to either item (i) or (ii) set forth in paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this Section. However, any future increases in income offered by an employer under this Article to a Tier I employee who has made the election under paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of this Section shall be offered by the employer expressly and irrevocably as not constituting earnings under Section 15-111, and the employee may not accept any future increase in income that is offered in violation of this requirement. In addition, a Tier I employee who has made the election under paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of this Section shall not receive the right to participate in the optional cash balance plan established under Section 1-162.

A Tier I retiree who makes the election under paragraph (2) of subsection (a-5) of this Section shall not be subject to either item (i) or (ii) set forth in paragraph (1) of subsection (a-5) of this Section. However, any future increases in income offered by an employer under this Article to a Tier I retiree who returns to active service and has made the election under paragraph (2) of subsection (a-5) of this Section shall be offered by the employer expressly and irrevocably as not constituting earnings under Section 15-111, and the employee may not accept any future increase in income that is offered in violation of this requirement. In addition, a Tier I retiree who returns to active service and has made the election under

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paragraph (2) of subsection (a-5) of this Section shall not 1 2 receive the right to participate in the optional cash balance

3 plan established under Section 1-162.

> (d) The System shall make a good faith effort to contact each Tier I employee and Tier I retiree subject to this Section. The System shall mail information describing the required election to each Tier I employee and Tier I retiree by United States Postal Service mail to his or her last known address on file with the System. If the Tier I employee or Tier I retiree is not responsive to other means of contact, it is sufficient for the System to publish the details of any required elections on its website or to publish those details in a regularly published newsletter or other existing public forum.

> Tier I employees and Tier I retirees who are subject to this Section shall be provided with an election packet containing information regarding their options, as well as the forms necessary to make the required election. Upon request, the System shall offer Tier I employees and Tier I retirees an opportunity to receive information from the System before making the required election. The information may consist of video materials, group presentations, individual consultation with a member or authorized representative of the System in person or by telephone or other electronic means, or any combination of those methods. The System shall not provide advice or counseling with respect to which election a Tier I

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The System shall inform Tier I employees and Tier I retirees in the election packet required under this subsection that the Tier I employee or Tier I retiree may also wish to obtain information and counsel relating to the election required under this Section from any other available source, including but not limited to labor organizations and private counsel.

In no event shall the System, its staff, or the Board be held liable for any information given to a member, beneficiary, or annuitant regarding the elections under this Section. The System shall coordinate with the Illinois Department of Central Management Services and each other retirement system administering an election in accordance with this amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly to provide information concerning the impact of the election set forth in this Section.

(e) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an employer under this Article is required to offer any future increases in income expressly and irrevocably as not constituting "earnings" under Section 15-111 to any Tier I employee, or Tier I retiree returning to active service, who has made an election under paragraph (2) of subsection (a) or (a-5) of this Section. A Tier I employee, or Tier I retiree returning to active

service, who has made an election under paragraph (2) of

- 2 subsection (a) or (a-5) of this Section shall not accept any
- future increase in income that is offered by an employer under 3
- 4 this Article in violation of the requirement set forth in this
- 5 subsection.

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- 6 (f) A member's election under this Section is not a
- 7 prohibited election under subdivision (j)(1) of Section 1-119
- 8 of this Code.
- 9 (q) An employee who has made the election under item (i) of
- paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this Section may elect to 10
- 11 participate in the optional cash balance plan under Section
- 12 1-162.
- 13 The election to participate in the optional cash balance
- plan shall be made in writing, in the manner provided by the 14
- 15 applicable retirement system.
- 16 (h) No provision of this Section shall be interpreted in a
- 17 way that would cause the System to cease to be a qualified plan
- under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. 18
- 19 (i) If this Section is determined to be unconstitutional or
- 20 otherwise invalid by a final unappealable decision of an
- Illinois court or a court of competent jurisdiction as applied 21
- 22 to Tier I employees but not as applied to Tier I retirees, then
- 23 this Section and the changes deriving from the election
- 24 required under this Section shall be null and void as applied
- 25 to Tier I employees but shall remain in full effect for Tier I
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- (j) If this Section is determined to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by a final unappealable decision of an Illinois court or a court of competent jurisdiction as applied to Tier I retirees but not as applied to Tier I employees, then this Section and the changes deriving from the election required under this Section shall be null and void as applied to Tier I retirees but shall remain in full effect for Tier I employees.
- (k) If an election created by this amendatory Act in any other Article of this Code or any change deriving from that election is determined to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by a final unappealable decision of an Illinois court or a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity of that provision shall not in any way affect the validity of this Section or the changes deriving from the election required under this Section.
- 17 (40 ILCS 5/15-136) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 15-136)
- Sec. 15-136. Retirement annuities Amount. The provisions 18 of this Section 15-136 apply only to those participants who are 19 20 participating in the traditional benefit package or the 21 portable benefit package and do not apply to participants who 22 are participating in the self-managed plan.
- (a) The amount of a participant's retirement annuity, 23 24 expressed in the form of a single-life annuity, shall be 25 determined by whichever of the following rules is applicable

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1 and provides the largest annuity:

- Rule 1: The retirement annuity shall be 1.67% of final rate of earnings for each of the first 10 years of service, 1.90% for each of the next 10 years of service, 2.10% for each year of service in excess of 20 but not exceeding 30, and 2.30% for each year in excess of 30; or for persons who retire on or after January 1, 1998, 2.2% of the final rate of earnings for each year of service.
 - Rule 2: The retirement annuity shall be the sum of the following, determined from amounts credited to the participant in accordance with the actuarial tables and the effective rate of interest in effect at the time the retirement annuity begins:
 - (i) the normal annuity which can be provided on an actuarially equivalent basis, by the accumulated normal contributions as of the date the annuity begins;
 - (ii) an annuity from employer contributions of an amount equal to that which can be provided actuarially equivalent basis from the accumulated normal contributions made by the participant under Section 15-113.6 and Section 15-113.7 plus 1.4 times all other accumulated normal contributions made by the participant; and
 - (iii) the annuity that can be provided on actuarially equivalent basis from the entire contribution made by the participant under Section 15-113.3.

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For the purpose of calculating an annuity under this Rule 2, neither the contribution required under subsection (a-1) of Section 15-157 nor the contribution required under subsection (a-5) of that Section shall be considered when determining the participant's accumulated normal contributions under clause (i) or the employer contribution under clause (ii).

With respect to a police officer or firefighter who retires after August 14, 1998, the accumulated on contributions taken into account under clauses (i) and (ii) of this Rule 2 shall include the additional normal contributions made by the police officer or firefighter under Section 15-157(a).

The amount of a retirement annuity calculated under this Rule 2 shall be computed solely on the basis of the participant's accumulated normal contributions, as specified in this Rule and defined in Section 15-116. Neither an employee or employer contribution for early retirement under Section 15-136.2 nor any other employer contribution shall be used in the calculation of the amount of a retirement annuity under this Rule 2.

This amendatory Act of the 91st General Assembly is a clarification of existing law and applies to every participant and annuitant without regard to whether status as an employee terminates before the effective date of this amendatory Act.

This Rule 2 does not apply to a person who first becomes an employee under this Article on or after July 1, 2005.

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Rule 3: The retirement annuity of a participant who is employed at least one-half time during the period on which his or her final rate of earnings is based, shall be equal to the participant's years of service not to exceed 30, multiplied by (1) \$96 if the participant's final rate of earnings is less than \$3,500, (2) \$108 if the final rate of earnings is at least \$3,500 but less than \$4,500, (3) \$120 if the final rate of earnings is at least \$4,500 but less than \$5,500, (4) \$132 if the final rate of earnings is at least \$5,500 but less than \$6,500, (5) \$144 if the final rate of earnings is at least \$6,500 but less than \$7,500, (6) \$156 if the final rate of earnings is at least \$7,500 but less than \$8,500, (7) \$168 if the final rate of earnings is at least \$8,500 but less than \$9,500, and (8) \$180 if the final rate of earnings is \$9,500 or more, except that the annuity for those persons having made an election under Section 15-154(a-1) shall be calculated and payable under the portable retirement benefit program pursuant to the provisions of Section 15-136.4.

Rule 4: A participant who is at least age 50 and has 25 or more years of service as a police officer or firefighter, and a participant who is age 55 or over and has at least 20 but less than 25 years of service as a police officer or firefighter, shall be entitled to a retirement annuity of 2 1/4% of the final rate of earnings for each of the first 10 years of service as a police officer or firefighter, 2 1/2% for each of the next 10 years of service as a police officer or

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firefighter, and 2 3/4% for each year of service as a police officer or firefighter in excess of 20. The retirement annuity for all other service shall be computed under Rule 1.

For purposes of this Rule 4, a participant's service as a firefighter shall also include the following:

- (i) service that is performed while the person is an employee under subsection (h) of Section 15-107; and
- (ii) in the case of an individual who was participating employee employed in the fire department of University of Illinois's Champaign-Urbana campus immediately prior to the elimination of that fire department and who immediately after the elimination of that fire department transferred to another job with the University of Illinois, service performed as an employee of the University of Illinois in a position other than police officer or firefighter, from the date of that transfer until the employee's next termination of service with the University of Illinois.

Rule 5: The retirement annuity of a participant who elected early retirement under the provisions of Section 15-136.2 and who, on or before February 16, 1995, brought administrative proceedings pursuant to the administrative rules adopted by the System to challenge the calculation of his or her retirement annuity shall be the sum of the following, determined from amounts credited to the participant in accordance with the actuarial tables and the prescribed rate of interest in effect

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at the time the retirement annuity begins:

- (i) the normal annuity which can be provided on an actuarially equivalent basis, by the accumulated normal contributions as of the date the annuity begins; and
- (ii) an annuity from employer contributions of an amount equal to that which can be provided on an actuarially equivalent basis from the accumulated normal contributions made by the participant under Section 15-113.6 and Section 15-113.7 plus 1.4 times all other accumulated normal contributions made by the participant; and
- annuity which can be provided (iii) on an basis actuarially equivalent from the employee contribution for early retirement under Section 15-136.2, and an annuity from employer contributions of an amount equal to that which can be provided on an actuarially equivalent basis from the employee contribution for early retirement under Section 15-136.2.

In no event shall a retirement annuity under this Rule 5 be lower than the amount obtained by adding (1) the monthly amount obtained by dividing the combined employee and employer contributions made under Section 15-136.2 by the System's annuity factor for the age of the participant at the beginning of the annuity payment period and (2) the amount equal to the participant's annuity if calculated under Rule 1, reduced under Section 15-136(b) as if no contributions had been made under

1 Section 15-136.2.

With respect to a participant who is qualified for a retirement annuity under this Rule 5 whose retirement annuity began before the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 91st General Assembly, and for whom an employee contribution was made under Section 15-136.2, the System shall recalculate the retirement annuity under this Rule 5 and shall pay any additional amounts due in the manner provided in Section 15-186.1 for benefits mistakenly set too low.

The amount of a retirement annuity calculated under this Rule 5 shall be computed solely on the basis of those contributions specifically set forth in this Rule 5. Except as provided in clause (iii) of this Rule 5, neither an employee nor employer contribution for early retirement under Section 15-136.2, nor any other employer contribution, shall be used in the calculation of the amount of a retirement annuity under this Rule 5.

The General Assembly has adopted the changes set forth in Section 25 of this amendatory Act of the 91st General Assembly in recognition that the decision of the Appellate Court for the Fourth District in Mattis v. State Universities Retirement System et al. might be deemed to give some right to the plaintiff in that case. The changes made by Section 25 of this amendatory Act of the 91st General Assembly are a legislative implementation of the decision of the Appellate Court for the Fourth District in Mattis v. State Universities Retirement

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- 1 System et al. with respect to that plaintiff.
- The changes made by Section 25 of this amendatory Act of the 91st General Assembly apply without regard to whether the person is in service as an employee on or after its effective
- 6 (b) The retirement annuity provided under Rules 1 and 3
 7 above shall be reduced by 1/2 of 1% for each month the
 8 participant is under age 60 at the time of retirement. However,
 9 this reduction shall not apply in the following cases:
 - (1) For a disabled participant whose disability benefits have been discontinued because he or she has exhausted eligibility for disability benefits under clause (6) of Section 15-152;
 - (2) For a participant who has at least the number of years of service required to retire at any age under subsection (a) of Section 15-135; or
 - (3) For that portion of a retirement annuity which has been provided on account of service of the participant during periods when he or she performed the duties of a police officer or firefighter, if these duties were performed for at least 5 years immediately preceding the date the retirement annuity is to begin.
 - (c) The maximum retirement annuity provided under Rules 1, 2, 4, and 5 shall be the lesser of (1) the annual limit of benefits as specified in Section 415 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as such Section may be amended from time to time

- benefit limits shall be adjusted by the 1 and as such
- 2 Commissioner of Internal Revenue, and (2) 80% of final rate of
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- (d) Subject to the provisions of subsections (d-1), (d-2), 4
- 5 (d-3), and (d-4), an $\frac{An}{A}$ annuitant whose status as an employee
- terminates after August 14, 1969 shall receive automatic 6
- increases in his or her retirement annuity as follows: 7

Effective January 1 immediately following the date the retirement annuity begins, the annuitant shall receive an increase in his or her monthly retirement annuity of 0.125% of the monthly retirement annuity provided under Rule 1, Rule 2, Rule 3, Rule 4, or Rule 5, contained in this Section, multiplied by the number of full months which elapsed from the date the retirement annuity payments began to January 1, 1972, plus 0.1667% of such annuity, multiplied by the number of full months which elapsed from January 1, 1972, or the date the retirement annuity payments began, whichever is later, to January 1, 1978, plus 0.25% of such annuity multiplied by the number of full months which elapsed from January 1, 1978, or the date the retirement annuity payments began, whichever is later, to the effective date of the increase.

The annuitant shall receive an increase in his or her monthly retirement annuity on each January 1 thereafter during the annuitant's life of 3% of the monthly annuity provided under Rule 1, Rule 2, Rule 3, Rule 4, or Rule 5 contained in this Section. The change made under this subsection by P.A.

- 81-970 is effective January 1, 1980 and applies to each 1
- 2 annuitant whose status as an employee terminates before or
- after that date. 3
- 4 Beginning January 1, 1990, and except as provided in
- 5 subsection (d-1), all automatic annual increases payable under
- 6 this Section shall be calculated as a percentage of the total
- annuity payable at the time of the increase, including all 7
- 8 increases previously granted under this Article.
- 9 The change made in this subsection by P.A. 85-1008 is
- 10 effective January 26, 1988, and is applicable without regard to
- 11 whether status as an employee terminated before that date.
- 12 (d-1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article,
- 13 for a Tier I employee who made the election under item (i) of
- 14 paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Section 15-132.9, the amount
- of each automatic annual increase in retirement annuity 15
- 16 occurring on or after the effective date of that election,
- 17 other than the initial increase, shall be 3% of the originally
- 18 granted retirement annuity.
- 19 (d-2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article,
- 20 for a Tier I employee who made the election under item (i) of
- paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Section 15-132.9, once the 21
- 22 first annual increase under this Section has been granted, the
- 23 next 2 scheduled annual increases shall be skipped, and
- 24 thereafter all annual increases shall be granted.
- 25 (d-3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article,
- for a Tier I employee who made the election under item (ii) of 26

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- 1 paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Section 15-132.9, once the first annual increase under this Section has been granted, the 2 3 next 3 scheduled annual increases shall be skipped, and thereafter all annual increases shall be granted. 4
 - (d-4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article, for a Tier I retiree who made the election under paragraph (1) of subsection (a-5) of Section 15-132.9:
 - (1) if the Tier I retiree has not received the first annual increase under this Section as of the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly, then once the first annual increase under this Section has been granted, the next scheduled annual increase shall be skipped, the following annual increase shall be granted, the next annual increase shall be skipped, and thereafter all annual increases shall be granted; and
 - (2) if the Tier I retiree has received the first annual increase under this Section as of the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly, then the next annual increase after that effective date shall be skipped, the following annual increase shall be granted, the next annual increase shall be skipped, and thereafter all annual increases shall be granted.
 - (e) If, on January 1, 1987, or the date the retirement annuity payment period begins, whichever is later, the sum of the retirement annuity provided under Rule 1 or Rule 2 of this Section and the automatic annual increases provided under the

preceding subsection or Section 15-136.1, amounts to less than the retirement annuity which would be provided by Rule 3, the retirement annuity shall be increased as of January 1, 1987, or the date the retirement annuity payment period begins, whichever is later, to the amount which would be provided by Rule 3 of this Section. Such increased amount shall be considered as the retirement annuity in determining benefits provided under other Sections of this Article. This paragraph applies without regard to whether status as an employee terminated before the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1987, provided that the annuitant was employed at least one-half time during the period on which the final rate of earnings was based.

- (f) A participant is entitled to such additional annuity as may be provided on an actuarially equivalent basis, by any accumulated additional contributions to his or her credit. However, the additional contributions made by the participant toward the automatic increases in annuity provided under this Section shall not be taken into account in determining the amount of such additional annuity.
- (g) If, (1) by law, a function of a governmental unit, as defined by Section 20-107 of this Code, is transferred in whole or in part to an employer, and (2) a participant transfers employment from such governmental unit to such employer within 6 months after the transfer of the function, and (3) the sum of (A) the annuity payable to the participant under Rule 1, 2, or

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3 of this Section (B) all proportional annuities payable to the 1 2 participant by all other retirement systems covered by Article 20, and (C) the initial primary insurance amount to which the 3 participant is entitled under the Social Security Act, is less 4 5 than the retirement annuity which would have been payable if the participant's pension credits validated under 6 Section 20-109 had been validated under this system, 7 8 supplemental annuity equal to the difference in such amounts

shall be payable to the participant.

- 10 (h) On January 1, 1981, an annuitant who was receiving a 11 retirement annuity on or before January 1, 1971 shall have his 12 or her retirement annuity then being paid increased \$1 per month for each year of creditable service. On January 1, 1982, 13 14 an annuitant whose retirement annuity began on or before 15 January 1, 1977, shall have his or her retirement annuity then 16 being paid increased \$1 per month for each year of creditable 17 service.
 - (i) On January 1, 1987, any annuitant whose retirement annuity began on or before January 1, 1977, shall have the monthly retirement annuity increased by an amount equal to 8¢ per year of creditable service times the number of years that have elapsed since the annuity began.
- 23 (Source: P.A. 97-933, eff. 8-10-12; 97-968, eff. 8-16-12.)
- 24 (40 ILCS 5/15-156) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 15-156)
- Sec. 15-156. Obligations of State.

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- (a) The payment of (1) the required State contributions, (2) all benefits granted under this system and (3) all expenses in connection with the administration and operation thereof are obligations of the State of Illinois to the extent specified in this Article. The accumulated employee normal, additional and survivors insurance contributions credited to the accounts of active and inactive participants shall not be used to pay the State's share of the obligations.
 - The State shall be contractually obligated to (b) contribute to the System in each State fiscal year an amount not less than the sum required in Section 15-155 as that Section existed prior to the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly.
 - The obligations created under this subsection (b) are contractual obligations protected and enforceable under Article I, Section 16 and Article XIII, Section 5 of the Illinois Constitution.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if the State fails to pay in a State fiscal year the amount guaranteed under this subsection (b), the System may bring a mandamus action in the Circuit Court of Champaign County to compel the State to make that payment, irrespective of other remedies that may be available to the System. It shall be the mandatory fiduciary obligation of the Board of the System to bring that action if the State fails to pay in the fiscal year the amount guaranteed under this subsection (b). Before commencing that action, the

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Board shall submit a voucher for contributions required under Section 15-155. If the State fails to pay a vouchered amount within 90 days after receiving a voucher for that amount, then the Board shall submit a written request to the Comptroller seeking payment of that amount. A copy of the request shall be filed with the Secretary of State, and the Secretary of State shall provide copies of the request to the Governor and General Assembly. No earlier than the 16th day after filing a request with the Secretary, but no later than the 21st day after filing that request, the Board may commence such an action in the Circuit Court. If the Board fails to commence such action on or before the 21st day after filing the request with the Secretary of State, then any Tier I employee or Tier I retiree who made the election under paragraph (1) of subsection (a) or (a-5) of Section 15-132.9 may file a mandamus action against the Board to compel the Board to commence its mandamus action against the State. This subsection (b) constitutes an express waiver of the State's sovereign immunity. In ordering the State to make the required payment, the court may order a reasonable payment schedule to enable the State to make the required payment. The obligations and causes of action created under this subsection (b) shall be in addition to any other right or remedy otherwise accorded by common law, or State or federal law, and nothing in this subsection shall be construed to deny, abrogate, impair, or waive any such common law or statutory right or remedy.

Any payments required to be made by the State pursuant to

this subsection (b) are expressly subordinated to the payment 1 2 of the principal, interest, and premium, if any, on any bonded 3 debt obligation of the State or any other State-created entity, either currently outstanding or to be issued, for which the 4 5 source of repayment or security thereon is derived directly or indirectly from tax revenues collected by the State or any 6 other State-created entity. Payments on such bonded 7 8 obligations include any statutory fund transfers or other 9 prefunding mechanisms or formulas set forth, now or hereafter, 10 in State law or bond indentures, into debt service funds or 11 accounts of the State related to such bonded obligations, 12 consistent with the payment schedules associated with such 13 obligations.

- (Source: P.A. 83-1440.) 14
- 15 (40 ILCS 5/15-157) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 15-157)
- 16 Sec. 15-157. Employee Contributions.
- (a) Each participating employee shall make contributions 17 towards the retirement benefits payable under the retirement 18 program applicable to the employee from each payment of 19 20 earnings applicable to employment under this system on and 21 after the date of becoming a participant as follows: Prior to 22 September 1, 1949, 3 1/2% of earnings; from September 1, 1949 to August 31, 1955, 5%; from September 1, 1955 to August 31, 23 24 1969, 6%; from September 1, 1969, 6 1/2%. These contributions 25 are to be considered as normal contributions for purposes of

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Each participant who is a police officer or firefighter shall make normal contributions of 8% of each payment of earnings applicable to employment as a police officer or firefighter under this system on or after September 1, 1981, unless he or she files with the board within 60 days after the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1991 or 60 days after the board receives notice that he or she is employed as a police officer or firefighter, whichever is later, a written notice waiving the retirement formula provided by Rule 4 of Section 15-136. This waiver shall be irrevocable. If participant had met the conditions set forth in Section 15-132.1 prior to the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1991 but failed to make the additional normal contributions required by this paragraph, he or she may elect to pay the additional contributions plus compound interest the effective rate. If such payment is received by the board, the service shall be considered as police officer service in calculating the retirement annuity under Rule 4 of Section 15-136. While performing service described in clause (i) or (ii) of Rule 4 of Section 15-136, a participating employee shall be deemed to be employed as a firefighter for the purpose of determining the rate of employee contributions under this Section.

(a-1) In addition to the contributions otherwise required under this Article, an employee who elects to participate in

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1	the optional cash balance plan under Section 1-162 shall pay to
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3	cash balance plan a contribution of 2% of each payment of
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5	optional cash balance plan. These contributions shall not be
6	used for the purpose of determining any benefit under this
7	Article except as provided in the optional cash balance plan.

- (a-5) In addition to the contributions otherwise required under this Article, each Tier I participant who made the election under item (ii) of paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Section 15-132.9 shall also make the following contributions toward the retirement benefits payable under the retirement program applicable to the employee from each payment of earnings applicable to employment under this system:
- (1) beginning July 1, 2014 and through June 30, 2015, 15 16 1% of earnings; and
- 17 (2) beginning on July 1, 2015, 2% of earnings.
 - Except as otherwise specified, these contributions are to be considered as normal contributions for purposes of this Article.
 - September 1, 1969, each participating (b) Starting employee shall make additional contributions of 1/2 of 1% of earnings to finance a portion of the cost of the annual increases in retirement annuity provided under Section 15-136, except that with respect to participants in the self-managed plan this additional contribution shall be used to finance the

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benefits obtained under that retirement program.

- (c) In addition to the amounts described in subsections (a) and (b) of this Section, each participating employee shall make contributions of 1% of earnings applicable under this system on and after August 1, 1959. The contributions made under this subsection (c) shall be considered as survivor's insurance contributions for purposes of this Article if the employee is covered under the traditional benefit package, and such contributions shall be considered as additional contributions for purposes of this Article if the employee is participating in the self-managed plan or has elected to participate in the portable benefit package and has completed the applicable one-year waiting period. Contributions in excess of \$80 during any fiscal year beginning before August 31, 1969 and in excess of \$120 during any fiscal year thereafter until September 1, 1971 shall be considered as additional contributions for purposes of this Article.
- (d) If the board by board rule so permits and subject to such conditions and limitations as may be specified in its rules, a participant may make other additional contributions of such percentage of earnings or amounts as the participant shall elect in a written notice thereof received by the board.
- (e) That fraction of a participant's total accumulated normal contributions, the numerator of which is equal to the number of years of service in excess of that which is required to qualify for the maximum retirement annuity, and the

- denominator of which is equal to the total service of the
- 2 participant, shall be considered as accumulated additional
- 3 contributions. The determination of the applicable maximum
- 4 annuity and the adjustment in contributions required by this
- 5 provision shall be made as of the date of the participant's
- 6 retirement.
- 7 (f) Notwithstanding the foregoing, a participating
- 8 employee shall not be required to make contributions under this
- 9 Section after the date upon which continuance of such
- 10 contributions would otherwise cause his or her retirement
- annuity to exceed the maximum retirement annuity as specified
- in clause (1) of subsection (c) of Section 15-136.
- 13 (g) A participating employee may make contributions for the
- 14 purchase of service credit under this Article.
- 15 (Source: P.A. 90-32, eff. 6-27-97; 90-65, eff. 7-7-97; 90-448,
- 16 eff. 8-16-97; 90-511, eff. 8-22-97; 90-576, eff. 3-31-98;
- 17 90-655, eff. 7-30-98; 90-766, eff. 8-14-98.)
- 18 (40 ILCS 5/15-163) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 15-163)
- 19 Sec. 15-163. To consider applications and authorize
- 20 payments.
- 21 To consider and pass on all certifications of employment
- and applications for annuities and benefits; to authorize the
- 23 granting of annuities and benefits; and to limit or suspend any
- 24 payment or payments, all in accordance with this Article.
- 25 (Source: Laws 1963, p. 161.)

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- (40 ILCS 5/15-165) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 15-165) 1
- Sec. 15-165. To certify amounts and submit vouchers. 2
 - (a) The Board shall certify to the Governor on or before November 15 of each year through until November 15, 2011 the appropriation required from State funds for the purposes of this System for the following fiscal year. The certification under this subsection (a) shall include a copy of the actuarial recommendations upon which it is based and shall specifically identify the System's projected State normal cost for that fiscal year and the projected State cost for the self-managed plan for that fiscal year.

On or before May 1, 2004, the Board shall recalculate and recertify to the Governor the amount of the required State contribution to the System for State fiscal year 2005, taking into account the amounts appropriated to and received by the System under subsection (d) of Section 7.2 of the General Obligation Bond Act.

On or before July 1, 2005, the Board shall recalculate and recertify to the Governor the amount of the required State contribution to the System for State fiscal year 2006, taking into account the changes in required State contributions made by this amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly.

On or before April 1, 2011, the Board shall recalculate and recertify to the Governor the amount of the required State contribution to the System for State fiscal year 2011, applying

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the changes made by Public Act 96-889 to the System's assets and liabilities as of June 30, 2009 as though Public Act 96-889 was approved on that date.

(a-5) On or before November 1 of each year, beginning 4 5 November 1, 2012, the Board shall submit to the State Actuary, the Governor, and the General Assembly a proposed certification 6 of the amount of the required State contribution to the System 7 8 for the next fiscal year, along with all of the actuarial 9 assumptions, calculations, and data upon which that proposed 10 certification is based. On or before January 1 of each year, 11 beginning January 1, 2013, the State Actuary shall issue a 12 preliminary report concerning the proposed certification and 13 identifying, if necessary, recommended changes in actuarial assumptions that the Board must consider before finalizing its 14

certification of the required State contributions.

On or before January 15, 2013 and each January 15 thereafter, the Board shall certify to the Governor and the General Assembly the amount of the required State contribution for the next fiscal year. The certification shall include a copy of the actuarial recommendations upon which it is based and shall specifically identify the System's projected State normal cost for that fiscal year and the projected State cost for the self-managed plan for that fiscal year. The Board's certification must note, in a written response to the State Actuary, any deviations from the State Actuary's recommended changes, the reason or reasons for not following the State

- 1 Actuary's recommended changes, and the fiscal impact of not
- 2 following the State Actuary's recommended changes on the
- 3 required State contribution.
- 4 (b) The Board shall certify to the State Comptroller or
- 5 employer, as the case may be, from time to time, by its
- 6 president and secretary, with its seal attached, the amounts
- 7 payable to the System from the various funds.
- 8 (c) Beginning in State fiscal year 1996, on or as soon as
- 9 possible after the 15th day of each month the Board shall
- 10 submit vouchers for payment of State contributions to the
- 11 System, in a total monthly amount of one-twelfth of the
- 12 required annual State contribution certified under subsection
- 13 (a). From the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 93rd
- 14 General Assembly through June 30, 2004, the Board shall not
- submit vouchers for the remainder of fiscal year 2004 in excess
- 16 of the fiscal year 2004 certified contribution amount
- determined under this Section after taking into consideration
- 18 the transfer to the System under subsection (b) of Section
- 19 6z-61 of the State Finance Act. These vouchers shall be paid by
- 20 the State Comptroller and Treasurer by warrants drawn on the
- 21 funds appropriated to the System for that fiscal year.
- 22 If in any month the amount remaining unexpended from all
- other appropriations to the System for the applicable fiscal
- 24 year (including the appropriations to the System under Section
- 8.12 of the State Finance Act and Section 1 of the State
- 26 Pension Funds Continuing Appropriation Act) is less than the

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- amount lawfully vouchered under this Section, the difference shall be paid from the General Revenue Fund under the continuing appropriation authority provided in Section 1.1 of
- 4 the State Pension Funds Continuing Appropriation Act.
 - (d) So long as the payments received are the full amount lawfully vouchered under this Section, payments received by the System under this Section shall be applied first toward the employer contribution to the self-managed plan established under Section 15-158.2. Payments shall be applied second toward the employer's portion of the normal costs of the System, as defined in subsection (f) of Section 15-155. The balance shall be applied toward the unfunded actuarial liabilities of the System.
- 14 (e) In the event that the System does not receive, as a 15 legislative enactment or otherwise, payments 16 sufficient to fully fund the employer contribution to the 17 self-managed plan established under Section 15-158.2 and to fully fund that portion of the employer's portion of the normal 18 costs of the System, as calculated in accordance with Section 19 20 15-155(a-1), then any payments received shall be applied 21 proportionately to the optional retirement program established 22 under Section 15-158.2 and to the employer's portion of the 23 normal costs of the System, as calculated in accordance with 24 Section 15-155(a-1).
- 25 (Source: P.A. 96-1497, eff. 1-14-11; 96-1511, eff. 1-27-11;
- 26 97-694, eff. 6-18-12.)

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- Sec. 15-198. Application and expiration of new benefit 2 3 increases.
 - (a) As used in this Section, "new benefit increase" means an increase in the amount of any benefit provided under this Article, or an expansion of the conditions of eligibility for any benefit under this Article or Article 1, that results from an amendment to this Code that takes effect after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly. "New benefit increase", however, does not include any benefit increase resulting from the changes made to this Article or Article 1 by this amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly.
 - (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code or any subsequent amendment to this Code, every new benefit increase is subject to this Section and shall be deemed to be granted only in conformance with and contingent upon compliance with the provisions of this Section.
 - (c) The Public Act enacting a new benefit increase must identify and provide for payment to the System of additional funding at least sufficient to fund the resulting annual increase in cost to the System as it accrues.
 - Every new benefit increase is contingent upon the General Assembly providing the additional funding required under this subsection. The Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability shall analyze whether adequate additional

funding has been provided for the new benefit increase and shall report its analysis to the Public Pension Division of the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. A new benefit increase created by a Public Act that does not include the additional funding required under this subsection is null and void. If the Public Pension Division determines that the additional funding provided for a new benefit increase under this subsection is or has become inadequate, it may so certify to the Governor and the State Comptroller and, in the absence of corrective action by the General Assembly, the new benefit increase shall expire at the end of the fiscal year in which the certification is made.

- (d) Every new benefit increase shall expire 5 years after its effective date or on such earlier date as may be specified in the language enacting the new benefit increase or provided under subsection (c). This does not prevent the General Assembly from extending or re-creating a new benefit increase by law.
- (e) Except as otherwise provided in the language creating the new benefit increase, a new benefit increase that expires under this Section continues to apply to persons who applied and qualified for the affected benefit while the new benefit increase was in effect and to the affected beneficiaries and alternate payees of such persons, but does not apply to any other person, including without limitation a person who continues in service after the expiration date and did not

- 1 apply and qualify for the affected benefit while the new
- benefit increase was in effect.
- 3 (Source: P.A. 94-4, eff. 6-1-05.)
- 4 (40 ILCS 5/16-106) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 16-106)
- 5 Sec. 16-106. Teacher. "Teacher": The following
- 6 individuals, provided that, for employment prior to July 1,
- 7 1990, they are employed on a full-time basis, or if not
- 8 full-time, on a permanent and continuous basis in a position in
- 9 which services are expected to be rendered for at least one
- 10 school term:

- 11 (1) Any educational, administrative, professional or 12 other staff employed in the public common schools included 13 within this system in a position requiring certification
- under the law governing the certification of teachers;
- 15 (2) Any educational, administrative, professional or

other staff employed in any facility of the Department of

- 17 Children and Family Services or the Department of Human
- 18 Services, in a position requiring certification under the
- 19 law governing the certification of teachers, and any person
- 20 who (i) works in such a position for the Department of
- Corrections, (ii) was a member of this System on May 31,
- 22 1987, and (iii) did not elect to become a member of the
- 23 State Employees' Retirement System pursuant to Section
- 24 14-108.2 of this Code; except that "teacher" does not
- 25 include any person who (A) becomes a security employee of

the Department of Human Services, as defined in Section 14-110, after June 28, 2001 (the effective date of Public Act 92-14), or (B) becomes a member of the State Employees' Retirement System pursuant to Section 14-108.2c of this Code:

- (3) Any regional superintendent of schools, assistant regional superintendent of schools, State Superintendent of Education; any person employed by the State Board of Education as an executive; any executive of the boards engaged in the service of public common school education in school districts covered under this system of which the State Superintendent of Education is an ex-officio member;
- (4) Any employee of a school board association operating in compliance with Article 23 of the School Code who is certificated under the law governing the certification of teachers, provided that he or she becomes such an employee before the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly;
 - (5) Any person employed by the retirement system who:
 - (i) was an employee of and a participant in the system on August 17, 2001 (the effective date of Public Act 92-416), or
 - (ii) becomes an employee of the system on or after August 17, 2001;
- (6) Any educational, administrative, professional or other staff employed by and under the supervision and

control of a regional superintendent of schools, provided such employment position requires the person to be certificated under the law governing the certification of teachers and is in an educational program serving 2 or more districts in accordance with a joint agreement authorized by the School Code or by federal legislation;

- (7) Any educational, administrative, professional or other staff employed in an educational program serving 2 or more school districts in accordance with a joint agreement authorized by the School Code or by federal legislation and in a position requiring certification under the laws governing the certification of teachers;
- (8) Any officer or employee of a statewide teacher organization or officer of a national teacher organization who is certified under the law governing certification of teachers, provided: (i) the individual had previously established creditable service under this Article, (ii) the individual files with the system an irrevocable election to become a member before January 5, 2012 (the effective date of Public Act 97-651) this amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly, (iii) the individual does not receive credit for such service under any other Article of this Code, and (iv) the individual first became an officer or employee of the teacher organization and becomes a member before January 5, 2012 (the effective date of Public Act 97-651) this amendatory Act of the 97th General

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- (9) Any educational, administrative, professional, or other staff employed in a charter school operating in compliance with the Charter Schools Law who is certificated under the law governing the certification of teachers: \cdot
- (10) Any person employed, on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly, by the Macon-Piatt Regional Office of Education in birth-through-age-three pilot program receiving funds under Section 2-389 of the School Code who is required by the Macon-Piatt Regional Office of Education to hold a teaching certificate, provided that the Macon-Piatt Regional Office of Education makes an election, within 6 months after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly, to have the person participate the system. Any service established prior to the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly for service as an employee of the Macon-Piatt Regional Office of Education in a birth-through-age-three pilot program receiving funds under Section 2-389 of the School Code shall be considered service as a teacher if employee and employer contributions have been received by system and the system has the not refunded those contributions.

An annuitant receiving a retirement annuity under this Article or under Article 17 of this Code who is employed by a

- board of education or other employer as permitted under Section 1
- 2 16-118 or 16-150.1 is not a "teacher" for purposes of this
- 3 Article. A person who has received a single-sum retirement
- 4 benefit under Section 16-136.4 of this Article is not a
- 5 "teacher" for purposes of this Article.
- (Source: P.A. 97-651, eff. 1-5-12; revised 8-3-12.) 6
- 7 (40 ILCS 5/16-107.1 new)
- 8 Sec. 16-107.1. Tier I employee. "Tier I employee": A
- teacher under this Article who first became a member or 9
- 10 participant before January 1, 2011 under any reciprocal
- 11 retirement system or pension fund established under this Code
- 12 other than a retirement system or pension fund established
- 13 under Article 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or 18 of this Code. However, for
- the purposes of the election under Section 16-122.9 and the 14
- 15 consequences arising from that election, "Tier I employee" does
- 16 not include a teacher under this Article who would qualify as a
- Tier I employee but who has made an irrevocable election on or 17
- 18 before January 1, 2013 to retire from service pursuant to the
- terms of a collective bargaining agreement in effect on January 19
- 20 1, 2013, excluding any extension, amendment, or renewal of that
- 21 agreement on or after that date, and has notified the System of
- 22 that election.
- 23 (40 ILCS 5/16-107.2 new)
- Sec. 16-107.2. Tier I retiree. "Tier I retiree": A former 24

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Tier I employee who is receiving a retirement annuity. However, 1 2 for the purposes of the election under Section 16-122.9 and the 3 consequences arising from that election, "Tier I retiree" also includes a teacher under this Article who would qualify as a 4 5 Tier I employee but who has made an irrevocable election on or before January 1, 2013 to retire from service pursuant to the 6 7 terms of a collective bargaining agreement in effect on January 1, 2013, excluding any extension, amendment, or renewal of that 8 9 agreement on or after that date, and has notified the System of 10 that election.

11 (40 ILCS 5/16-121) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 16-121)

> Sec. 16-121. Salary. "Salary": The actual compensation received by a teacher during any school year and recognized by the system in accordance with rules of the board. For purposes of this Section, "school year" includes the regular school term plus any additional period for which a teacher is compensated and such compensation is recognized by the rules of the board.

> Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, "salary" does not include any future increase in income offered by an employer under this Article pursuant to the requirements of subsection (c) of Section 16-122.9 that is accepted by a Tier I employee, or a Tier I retiree returning to active service, who has made the election under paragraph (2) of subsection (a) or (a-5) of Section 16-122.9.

(Source: P.A. 84-1028.) 25

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(40 ILCS 5/16-121.1 new)

Sec. 16-121.1. Future increase in income. "Future increase in income": Any increase in income in any form offered by an employer to a teacher under this Article after June 30, 2014 that would qualify as "salary", as defined in Section 16-121, but for the fact that the employer offered the increase in income to the employee on the condition that it not qualify as compensation and the employee accepted the increase in income subject to that condition. The term "future increase in income" does not include an increase in income in any form that is paid to a Tier I employee under an employment contract or collective bargaining agreement that is in effect on the effective date of this Section but does include an increase in income in any form pursuant to an extension, amendment, or renewal of any such employment contract or collective bargaining agreement on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly.

- 18 (40 ILCS 5/16-122.9 new)
- Sec. 16-122.9. Election by Tier I employees. 19
- 20 (a) Each Tier I employee shall make an irrevocable election
- 21 either:
- 22 (1) to agree to item (i) or (ii) as set forth in this
- 23 paragraph (1):
- 24 (i) to have the amount of the automatic annual

1	increases in his or her retirement annuity that are
2	otherwise provided for in this Article calculated,
3	instead, as provided in subsection (a-1) of Section
4	16-133.1 or subsection (b-1) of Section 16-136.1,
5	whichever is applicable, and to waive his or her
6	eligibility for 2 automatic annual increases in
7	retirement annuity, as provided in subsection (a-2) of
8	Section 16-133.1 or subsection (b-2) of Section
9	16-136.1, whichever is applicable; or
10	(ii) to waive his or her eligibility for 3
11	automatic annual increases in retirement annuity, as
12	provided in subsection (a-3) of Section 16-133.1 or
13	subsection (b-3) of Section 16-136.1, whichever is
14	applicable, and to make the contributions set forth in
15	subsection (a-5) of Section 16-152; or
16	(2) to not agree to item (i) or (ii) as set forth in
17	paragraph (1) of this subsection.
18	The election required under this subsection (a) shall be
L 9	made by each Tier I employee no earlier than February 1, 2014
20	and no later than May 31, 2014, except that:
21	(i) a person who becomes a Tier I employee under this
22	Article on or after February 1, 2014 must make the election
23	under this subsection (a) within 60 days after becoming a
24	Tier I employee; and
25	(ii) a person who returns to active service as a Tier I
26	employee under this Article on or after February 1, 2014

1	and has not yet made an election under this Section must
2	make the election under this subsection (a) within 60 days
3	after returning to active service as a Tier I employee; and
4	(iii) a person who made the election under subsection
5	(a-5) as a Tier I retiree remains bound by that election
6	and shall not make a later election under this subsection
7	<u>(a).</u>
8	If a Tier I employee fails for any reason to make a
9	required election under this subsection within the time
10	specified, then the employee shall be deemed to have made the
11	election under paragraph (2) of this subsection.
12	(a-5) Each Tier I retiree shall make an irrevocable
13	<pre>election either:</pre>
14	(1) to agree to the following:
15	(i) to have the amount of the automatic annual
16	increases in his or her retirement annuity calculated
17	without regard to subsection (a-1), (a-2), or (a-3) of
17 18	without regard to subsection (a-1), (a-2), or (a-3) of Section 16-133.1 or subsection (b-1), (b-2), or (b-3)
18	Section 16-133.1 or subsection (b-1), (b-2), or (b-3)
18 19	Section 16-133.1 or subsection (b-1), (b-2), or (b-3) of Section 16-136.1, whichever is applicable; and
18 19 20	Section 16-133.1 or subsection (b-1), (b-2), or (b-3) of Section 16-136.1, whichever is applicable; and (ii) to waive his or her eligibility for 2
18 19 20 21	Section 16-133.1 or subsection (b-1), (b-2), or (b-3) of Section 16-136.1, whichever is applicable; and (ii) to waive his or her eligibility for 2 automatic annual increases in retirement annuity, as
18 19 20 21 22	Section 16-133.1 or subsection (b-1), (b-2), or (b-3) of Section 16-136.1, whichever is applicable; and (ii) to waive his or her eligibility for 2 automatic annual increases in retirement annuity, as provided in subsection (a-4) of Section 16-133.1 or
18 19 20 21 22 23	Section 16-133.1 or subsection (b-1), (b-2), or (b-3) of Section 16-136.1, whichever is applicable; and (ii) to waive his or her eligibility for 2 automatic annual increases in retirement annuity, as provided in subsection (a-4) of Section 16-133.1 or subsection (b-4) of Section 16-136.1, whichever is

1	The election required under this subsection (a-5) shall be
2	made by each Tier I retiree no earlier than February 1, 2014
3	and no later than May 31, 2014, except that:
4	(i) a person who becomes a Tier I retiree under this
5	Article on or after February 1, 2014 must make the election
6	under this subsection (a-5) within 60 days after becoming a
7	Tier I retiree; and
8	(ii) a person who made the election under subsection
9	(a) as a Tier I employee remains bound by that election and
10	shall not make a later election under this subsection
11	<u>(a-5).</u>
12	If a Tier I retiree fails for any reason to make a required
13	election under this subsection within the time specified, then
14	the Tier I retiree shall be deemed to have made the election
15	under paragraph (2) of this subsection.
16	(a-10) All elections under subsection (a) that are made or
17	deemed to be made before June 1, 2014 shall take effect on July
18	1, 2014. Elections that are made or deemed to be made on or
19	after June 1, 2014 shall take effect on the first day of the
20	month following the month in which the election is made or
21	deemed to be made.
22	(b) As adequate and legal consideration provided under this
23	amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly for making an
24	election under paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this Section,
25	any future increases in income offered by an employer under
26	this Article to a Tier I employee who has made an election

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Section 16-121. In addition, a Tier I employee who has made an

under paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this Section shall be

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this Section shall receive the right to also participate in the

6 optional cash balance plan established under Section 1-162.

Finally, a Tier I employee, other than a Tier I retiree

returning to active service as a Tier I employee, who has made

an election under item (i) of paragraph (1) of subsection (a)

of this Section shall receive the right to the early retirement

without discount option set forth in Section 16-133.6.

As adequate and legal consideration provided under this amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly for making an election under paragraph (1) of subsection (a-5) of this Section, any future increases in income offered by an employer under this Article to a Tier I retiree who returns to active service after having made an election under paragraph (1) of subsection (a-5) of this Section shall be offered expressly and irrevocably as constituting salary under Section 16-121.

(c) A Tier I employee who makes the election under paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of this Section shall not be subject to either item (i) or (ii) set forth in paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this Section. However, any future increases in income offered by an employer under this Article to a Tier I employee who has made the election under paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of this Section shall be offered by the

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employer expressly and irrevocably as not constituting salary under Section 16-121, and the employee may not accept any future increase in income that is offered in violation of this requirement. In addition, a Tier I employee who has made the election under paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of this Section shall not receive the right to participate in the optional cash balance plan established under Section 1-162. Finally, a Tier I employee who has made the election under paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of this Section shall not receive the right to the early retirement without discount option set forth in Section 16-133.6.

A Tier I retiree who makes the election under paragraph (2) of subsection (a-5) of this Section shall not be subject to either item (i) or (ii) set forth in paragraph (1) of subsection (a-5) of this Section. However, any future increases in income offered by an employer under this Article to a Tier I retiree who returns to active service and has made the election under paragraph (2) of subsection (a-5) of this Section shall be offered by the employer expressly and irrevocably as not constituting salary under Section 16-121, and the employee may not accept any future increase in income that is offered in violation of this requirement. In addition, a Tier I retiree who returns to active service and has made the election under paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of this Section shall not receive the right to participate in the optional cash balance plan established under Section 1-162.

(d) The System shall make a good faith effort to contact 1 2

each Tier I employee and Tier I retiree subject to this

Section. The System shall mail information describing the

required election to each Tier I employee and Tier I retiree by

United States Postal Service mail to his or her last known

address on file with the System. If the Tier I employee or Tier

I retiree is not responsive to other means of contact, it is

sufficient for the System to publish the details of any

required elections on its website or to publish those details

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Tier I employees and Tier I retirees who are subject to this Section shall be provided with an election packet containing information regarding their options, as well as the forms necessary to make the required election. Upon request, the System shall offer Tier I employees and Tier I retirees an opportunity to receive information from the System before making the required election. The information may consist of video materials, group presentations, individual consultation with a member or authorized representative of the System in person or by telephone or other electronic means, or any combination of those methods. The System shall not provide advice or counseling with respect to which election a Tier I employee or Tier I retiree should make or specific to the legal or tax circumstances of or consequences to the Tier I employee or Tier I retiree.

The System shall inform Tier I employees and Tier I 1 2 retirees in the election packet required under this subsection 3 that the Tier I employee or Tier I retiree may also wish to

obtain information and counsel relating to the election

required under this Section from any other available source,

including but not limited to labor organizations and private

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In no event shall the System, its staff, or the Board be held liable for any information given to a member, beneficiary, or annuitant regarding the elections under this Section. The System shall coordinate with the Illinois Department of Central Management Services and each other retirement system administering an election in accordance with this amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly to provide information concerning the impact of the election set forth in this Section.

(e) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an employer under this Article is required to offer any future increases in income expressly and irrevocably as not constituting "salary" under Section 16-121 to any Tier I employee, or Tier I retiree returning to active service, who has made an election under paragraph (2) of subsection (a) or (a-5) of Section 16-122.9. A Tier I employee, or Tier I retiree returning to active service, who has made an election under paragraph (2) of subsection (a) or (a-5) of Section 16-122.9 shall not accept any future increase in income that is offered by <u>an employer under this</u>

- Article in violation of the requirement set forth in this 1 2 subsection.
- (f) A member's election under this Section is not a 3 4 prohibited election under subdivision (j)(1) of Section 1-119
- 5 of this Code.

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- (q) An employee who has made the election under item (i) of paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this Section may elect to participate in the optional cash balance plan under Section 1-162.
- 10 The election to participate in the optional cash balance 11 plan shall be made in writing, in the manner provided by the 12 applicable retirement system.
 - (h) No provision of this Section shall be interpreted in a way that would cause the System to cease to be a qualified plan under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.
 - (i) If this Section is determined to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by a final unappealable decision of an Illinois court or a court of competent jurisdiction as applied to Tier I employees but not as applied to Tier I retirees, then this Section and the changes deriving from the election required under this Section shall be null and void as applied to Tier I employees but shall remain in full effect for Tier I retirees.
 - (j) If this Section is determined to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by a final unappealable decision of an Illinois court or a court of competent jurisdiction as applied

- to Tier I retirees but not as applied to Tier I employees, then 1
- 2 this Section and the changes deriving from the election
- 3 required under this Section shall be null and void as applied
- to Tier I retirees but shall remain in full effect for Tier I 4
- 5 employees.
- (k) If an election created by this amendatory Act in any 6
- 7 other Article of this Code or any change deriving from that
- election is determined to be unconstitutional or otherwise 8
- 9 invalid by a final unappealable decision of an Illinois court
- 10 or a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity of that
- 11 provision shall not in any way affect the validity of this
- 12 Section or the changes deriving from the election required
- under this Section. 13
- 14 (40 ILCS 5/16-133) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 16-133)
- 15 Sec. 16-133. Retirement annuity; amount.
- 16 (a) The amount of the retirement annuity shall be (i) in
- the case of a person who first became a teacher under this 17
- Article before July 1, 2005, the larger of the amounts 18
- determined under paragraphs (A) and (B) below, or (ii) in the 19
- case of a person who first becomes a teacher under this Article 20
- 21 on or after July 1, 2005, the amount determined under the
- 22 applicable provisions of paragraph (B):
- (A) An amount consisting of the sum of the following: 23
- 24 amount that can be provided on an
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accumulated contributions at the time of retirement; and

- (2) The sum of (i) the amount that can be provided on an actuarially equivalent basis by the member's accumulated contributions representing service prior to July 1, 1947, and (ii) the amount that can be provided on an actuarially equivalent basis by the amount obtained by multiplying 1.4 times the member's accumulated contributions covering service subsequent to June 30, 1947; and
- (3) If there is prior service, 2 times the amount that would have been determined under subparagraph (2) of paragraph (A) above on account of contributions which would have been made during the period of prior service creditable to the member had the System been in operation and had the member made contributions at the contribution rate in effect prior to July 1, 1947.

For the purpose of calculating an annuity under this Rule 2, neither the contribution required under subsection (a-1) of Section 16-152 nor the contribution required under subsection (a-5) of that Section shall be considered when determining the participant's accumulated normal contributions under clause (i) or the employer contribution under clause (ii).

This paragraph (A) does not apply to a person who first becomes a teacher under this Article on or after July 1,

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- (B) An amount consisting of the greater of the following:
 - (1) For creditable service earned before July 1, 1998 that has not been augmented under Section 16-129.1: 1.67% of final average salary for each of the first 10 years of creditable service, 1.90% of final average salary for each year in excess of 10 but not exceeding 20, 2.10% of final average salary for each year in excess of 20 but not exceeding 30, and 2.30% of final average salary for each year in excess of 30; and

For creditable service earned on or after July 1, 1998 by a member who has at least 24 years of creditable service on July 1, 1998 and who does not elect to augment service under Section 16-129.1: 2.2% of final average salary for each year of creditable service earned on or after July 1, 1998 but before the member reaches a total of 30 years of creditable service and 2.3% of final average salary for each year of creditable service earned on or after July 1, 1998 and after the member reaches a total of 30 years of creditable service; and

For all other creditable service: 2.2% of final average salary for each year of creditable service; or

(2) 1.5% of final average salary for each year of creditable service plus the sum \$7.50 for each of the

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first 20 years of creditable service.

The amount of the retirement annuity determined under this paragraph (B) shall be reduced by 1/2 of 1% for each month that the member is less than age 60 at the time the retirement annuity begins. However, this reduction shall not apply (i) if the member has at least 35 years of creditable service, or (ii) if the member retires on account of disability under Section 16-149.2 of this Article with at least 20 years of creditable service, or (iii) if the member (1) has earned during the period immediately preceding the last day of service at least one year of contributing creditable service as an employee of a department as defined in Section 14-103.04, (2) has earned at least 5 years of contributing creditable service as an employee of a department as defined in Section 14-103.04, (3) retires on or after January 1, 2001, and (4) retires having attained an age which, when added to the number of years of his or her total creditable service, equals at least 85. Portions of years shall be counted as decimal equivalents.

(b) For purposes of this Section, final average salary shall be the average salary for the highest 4 consecutive years within the last 10 years of creditable service as determined under rules of the board. The minimum final average salary shall be considered to be \$2,400 per year.

In the determination of final average salary for members

- other than elected officials and their appointees when such appointees are allowed by statute, that part of a member's salary for any year beginning after June 30, 1979 which exceeds the member's annual full-time salary rate with the same employer for the preceding year by more than 20% shall be excluded. The exclusion shall not apply in any year in which the member's creditable earnings are less than 50% of the preceding year's mean salary for downstate teachers as determined by the survey of school district salaries provided in Section 2-3.103 of the School Code.
- (c) In determining the amount of the retirement annuity under paragraph (B) of this Section, a fractional year shall be granted proportional credit.
 - (d) The retirement annuity determined under paragraph (B) of this Section shall be available only to members who render teaching service after July 1, 1947 for which member contributions are required, and to annuitants who re-enter under the provisions of Section 16-150.
- (e) The maximum retirement annuity provided under paragraph (B) of this Section shall be 75% of final average salary.
- (f) A member retiring after the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1998 shall receive a pension equal to 75% of final average salary if the member is qualified to receive a retirement annuity equal to at least 74.6% of final average salary under this Article or as proportional annuities under

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- 2 (Source: P.A. 94-4, eff. 6-1-05.)
- 3 (40 ILCS 5/16-133.1) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 16-133.1)
- 4 Sec. 16-133.1. Automatic annual increase in annuity.
- 5 (a) Each member with creditable service and retiring on or 6 after August 26, 1969 is entitled to the automatic annual 7 increases in annuity provided under this Section while 8 receiving a retirement annuity or disability retirement 9 annuity from the system.
- An annuitant shall first be entitled to an initial increase under this Section on the January 1 next following the first anniversary of retirement, or January 1 of the year next following attainment of age 61, whichever is later. At such time, the system shall pay an initial increase determined as follows:
 - (1) 1.5% of the originally granted retirement annuity or disability retirement annuity multiplied by the number of years elapsed, if any, from the date of retirement until January 1, 1972, plus
 - (2) 2% of the originally granted annuity multiplied by the number of years elapsed, if any, from the date of retirement or January 1, 1972, whichever is later, until January 1, 1978, plus
 - (3) 3% of the originally granted annuity multiplied by the number of years elapsed from the date of retirement or

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January 1, 1978, whichever is later, until the effective 1 2 date of the initial increase.

However, the initial annual increase calculated under this Section for the recipient of a disability retirement annuity granted under Section 16-149.2 shall be reduced by an amount equal to the total of all increases in that annuity received under Section 16-149.5 (but not exceeding 100% of the amount of the initial increase otherwise provided under this Section).

Except as otherwise provided in subsection (a-1), (a-2), (a-3), or (a-4), if applicable, following Following the initial increase, automatic annual increases in annuity shall be payable on each January 1 thereafter during the lifetime of the annuitant, determined as a percentage of the originally granted retirement annuity or disability retirement annuity for increases granted prior to January 1, 1990, and calculated as a percentage of the total amount of annuity, including previous increases under this Section, for increases granted on or after January 1, 1990, as follows: 1.5% for periods prior to January 1, 1972, 2% for periods after December 31, 1971 and prior to January 1, 1978, and 3% for periods after December 31, 1977.

(a-1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article, for a Tier I employee who made the election under item (i) of paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Section 16-122.9, the amount of each automatic annual increase in retirement annuity occurring on or after the effective date of that election, other than the initial increase, shall be 3% of the originally

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- (a-2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article, for a Tier I employee who made the election under item (i) of paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Section 16-122.9, once the initial annual increase under this Section has been granted, the next 2 scheduled annual increases shall be skipped, and thereafter all annual increases shall be granted.
- (a-3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article, for a Tier I employee who made the election under item (ii) of paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Section 16-122.9 once the first annual increase under this Section has been granted, the next 3 scheduled annual increases shall be skipped, and thereafter all annual increases shall be granted.
- (a-4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article, for a Tier I retiree who made the election under paragraph (1) of subsection (a-5) of Section 16-122.9:
 - (1) if the Tier I retiree has not received the initial annual increase under this Section as of the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly, then once the initial annual increase under this Section has been granted, the next scheduled annual increase shall be skipped, the following annual increase shall be granted, the next annual increase shall be skipped, and thereafter all annual increases shall be granted; and
 - (2) if the Tier I retiree has received the initial annual increase under this Section as of the effective date

of this amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly, then the next annual increase after that effective date shall be skipped, the following annual increase shall be granted, the next annual increase shall be skipped, and thereafter all annual increases shall be granted.

- (b) The automatic annual increases in annuity provided under this Section shall not be applicable unless a member has made contributions toward such increases for a period equivalent to one full year of creditable service. If a member contributes for service performed after August 26, 1969 but the member becomes an annuitant before such contributions amount to one full year's contributions based on the salary at the date of retirement, he or she may pay the necessary balance of the contributions to the system and be eligible for the automatic annual increases in annuity provided under this Section.
- (c) Each member shall make contributions toward the cost of the automatic annual increases in annuity as provided under Section 16-152.
- (d) An annuitant receiving a retirement annuity or disability retirement annuity on July 1, 1969, who subsequently re-enters service as a teacher is eligible for the automatic annual increases in annuity provided under this Section if he or she renders at least one year of creditable service following the latest re-entry.
- (e) In addition to the automatic annual increases in annuity provided under this Section, an annuitant who meets the

service requirements of this Section and whose retirement 1 2 annuity or disability retirement annuity began on or before January 1, 1971 shall receive, on January 1, 1981, an increase 3 in the annuity then being paid of one dollar per month for each 4 5 year of creditable service. On January 1, 1982, an annuitant 6 whose retirement annuity or disability retirement annuity began on or before January 1, 1977 shall receive an increase in 7 the annuity then being paid of one dollar per month for each 8 9 year of creditable service.

On January 1, 1987, any annuitant whose retirement annuity began on or before January 1, 1977, shall receive an increase in the monthly retirement annuity equal to 8¢ per year of creditable service times the number of years that have elapsed since the annuity began.

(Source: P.A. 91-927, eff. 12-14-00.) 15

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Sec. 16-133.6. Optional teacher early retirement without discount. A Tier I employee who makes an election under item (i) of paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Section 16-122.9, retires on or after the beginning of the first State fiscal year to occur after the end of the election period specified in Section 16-122.9, and applies for a retirement annuity within 6 months of the last day of teaching for which retirement contributions were required may elect, at the time of application for a retirement annuity, to make a one-time member

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contribution to the System and, thereby, avoid the reduction in the retirement annuity for retirement before age 60 specified in paragraph (B) of Section 16-133. The exercise of the election shall also obligate the last employer to make a one-time nonrefundable contribution to the System. Substitute teachers wishing to exercise this election must teach 85 or more days in one school term with one employer, who shall be deemed the last employer for purposes of this Section. The last day of teaching with that employer must be within 6 months of the date of application for retirement. All substitute teaching credit applied toward the required 85 days must be earned after June 30, 1990.

The one-time member and employer contributions shall be a percentage of the cost of this benefit as determined by the System. However, when determining the one-time member and employer contributions, that part of a member's salary with the same employer which exceeds the annual salary rate for the preceding year by more than 20% shall be excluded. The member contribution shall be at the rate of 50% of the cost of the benefits as determined by the System. The employer contribution shall be at the rate of 50% of the cost of the benefits as determined by the System.

Upon receipt of the application and election, the System shall determine the one-time employee and employer contributions required. The member contribution shall be credited to the individual account of the member and the

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1 employer contribution shall be credited to the Benefit Trust 2 Reserve. The avoidance of the reduction in retirement annuity 3 provided under this Section is not applicable until the member's contribution, if any, has been received by the System; 4 5 however, the date that contribution is received shall not be considered in determining the effective date of retirement. 6

The number of members working for a single employer who may retire under this Section in any year may be limited at the option of the employer to a specified percentage of those eligible, not less than 10%, with the right to participate to be allocated among those applying on the basis of seniority in the service of the employer.

Sec. 16-136.1. Annual increase for certain annuitants.

- (40 ILCS 5/16-136.1) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 16-136.1) 1.3
 - (a) Any annuitant receiving a retirement annuity on June 30, 1969 and any member retiring after June 30, 1969 shall be eligible for the annual increases provided under this Section provided the annuitant is ineligible for the automatic annual increase in annuity provided under Section 16-133.1, and provided further that (1) retirement occurred at age 55 or over and was based on 5 or more years of creditable service or (2) if retirement occurred prior to age 55, the retirement annuity was based on 20 or more years of creditable service.
 - (b) An annuitant entitled to increases under this Section shall be entitled to the initial increase as of the later of:

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(1) January 1 following attainment of age 65, (2) January 1 following the first anniversary of retirement, or (3) the first day of the month following receipt of the required qualifying contribution from the annuitant. The initial monthly increase shall be computed on the basis of the period elapsed between the later of the date of last retirement or attainment of age 50 and the date of qualification for the initial increase, at the rate of 1 1/2% of the original monthly retirement annuity per year for periods prior to September 1, 1971, and at the rate of 2% per year for periods between September 1, 1971 and September 1, 1978, and at the rate of 3% per year for periods thereafter.

Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b-1), (b-2), (b-3), or (b-4), if applicable, an An annuitant who has received an initial increase under this Section $_{7}$ shall be entitled, on each January 1 following the granting of the initial increase, to an increase of 3% of the original monthly retirement annuity for increases granted prior to January 1, 1990, and equal to 3% of the total annuity, including previous increases under this Section, for increases granted on or after January 1, 1990. The original monthly retirement annuity for computations under this subsection (b) shall be considered to be \$83.34 for any annuitant entitled to benefits under Section 16-134. The minimum original disability retirement annuity for computations under this subsection (b) shall be considered to be \$33.34 per month for any annuitant retired on account of

- 1 disability.
- 2 (b-1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article,
- 3 for a Tier I employee who made the election under item (i) of
- paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Section 16-122.9, the amount 4
- 5 of each automatic annual increase in retirement annuity
- occurring on or after the effective date of that election, 6
- 7 other than the initial increase, shall be 3% of the originally
- 8 granted retirement annuity.
- 9 (b-2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article,
- 10 for a Tier I employee who made the election under item (i) of
- 11 paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Section 16-122.9, once the
- 12 initial annual increase under this Section has been granted,
- 13 the next 2 scheduled annual increases shall be skipped, and
- 14 thereafter all annual increases shall be granted.
- 15 (b-3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article,
- 16 for a Tier I employee who made the election under item (ii) of
- 17 paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Section 16-122.9, once the
- first annual increase under this Section has been granted, the 18
- 19 next 3 scheduled annual increases shall be skipped, and
- 20 thereafter all annual increases shall be granted.
- 21 (b-4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article,
- 22 for a Tier I retiree who made the election under paragraph (1)
- 23 of subsection (a-5) of Section 16-122.9:
- 24 (1) if the Tier I retiree has not received the initial
- 25 annual increase under this Section as of the effective date
- of this amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly, then 26

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once the initial annual increase under this Section has been granted, the next scheduled annual increase shall be skipped, the following annual increase shall be granted, the next annual increase shall be skipped, and thereafter all annual increases shall be granted; and

- (2) if the Tier I retiree has received the initial annual increase under this Section as of the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly, then the next annual increase after that effective date shall be skipped, the following annual increase shall be granted, the next annual increase shall be skipped, and thereafter all annual increases shall be granted.
- An annuitant who otherwise qualifies for (C) increases under this Section must make a one-time payment of 1% of the monthly final average salary for each full year of the creditable service forming the basis of the retirement annuity or, if the retirement annuity was not computed using final average salary, 1% of the original monthly retirement annuity for each full year of service forming the basis of the retirement annuity.
- (d) In addition to other increases which may be provided by this Section, regardless of creditable service, annuitants not meeting the service requirements of Section 16-133.1 and whose retirement annuity began on or before January 1, 1971 shall receive, on January 1, 1981, an increase in the retirement annuity then being paid of one dollar per month for each year

- 1 of creditable service forming the basis of the retirement
- 2 allowance. On January 1, 1982, annuitants whose retirement
- 3 annuity began on or before January 1, 1977, shall receive an
- 4 increase in the retirement annuity then being paid of one
- 5 dollar per month for each year of creditable service.
- On January 1, 1987, any annuitant whose retirement annuity
- 7 began on or before January 1, 1977, shall receive an increase
- 8 in the monthly retirement annuity equal to 8¢ per year of
- 9 creditable service times the number of years that have elapsed
- 10 since the annuity began.
- 11 (Source: P.A. 86-273.)
- 12 (40 ILCS 5/16-152) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 16-152)
- Sec. 16-152. Contributions by members.
- 14 (a) Each member shall make contributions for membership
- service to this System as follows:
- 16 (1) Effective July 1, 1998, contributions of 7.50% of
- 17 salary towards the cost of the retirement annuity. Such
- contributions shall be deemed "normal contributions".
- 19 (2) Effective July 1, 1969, contributions of 1/2 of 1%
- of salary toward the cost of the automatic annual increase
- 21 in retirement annuity provided under Section 16-133.1.
- 22 (3) Effective July 24, 1959, contributions of 1% of
- 23 salary towards the cost of survivor benefits. Such
- 24 contributions shall not be credited to the individual
- account of the member and shall not be subject to refund

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- (4) Effective July 1, 2005, contributions of 0.40% of salary toward the cost of the early retirement without discount option provided under Section 16-133.2. This contribution shall cease upon termination of the early retirement without discount option as provided in Section 16-176.
- (a-1) In addition to the contributions required under subsection (a), a member who elects to participate in the optional cash balance plan under Section 1-162 shall pay to the System for the purpose of participating in the optional cash balance plan a contribution of 2% of each payment of compensation received while he or she is a participant in the optional cash balance plan. These contributions shall not be used for the purpose of determining any benefit under this Article except as provided in the optional cash balance plan.
- (a-5) In addition to the contributions otherwise required under this Article, each Tier I member who made the election under item (ii) of paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Section 16-122.9 shall also make the following contributions toward the cost of the retirement annuity from each payment of salary:
- 22 (1) beginning July 1, 2014 and through June 30, 2015, 23 1% of salary; and
- 24 (2) beginning on July 1, 2015, 2% of salary.
 - Except as otherwise specified, these contributions are to be considered as normal contributions for purposes of this

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- 2 (b) The minimum required contribution for any year of full-time teaching service shall be \$192. 3
 - (c) Contributions shall not be required of any annuitant receiving a retirement annuity who is given employment as permitted under Section 16-118 or 16-150.1.
 - (d) A person who (i) was a member before July 1, 1998, (ii) retires with more than 34 years of creditable service, and (iii) does not elect to qualify for the augmented rate under Section 16-129.1 shall be entitled, at the time of retirement, to receive a partial refund of contributions made under this Section for service occurring after the later of June 30, 1998 or attainment of 34 years of creditable service, in an amount equal to 1.00% of the salary upon which those contributions were based.
 - (e) A member's contributions toward the cost of early retirement without discount made under item (a)(4) of this Section shall not be refunded if the member has elected early retirement without discount under Section 16-133.2 and has begun to receive a retirement annuity under this Article calculated in accordance with that election. Otherwise, a member's contributions toward the cost of early retirement without discount made under item (a) (4) of this Section shall be refunded according to whichever one of the following circumstances occurs first:
 - (1) The contributions shall be refunded to the member,

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- without interest, within 120 days after the member's 1 2 retirement annuity commences, if the member does not elect early retirement without discount under Section 16-133.2. 3
 - The contributions shall be included, without interest, in any refund claimed by the member under Section 16-151.
 - (3) The contributions shall be refunded to the member's designated beneficiary (or if there is no beneficiary, to the member's estate), without interest, if the member dies without having begun to receive a retirement annuity under this Article.
- 12 (4) The contributions shall be refunded to the member, interest, within 120 days after the 13 14 retirement without discount option provided under Section 15 16-133.2 is terminated under Section 16-176.
- 16 (Source: P.A. 93-320, eff. 7-23-03; 94-4, eff. 6-1-05.)
- 17 (40 ILCS 5/16-158.2 new)
- 18 Sec. 16-158.2. Obligations of State; funding guarantee. 19 The State shall be contractually obligated to contribute to the 20 System in each State fiscal year an amount not less than the 21 sum required in Section 16-158 as that Section existed prior to 22 the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 98th General
- 23 Assembly.
- 24 The obligations created under this Section are contractual 25 obligations protected and enforceable under Article I, Section

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16 and Article XIII, Section 5 of the Illinois Constitution.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if the State fails to pay in a State fiscal year the amount guaranteed under this Section, the System may bring a mandamus action in the Circuit Court of Sangamon County to compel the State to make that payment, irrespective of other remedies that may be available to the System. It shall be the mandatory fiduciary obligation of the Board of the System to bring that action if the State fails to pay in the fiscal year the amount guaranteed under this Section. Before commencing that action, the Board shall submit a voucher for contributions required under Section 16-158. If the State fails to pay a vouchered amount within 90 days after receiving a voucher for that amount, then the Board shall submit a written request to the Comptroller seeking payment of that amount. A copy of the request shall be filed with the Secretary of State, and the Secretary of State shall provide copies of the request to the Governor and General Assembly. No earlier than the 16th day after filing a request with the Secretary, but no later than the 21st day after filing that request, the Board may commence such an action in the Circuit Court. If the Board fails to commence such action on or before the 21st day after filing the request with the Secretary of State, then any Tier I employee or Tier I retiree who has made the election under paragraph (1) of subsection (a) or (a-5) of Section 16-122.9 may file a mandamus action against the Board to compel the Board to commence its mandamus action

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of the State's sovereign immunity. In ordering the State to

make the required payment, the court may order a reasonable

payment schedule to enable the State to make the required

payment. The obligations and causes of action created under

this subsection (b) shall be in addition to any other right or

remedy otherwise accorded by common law, or State or federal

law, and nothing in this subsection (b) shall be construed to

deny, abrogate, impair, or waive any such common law or

10 statutory right or remedy.

> Any payments required to be made by the State pursuant to this Section are expressly subordinated to the payment of the principal, interest, and premium, if any, on any bonded debt obligation of the State or any other State-created entity, either currently outstanding or to be issued, for which the source of repayment or security thereon is derived directly or indirectly from tax revenues collected by the State or any other State-created entity. Payments on such bonded obligations include any statutory fund transfers or other prefunding mechanisms or formulas set forth, now or hereafter, in State law or bond indentures, into debt service funds or accounts of the State related to such bonded obligations, consistent with the payment schedules associated with such obligations.

Sec. 16-203. Application and expiration of new benefit increases.

- (a) As used in this Section, "new benefit increase" means an increase in the amount of any benefit provided under this Article, or an expansion of the conditions of eligibility for any benefit under this Article, that results from an amendment to this Code that takes effect after June 1, 2005 (the effective date of Public Act 94-4). "New benefit increase", however, does not include any benefit increase resulting from the changes made to this Article by <u>Public Act 95-910 or</u> this amendatory Act of the 98th <u>95th</u> General Assembly.
- (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code or any subsequent amendment to this Code, every new benefit increase is subject to this Section and shall be deemed to be granted only in conformance with and contingent upon compliance with the provisions of this Section.
- (c) The Public Act enacting a new benefit increase must identify and provide for payment to the System of additional funding at least sufficient to fund the resulting annual increase in cost to the System as it accrues.

Every new benefit increase is contingent upon the General Assembly providing the additional funding required under this subsection. The Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability shall analyze whether adequate additional funding has been provided for the new benefit increase and shall report its analysis to the Public Pension Division of the

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Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. A new benefit increase created by a Public Act that does not include the additional funding required under this subsection is null and void. If the Public Pension Division determines that the additional funding provided for a new benefit increase under this subsection is or has become inadequate, it may so certify to the Governor and the State Comptroller and, in the absence of corrective action by the General Assembly, the new benefit increase shall expire at the end of the fiscal year in which the certification is made.

- (d) Every new benefit increase shall expire 5 years after its effective date or on such earlier date as may be specified in the language enacting the new benefit increase or provided under subsection (c). This does not prevent the General Assembly from extending or re-creating a new benefit increase by law.
- (e) Except as otherwise provided in the language creating the new benefit increase, a new benefit increase that expires under this Section continues to apply to persons who applied and qualified for the affected benefit while the new benefit increase was in effect and to the affected beneficiaries and alternate payees of such persons, but does not apply to any other person, including without limitation a person who continues in service after the expiration date and did not apply and qualify for the affected benefit while the new benefit increase was in effect.

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- 1 (Source: P.A. 94-4, eff. 6-1-05; 95-910, eff. 8-26-08.)
- 2 Section 35. The School Code is amended by changing Sections
- 3 24-1 and 24-8 as follows:
- 4 (105 ILCS 5/24-1) (from Ch. 122, par. 24-1)
- 5 Sec. 24-1. Appointment-Salaries-Payment-School
- 6 month-School term.) School boards shall appoint all teachers,
- 7 determine qualifications of employment and fix the amount of
- 8 their salaries subject to <u>any</u> limitation set forth in this Act
- 9 and subject to any applicable restrictions in Section 14-106.5,
- 10 15-132.9, or 16-122.9 of the Illinois Pension Code. They shall
- 11 pay the wages of teachers monthly, subject, however, to the
- 12 provisions of Section 24-21. The school month shall be the same
- as the calendar month but by resolution the school board may
- 14 adopt for its use a month of 20 days, including holidays. The
- 15 school term shall consist of at least the minimum number of
- pupil attendance days required by Section 10-19, any additional
- 17 legal school holidays, days of teachers' institutes, or
- 18 equivalent professional educational experiences, and one or
- 19 two days at the beginning of the school term when used as a
- teachers' workshop.
- 21 (Source: P.A. 80-249.)
- 22 (105 ILCS 5/24-8) (from Ch. 122, par. 24-8)
- Sec. 24-8. Minimum salary. In fixing the salaries of

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teachers, school boards shall pay those who serve on a 2 full-time basis not less than a rate for the school year that 3 is based upon training completed in a recognized institution of higher learning, as follows: for the school year beginning July 5 1, 1980 and thereafter, less than a bachelor's degree, \$9,000;

120 semester hours or more and a bachelor's degree, \$10,000;

150 semester hours or more and a master's degree, \$11,000.

Based upon previous public school experience in this State or any other State, territory, dependency or possession of the United States, or in schools operated by or under the auspices of the United States, teachers who serve on a full-time basis shall have their salaries increased to at least the following amounts above the starting salary for a teacher in such district in the same classification: with less bachelor's degree, \$750 after 5 years; with 120 semester hours or more and a bachelor's degree, \$1,000 after 5 years and \$1,600 after 8 years; with 150 semester hours or more and a master's degree, \$1,250 after 5 years, \$2,000 after 8 years and \$2,750 after 13 years. However, any salary increase is subject to any applicable restrictions in Section 14-106.5, 15-132.9, or 16-122.9 of the Illinois Pension Code.

For the purpose of this Section a teacher's salary shall include any amount paid by the school district on behalf of the teacher, as teacher contributions, to the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois.

If a school board establishes a schedule for teachers'

- 1 salaries based on education and experience, not inconsistent
- with this Section, all certificated nurses employed by that
- 3 board shall be paid in accordance with the provisions of such
- 4 schedule (subject to any applicable restrictions in Section
- 5 14-106.5, 15-132.9, or 16-122.9 of the Illinois Pension Code).
- 6 For purposes of this Section, a teacher who submits a
- 7 certificate of completion to the school office prior to the
- 8 first day of the school term shall be considered to have the
- 9 degree stated in such certificate.
- 10 (Source: P.A. 83-913.)
- 11 Section 40. The State Universities Civil Service Act is
- amended by changing Section 36d as follows:
- 13 (110 ILCS 70/36d) (from Ch. 24 1/2, par. 38b3)
- 14 Sec. 36d. Powers and duties of the Merit Board.
- The Merit Board shall have the power and duty-
- 16 (1) To approve a classification plan prepared under its
- 17 direction, assigning to each class positions of substantially
- 18 similar duties. The Merit Board shall have power to delegate to
- 19 its Director the duty of assigning each position in the
- 20 classified service to the appropriate class in the
- 21 classification plan approved by the Merit Board.
- 22 (2) To prescribe the duties of each class of positions and
- 23 the qualifications required by employment in that class.
- 24 (3) To prescribe the range of compensation for each class

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or to fix a single rate of compensation for employees in a particular class; and to establish other conditions of employment which an employer and employee representatives have agreed upon as fair and equitable. The Merit Board shall direct the payment of the "prevailing rate of wages" in those classifications in which, on January 1, 1952, any employer is paying such prevailing rate and in such other classes as the Merit Board may thereafter determine. "Prevailing rate of wages" as used herein shall be the wages paid generally in the locality in which the work is being performed to employees engaged in work of a similar character. Subject to any applicable restrictions in Section 14-106.5, 15-132.9, or 16-122.9 of the Illinois Pension Code, each $\frac{\text{Each}}{\text{Each}}$ employer covered by the University System shall be authorized to negotiate with representatives of employees to determine appropriate ranges or rates of compensation or other conditions of employment and may recommend to the Merit Board for establishment the rates or ranges or other conditions of employment which the employer and employee representatives have agreed upon as fair and equitable, but excluding the changes, the impact of changes, and the implementation of the changes set forth in this amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly. Any rates or ranges established prior to January 1, 1952, and hereafter, shall not be changed except in accordance with the procedures herein provided.

(4) To recommend to the institutions and agencies specified

- 1 in Section 36e standards for hours of work, holidays, sick
- leave, overtime compensation and vacation for the purpose of
- 3 improving conditions of employment covered therein and for the
- 4 purpose of insuring conformity with the prevailing rate
- 5 principal.
- 6 (5) To prescribe standards of examination for each class,
- 7 the examinations to be related to the duties of such class. The
- 8 Merit Board shall have power to delegate to the Director and
- 9 his staff the preparation, conduct and grading of examinations.
- Examinations may be written, oral, by statement of training and
- 11 experience, in the form of tests of knowledge, skill, capacity,
- intellect, aptitude; or, by any other method, which in the
- judgment of the Merit Board is reasonable and practical for any
- 14 particular classification. Different examining procedures may
- 15 be determined for the examinations in different
- 16 classifications but all examinations in the same
- 17 classification shall be uniform.
- 18 (6) To authorize the continuous recruitment of personnel
- 19 and to that end, to delegate to the Director and his staff the
- 20 power and the duty to conduct open and continuous competitive
- 21 examinations for all classifications of employment.
- 22 (7) To cause to be established from the results of
- 23 examinations registers for each class of positions in the
- 24 classified service of the State Universities Civil Service
- 25 System, of the persons who shall attain the minimum mark fixed
- 26 by the Merit Board for the examination; and such persons shall

- 1 take rank upon the registers as candidates in the order of
- 2 their relative excellence as determined by examination,
- 3 without reference to priority of time of examination.
- 4 (8) To provide by its rules for promotions in the
- 5 classified service. Vacancies shall be filled by promotion
- 6 whenever practicable. For the purpose of this paragraph, an
- 7 advancement in class shall constitute a promotion.
- 8 (9) To set a probationary period of employment of no less
- 9 than 6 months and no longer than 12 months for each class of
- 10 positions in the classification plan, the length of the
- 11 probationary period for each class to be determined by the
- 12 Director.
- 13 (10) To provide by its rules for employment at regular
- 14 rates of compensation of physically handicapped persons in
- 15 positions in which the handicap does not prevent the individual
- from furnishing satisfactory service.
- 17 (11) To make and publish rules, to carry out the purpose of
- 18 the State Universities Civil Service System and for
- 19 examination, appointments, transfers and removals and for
- 20 maintaining and keeping records of the efficiency of officers
- 21 and employees and groups of officers and employees in
- accordance with the provisions of Sections 36b to 36q,
- 23 inclusive, and said Merit Board may from time to time make
- 24 changes in such rules.
- 25 (12) To appoint a Director and such assistants and other
- 26 clerical and technical help as may be necessary efficiently to

- administer Sections 36b to 36q, inclusive. To authorize the 1
- 2 Director to appoint an assistant resident at the place of
- employment of each employer specified in Section 36e and this 3
- 4 assistant may be authorized to give examinations and to certify
- 5 names from the regional registers provided in Section 36k.
- 6 (13) To submit to the Governor of this state on or before
- 7 November 1 of each year prior to the regular session of the
- 8 General Assembly a report of the University System's business
- 9 and an estimate of the amount of appropriation from state funds
- 10 required for the purpose of administering the University
- 11 System.
- 12 (Source: P.A. 82-524.)
- Section 45. The University of Illinois Act is amended by 1.3
- 14 adding Section 85 as follows:
- 15 (110 ILCS 305/85 new)
- 16 Sec. 85. Future increases in income. The University of
- 17 Illinois must not pay, offer, or agree to pay any future
- increase in income, as that term is defined in Section 18
- 19 14-106.5, 15-132.9, or 16-122.9 of the Illinois Pension Code,
- 20 to any person in a manner that violates any of those Sections.
- 21 Section 50. The Southern Illinois University Management
- 22 Act is amended by adding Section 70 as follows:

- (110 ILCS 520/70 new) 1
- 2 Sec. 70. Future increases in income. Southern Illinois
- University must not pay, offer, or agree to pay any future 3
- 4 increase in income, as that term is defined in Section
- 5 14-106.5, 15-132.9, or 16-122.9 of the Illinois Pension Code,
- to any person in a manner that violates any of those Sections. 6
- 7 Section 55. The Chicago State University Law is amended by
- 8 adding Section 5-180 as follows:
- 9 (110 ILCS 660/5-180 new)
- 10 Sec. 5-180. Future increases in income. Chicago State
- 11 University must not pay, offer, or agree to pay any future
- 12 increase in income, as that term is defined in Section
- 14-106.5, 15-132.9, or 16-122.9 of the Illinois Pension Code, 13
- 14 to any person in a manner that violates any of those Sections.
- 15 Section 60. The Eastern Illinois University Law is amended
- by adding Section 10-180 as follows: 16
- 17 (110 ILCS 665/10-180 new)
- 18 Sec. 10-180. Future increases in income. Eastern Illinois
- 19 University must not pay, offer, or agree to pay any future
- 20 increase in income, as that term is defined in Section
- 21 14-106.5, 15-132.9, or 16-122.9 of the Illinois Pension Code,
- to any person in a manner that violates any of those Sections. 22

- 1 Section 65. The Governors State University Law is amended
- by adding Section 15-180 as follows: 2
- 3 (110 ILCS 670/15-180 new)
- Sec. 15-180. Future increases in income. Governors State 4
- 5 University must not pay, offer, or agree to pay any future
- increase in income, as that term is defined in Section 6
- 7 14-106.5, 15-132.9, or 16-122.9 of the Illinois Pension Code,
- 8 to any person in a manner that violates any of those Sections.
- 9 Section 70. The Illinois State University Law is amended by
- 10 adding Section 20-185 as follows:
- 11 (110 ILCS 675/20-185 new)
- 12 Sec. 20-185. Future increases in income. Illinois State
- 13 University must not pay, offer, or agree to pay any future
- increase in income, as that term is defined in Section 14
- 14-106.5, 15-132.9, or 16-122.9 of the Illinois Pension Code, 15
- to any person in a manner that violates any of those Sections. 16
- 17 Section 75. The Northeastern Illinois University Law is
- 18 amended by adding Section 25-180 as follows:
- 19 (110 ILCS 680/25-180 new)
- Sec. 25-180. Future increases in income. Northeastern 20

- Illinois University must not pay, offer, or agree to pay any 1
- 2 future increase in income, as that term is defined in Section
- 14-106.5, 15-132.9, or 16-122.9 of the Illinois Pension Code, 3
- to any person in a manner that violates any of those Sections. 4
- 5 Section 80. The Northern Illinois University Law is amended
- 6 by adding Section 30-190 as follows:
- 7 (110 ILCS 685/30-190 new)
- 8 Sec. 30-190. Future increases in income. Northern Illinois
- 9 University must not pay, offer, or agree to pay any future
- 10 increase in income, as that term is defined in Section
- 11 14-106.5, 15-132.9, or 16-122.9 of the Illinois Pension Code,
- 12 to any person in a manner that violates any of those Sections.
- 13 Section 85. The Western Illinois University Law is amended
- 14 by adding Section 35-185 as follows:
- (110 ILCS 690/35-185 new) 15
- Sec. 35-185. Future increases in income. Western Illinois 16
- University must not pay, offer, or agree to pay any future 17
- 18 increase in income, as that term is defined in Section
- 19 14-106.5, 15-132.9, or 16-122.9 of the Illinois Pension Code,
- 20 to any person in a manner that violates any of those Sections.
- 21 Section 90. The Public Community College Act is amended by

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changing Sections 3-26 and 3-42 as follows:

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2 (110 ILCS 805/3-26) (from Ch. 122, par. 103-26)
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- Sec. 3-26. (a) To make appointments and fix the salaries of a chief administrative officer, who shall be the executive officer of the board, other administrative personnel, and all teachers, but subject to any applicable restrictions in Section 14-106.5, 15-132.9, or 16-122.9 of the Illinois Pension Code. In making these appointments and fixing the salaries, the board may make no discrimination on account of sex, race, creed,
 - (b) Upon the written request of an employee, to withhold from the compensation of that employee the membership dues of such employee payable to any specified labor organization as defined in the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. Under such arrangement, an amount shall be withheld for each regular payroll period which is equal to the prorata share of the annual membership dues plus any payments or contributions and the board shall pay such withholding to the specified labor organization within 10 working days from the time of the withholding.
- 21 (Source: P.A. 83-1014.)

color or national origin.

- 22 (110 ILCS 805/3-42) (from Ch. 122, par. 103-42)
- Sec. 3-42. To employ such personnel as may be needed, to establish policies governing their employment and dismissal,

- and to fix the amount of their compensation, subject to any 1
- 2 applicable restrictions in Section 14-106.5, 15-132.9, or
- 16-122.9 of the Illinois Pension Code. In the employment, 3
- establishment of policies and fixing of compensation the board 4
- 5 may make no discrimination on account of sex, race, creed,
- 6 color or national origin.
- 7 Residence within any community college district or outside
- 8 any community college district shall not be considered:
- 9 (a) in determining whether to retain or not retain any
- 10 employee of a community college employed prior to July 1,
- 11 1977 or prior to the adoption by the community college
- 12 board of a resolution making residency within the community
- 13 college district of some or all employees a condition of
- 14 employment, whichever is later;
- 15 in assigning, promoting or transferring
- 16 employee of a community college to an office or position
- 17 employed prior to July 1, 1977 or prior to the adoption by
- community college board of a resolution making 18 the
- 19 residency within the community college district of some or
- 20 all employees a condition of employment, whichever is
- later; or 21
- 22 (c) in determining the salary or other compensation of
- 23 any employee of a community college.
- (Source: P.A. 80-248.) 24
- 25 Section 95. The Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act is

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amended by changing Section 4 as follows: 1

(115 ILCS 5/4) (from Ch. 48, par. 1704) 2

Sec. 4. Employer rights. Employers shall not be required to bargain over matters of inherent managerial policy, which shall include such areas of discretion or policy as the functions of the employer, standards of services, its overall budget, the organizational structure and selection of new employees and direction of employees. Employers, however, shall be required to bargain collectively with regard to policy matters directly affecting wages, hours and terms and conditions of employment as well as the impact thereon upon request by employee representatives, but excluding (i) the payment of the additional member contributions set forth in subsections (a-1) and (a-5) of Sections 14-133, 15-157, and 16-152 of the Illinois Pension Code and (ii) the provision of compensation or benefits to employees who make an election under Section 14-106.5, 15-132.9, or 16-122.9 of the Illinois Pension Code in order to offset all or part of any compensation or benefit limitations included as part of the elections under those Sections. To preserve the rights of employers and exclusive representatives which have established collective bargaining relationships or negotiated collective bargaining agreements prior to the effective date of this Act, employers shall be required to bargain collectively with regard to any matter concerning wages, hours or conditions of employment about which

- they have bargained for and agreed to in a collective 1
- 2 bargaining agreement prior to the effective date of this Act,
- 3 but excluding (i) the payment of the additional member
- contributions set forth in subsections (a-1) and (a-5) of 4
- Sections 14-133, 15-157, and 16-152 of the Illinois Pension 5
- 6 Code and (ii) the provision of compensation or benefits to
- 7 employees who make an election under Section 14-106.5,
- 15-132.9, or 16-122.9 of the Illinois Pension Code in order to 8
- 9 offset all or part of any compensation or benefit limitations
- 10 included as part of the elections under those Sections.
- 11 (Source: P.A. 83-1014.)
- 12 Section 100. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding
- Section 8.37 as follows: 1.3
- 14 (30 ILCS 805/8.37 new)
- 15 Sec. 8.37. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6 and 8
- of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required for the 16
- 17 implementation of any mandate created by this amendatory Act of
- the 98th General Assembly. 18
- 19 Section 197. Severability.
- 20 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Act, and except as
- provided in subsection (b), the provisions of this Act are 21
- 22 severable under Section 1.31 of the Statute on Statutes.
- 23 (b) If any benefit change made by this amendatory Act in an

- 1 Article of the Illinois Pension Code is determined to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by a final unappealable 2 3 decision of an Illinois court or a court of competent jurisdiction, then the State funding guarantee provisions 5 added to that Article by this amendatory Act shall also be 6 invalid, and those funding guarantee provisions shall be 7 contingent upon and inseverable from those benefit changes.
- Section 999. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon 8 9 becoming law.