

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2023 and 2024 SB2024

Introduced 2/9/2023, by Sen. Robert F. Martwick

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

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40	ILCS	5/1-160								
40	ILCS	5/7-114			${\tt from}$	Ch.	108	1/2,	par.	7-114
40	ILCS	5/7-116			${\tt from}$	Ch.	108	1/2,	par.	7-116
40	ILCS	5/7-141			${\tt from}$	Ch.	108	1/2,	par.	7-141
40	ILCS	5/7-142			${\tt from}$	Ch.	108	1/2,	par.	7-142
40	ILCS	5/15-111			${\tt from}$	Ch.	108	1/2,	par.	15-111
40	ILCS	5/15-112			${\tt from}$	Ch.	108	1/2,	par.	15-112
40	ILCS	5/15-135			${\tt from}$	Ch.	108	1/2,	par.	15-135
40	ILCS	5/15-136			${\tt from}$	Ch.	108	1/2,	par.	15-136
40	ILCS	5/15-198								
40	ILCS	5/16-203								
30	ILCS	805/8.47	new							

Amends the General Provisions, Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), State Universities, and Downstate Teacher Articles of the Illinois Pension Code. With regard to Tier 2 members under the Downstate Teacher or State Universities Article and Tier 2 regular employees under the IMRF Article who are employees of an educational employer: makes changes to the age and service credit requirements for receiving an annuity; increases the amount of the automatic annual increases to retirement annuities; makes changes to the formula for calculating final average salary; and increases the limitation on the amount of salary that is used to calculate benefits. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

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STATE MANDATES ACT MAY REQUIRE REIMBURSEMENT 1 AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.

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

- 4 Section 10. The Illinois Pension Code is amended by
- 5 changing Sections 1-160, 7-114, 7-116, 7-141, 7-142, 15-111,
- 6 15-112, 15-135, 15-136, 15-198, and 16-203 as follows:
- 7 (40 ILCS 5/1-160)
- 8 (Text of Section from P.A. 102-719)
- 9 Sec. 1-160. Provisions applicable to new hires.
- 10 (a) The provisions of this Section apply to a person who,
- on or after January 1, 2011, first becomes a member or a
- 12 participant under any reciprocal retirement system or pension
- 13 fund established under this Code, other than a retirement
- system or pension fund established under Article 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,
- 7, 15, or 18 of this Code, notwithstanding any other provision
- 16 of this Code to the contrary, but do not apply to any
- 17 self-managed plan established under this Code or to any
- 18 participant of the retirement plan established under Section
- 19 22-101; except that this Section applies to a person who
- 20 elected to establish alternative credits by electing in
- 21 writing after January 1, 2011, but before August 8, 2011,
- 22 under Section 7-145.1 of this Code. Notwithstanding anything
- 23 to the contrary in this Section, for purposes of this Section,

a person who is a Tier 1 regular employee as defined in Section 7-109.4 of this Code or who participated in a retirement system under Article 15 prior to January 1, 2011 shall be deemed a person who first became a member or participant prior to January 1, 2011 under any retirement system or pension fund subject to this Section. The changes made to this Section by Public Act 98-596 are a clarification of existing law and are intended to be retroactive to January 1, 2011 (the effective date of Public Act 96-889), notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1-103.1 of this Code.

This Section does not apply to a person who first becomes a noncovered employee under Article 14 on or after the implementation date of the plan created under Section 1-161 for that Article, unless that person elects under subsection (b) of Section 1-161 to instead receive the benefits provided under this Section and the applicable provisions of that Article.

This Section does not apply to a person who first becomes a member or participant under Article 16 on or after the implementation date of the plan created under Section 1-161 for that Article, unless that person elects under subsection (b) of Section 1-161 to instead receive the benefits provided under this Section and the applicable provisions of that Article.

This Section does not apply to a person who elects under subsection (c-5) of Section 1-161 to receive the benefits

1 under Section 1-161.

This Section does not apply to a person who first becomes a member or participant of an affected pension fund on or after 6 months after the resolution or ordinance date, as defined in Section 1-162, unless that person elects under subsection (c) of Section 1-162 to receive the benefits provided under this Section and the applicable provisions of the Article under which he or she is a member or participant.

- (b) "Final average salary" means, except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the average monthly (or annual) salary obtained by dividing the total salary or earnings calculated under the Article applicable to the member or participant during the 96 consecutive months (or 8 consecutive years) of service within the last 120 months (or 10 years) of service in which the total salary or earnings calculated under the applicable Article was the highest by the number of months (or years) of service in that period. For the purposes of a person who first becomes a member or participant of any retirement system or pension fund to which this Section applies on or after January 1, 2011, in this Code, "final average salary" shall be substituted for the following:
- 22 (1) (Blank).
 - (2) In Articles 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12, "highest average annual salary for any 4 consecutive years within the last 10 years of service immediately preceding the date of withdrawal".

- 1 (3) In Article 13, "average final salary".
- 2 (4) In Article 14, "final average compensation".
 - (5) In Article 17, "average salary".
- 4 (6) In Section 22-207, "wages or salary received by him at the date of retirement or discharge".

A member of the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois who retires on or after June 1, 2021 and for whom the 2020-2021 school year is used in the calculation of the member's final average salary shall use the higher of the following for the purpose of determining the member's final average salary:

- (A) the amount otherwise calculated under the $\underline{\text{next}}$ first paragraph of this subsection; or
- (B) an amount calculated by the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois using the average of the monthly (or annual) salary obtained by dividing the total salary or earnings calculated under Article 16 applicable to the member or participant during the $\underline{72}$ $\underline{96}$ months (or $\underline{6}$ years) of service within the last 120 months (or 10 years) of service in which the total salary or earnings calculated under the Article was the highest by the number of months (or years) of service in that period.

For a member under Article 16, "final average salary" means the greater of: (i) the amount otherwise calculated under this subsection; or (ii) the average monthly (or annual) salary obtained by dividing the total salary calculated under

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Article 16 during the 72 consecutive months (or 6 consecutive years) of service within the last 120 months (or 10 years) of service in which the total salary calculated under the Article was the highest by the number of months (or years) of service in that period.

(b-5) Beginning on January 1, 2011, for all purposes under this Code (including without limitation the calculation of benefits and employee contributions), the annual earnings, salary, or wages (based on the plan year) of a member or participant to whom this Section applies shall not exceed \$106,800; however, that amount shall annually thereafter be increased by the lesser of (i) 3% of that amount, including all previous adjustments, or (ii) one-half the annual unadjusted percentage increase (but not less than zero) in the consumer price index-u for the 12 months ending with the September preceding each November 1, including all previous adjustments; except that beginning in 2024 for purposes of Article 16 of this Code (including, without limitation, the calculation of benefits and employee contributions), that amount shall annually be increased by the greater of: (i) 3%; or (ii) the annual unadjusted percentage increase in the consumer price index-u for the 12 months ending with the September preceding each November 1, including all previous adjustments.

For the purposes of this Section, "consumer price index-u" means the index published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor that measures the

average change in prices of goods and services purchased by
all urban consumers, United States city average, all items,

1982-84 = 100. The new amount resulting from each annual
adjustment shall be determined by the Public Pension Division
of the Department of Insurance and made available to the
boards of the retirement systems and pension funds by November
of each year.

(c) A member or participant is entitled to a retirement annuity upon written application if he or she has attained age 67 (age 65, with respect to service under Article 12 that is subject to this Section, for a member or participant under Article 12 who first becomes a member or participant under Article 12 on or after January 1, 2022 or who makes the election under item (i) of subsection (d-15) of this Section) and has at least 10 years of service credit and is otherwise eligible under the requirements of the applicable Article.

A member or participant who has attained age 62 (age 60, with respect to service under Article 12 that is subject to this Section, for a member or participant under Article 12 who first becomes a member or participant under Article 12 on or after January 1, 2022 or who makes the election under item (i) of subsection (d-15) of this Section) and has at least 10 years of service credit and is otherwise eligible under the requirements of the applicable Article may elect to receive the lower retirement annuity provided in subsection (d) of this Section.

(c-5) A person who first becomes a member or a participant subject to this Section on or after July 6, 2017 (the effective date of Public Act 100-23), notwithstanding any other provision of this Code to the contrary, is entitled to a retirement annuity under Article 8 or Article 11 upon written application if he or she has attained age 65 and has at least 10 years of service credit and is otherwise eligible under the requirements of Article 8 or Article 11 of this Code, whichever is applicable.

(c-10) Notwithstanding subsection (c), a member under Article 16 is entitled to a retirement annuity if he or she has attained age 60; has at least 35 years of service credit; and is otherwise eligible under the requirements of Article 16.

Notwithstanding subsection (c), a member under Article 16 is entitled to a retirement annuity upon written application if he or she has attained age 62; has at least 10 years of service credit; and is otherwise eligible under the requirements of Article 16.

(d) The retirement annuity of a member or participant who is retiring after attaining age 62 (age 60, with respect to service under Article 12 that is subject to this Section, for a member or participant under Article 12 who first becomes a member or participant under Article 12 on or after January 1, 2022 or who makes the election under item (i) of subsection (d-15) of this Section) with at least 10 years of service credit shall be reduced by one-half of 1% for each full month

- that the member's age is under age 67 (age 65, with respect to service under Article 12 that is subject to this Section, for a member or participant under Article 12 who first becomes a member or participant under Article 12 on or after January 1, 2022 or who makes the election under item (i) of subsection (d-15) of this Section). This subsection does not apply to a person who meets the requirements under subsection (c-10).
 - (d-5) The retirement annuity payable under Article 8 or Article 11 to an eligible person subject to subsection (c-5) of this Section who is retiring at age 60 with at least 10 years of service credit shall be reduced by one-half of 1% for each full month that the member's age is under age 65.
 - (d-10) Each person who first became a member or participant under Article 8 or Article 11 of this Code on or after January 1, 2011 and prior to July 6, 2017 (the effective date of Public Act 100-23) shall make an irrevocable election either:
 - (i) to be eligible for the reduced retirement age provided in subsections (c-5) and (d-5) of this Section, the eligibility for which is conditioned upon the member or participant agreeing to the increases in employee contributions for age and service annuities provided in subsection (a-5) of Section 8-174 of this Code (for service under Article 8) or subsection (a-5) of Section 11-170 of this Code (for service under Article 11); or
 - (ii) to not agree to item (i) of this subsection

(d-10), in which case the member or participant shall continue to be subject to the retirement age provisions in subsections (c) and (d) of this Section and the employee contributions for age and service annuity as provided in subsection (a) of Section 8-174 of this Code (for service under Article 8) or subsection (a) of Section 11-170 of this Code (for service under Article 11).

The election provided for in this subsection shall be made between October 1, 2017 and November 15, 2017. A person subject to this subsection who makes the required election shall remain bound by that election. A person subject to this subsection who fails for any reason to make the required election within the time specified in this subsection shall be deemed to have made the election under item (ii).

- (d-15) Each person who first becomes a member or participant under Article 12 on or after January 1, 2011 and prior to January 1, 2022 shall make an irrevocable election either:
 - (i) to be eligible for the reduced retirement age specified in subsections (c) and (d) of this Section, the eligibility for which is conditioned upon the member or participant agreeing to the increase in employee contributions for service annuities specified in subsection (b) of Section 12-150; or
 - (ii) to not agree to item (i) of this subsection (d-15), in which case the member or participant shall not

be eligible for the reduced retirement age specified in subsections (c) and (d) of this Section and shall not be subject to the increase in employee contributions for service annuities specified in subsection (b) of Section 12-150.

The election provided for in this subsection shall be made between January 1, 2022 and April 1, 2022. A person subject to this subsection who makes the required election shall remain bound by that election. A person subject to this subsection who fails for any reason to make the required election within the time specified in this subsection shall be deemed to have made the election under item (ii).

(e) Any retirement annuity or supplemental annuity shall be subject to annual increases on the January 1 occurring either on or after the attainment of age 67 (age 65, with respect to service under Article 12 that is subject to this Section, for a member or participant under Article 12 who first becomes a member or participant under Article 12 on or after January 1, 2022 or who makes the election under item (i) of subsection (d-15); and beginning on July 6, 2017 (the effective date of Public Act 100-23), age 65 with respect to service under Article 8 or Article 11 for eligible persons who: (i) are subject to subsection (c-5) of this Section; or (ii) made the election under item (i) of subsection (d-10) of this Section) or the first anniversary of the annuity start date, whichever is later. Except for retirement annuities

under Article 16, each Each annual increase shall be calculated at 3% or one-half the annual unadjusted percentage increase (but not less than zero) in the consumer price index-u for the 12 months ending with the September preceding each November 1, whichever is less, of the originally granted retirement annuity. If the annual unadjusted percentage change in the consumer price index-u for the 12 months ending with the September preceding each November 1 is zero or there is a decrease, then the annuity shall not be increased.

For retirement annuities under Article 16, each annual increase shall be calculated at 3% or one-half the annual unadjusted percentage increase in the consumer price index-u for the 12 months ending with the September preceding each November 1, whichever is greater, of the originally granted retirement annuity.

For the purposes of Section 1-103.1 of this Code, the changes made to this Section by this amendatory Act of the 103rd General Assembly are applicable without regard to whether the employee was in active service on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 103rd General Assembly.

For the purposes of Section 1-103.1 of this Code, the changes made to this Section by Public Act 102-263 are applicable without regard to whether the employee was in active service on or after August 6, 2021 (the effective date of Public Act 102-263).

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For the purposes of Section 1-103.1 of this Code, the changes made to this Section by Public Act 100-23 are applicable without regard to whether the employee was in active service on or after July 6, 2017 (the effective date of Public Act 100-23).

(f) The initial survivor's or widow's annuity of an otherwise eligible survivor or widow of a retired member or participant who first became a member or participant on or after January 1, 2011 shall be in the amount of 66 2/3% of the retired member's or participant's retirement annuity at the date of death. In the case of the death of a member or participant who has not retired and who first became a member or participant on or after January 1, 2011, eligibility for a survivor's or widow's annuity shall be determined by the applicable Article of this Code. The initial benefit shall be 66 2/3% of the earned annuity without a reduction due to age. A child's annuity of an otherwise eligible child shall be in the amount prescribed under each Article if applicable. Any survivor's or widow's annuity shall be increased (1) on each January 1 occurring on or after the commencement of the annuity if the deceased member died while receiving a retirement annuity or (2) in other cases, on each January 1 occurring after the first anniversary of the commencement of the annuity. Each annual increase shall be calculated at 3% or one-half the annual unadjusted percentage increase (but not less than zero) in the consumer price index-u for the 12 months

- ending with the September preceding each November 1, whichever is less, of the originally granted survivor's annuity. If the annual unadjusted percentage change in the consumer price index-u for the 12 months ending with the September preceding each November 1 is zero or there is a decrease, then the annuity shall not be increased.
 - (g) The benefits in Section 14-110 apply if the person is a fire fighter in the fire protection service of a department, a security employee of the Department of Corrections or the Department of Juvenile Justice, or a security employee of the Department of Innovation and Technology, as those terms are defined in subsection (b) and subsection (c) of Section 14-110. A person who meets the requirements of this Section is entitled to an annuity calculated under the provisions of Section 14-110, in lieu of the regular or minimum retirement annuity, only if the person has withdrawn from service with not less than 20 years of eligible creditable service and has attained age 60, regardless of whether the attainment of age 60 occurs while the person is still in service.
 - (g-5) The benefits in Section 14-110 apply if the person is a State policeman, investigator for the Secretary of State, conservation police officer, investigator for the Department of Revenue or the Illinois Gaming Board, investigator for the Office of the Attorney General, Commerce Commission police officer, or arson investigator, as those terms are defined in subsection (b) and subsection (c) of Section 14-110. A person

who meets the requirements of this Section is entitled to an annuity calculated under the provisions of Section 14-110, in lieu of the regular or minimum retirement annuity, only if the person has withdrawn from service with not less than 20 years of eligible creditable service and has attained age 55, regardless of whether the attainment of age 55 occurs while the person is still in service.

(h) If a person who first becomes a member or a participant of a retirement system or pension fund subject to this Section on or after January 1, 2011 is receiving a retirement annuity or retirement pension under that system or fund and becomes a member or participant under any other system or fund created by this Code and is employed on a full-time basis, except for those members or participants exempted from the provisions of this Section under subsection (a) of this Section, then the person's retirement annuity or retirement pension under that system or fund shall be suspended during that employment. Upon termination of that employment, the person's retirement annuity or retirement pension payments shall resume and be recalculated if recalculation is provided for under the applicable Article of this Code.

If a person who first becomes a member of a retirement system or pension fund subject to this Section on or after January 1, 2012 and is receiving a retirement annuity or retirement pension under that system or fund and accepts on a contractual basis a position to provide services to a

governmental entity from which he or she has retired, then 1 2 that person's annuity or retirement pension earned as an 3 active employee of the employer shall be suspended during that contractual service. A person receiving an annuity or 5 retirement pension under this Code shall notify the pension fund or retirement system from which he or she is receiving an 6 7 annuity or retirement pension, as well as his or her 8 contractual employer, of his or her retirement status before 9 accepting contractual employment. A person who fails to submit 10 such notification shall be quilty of a Class A misdemeanor and 11 required to pay a fine of \$1,000. Upon termination of that 12 contractual employment, the person's retirement annuity or 13 retirement pension payments shall resume and, if appropriate, be recalculated under the applicable provisions of this Code. 14

- 15 (i) (Blank).
- 16 (j) In the case of a conflict between the provisions of
 17 this Section and any other provision of this Code, the
 18 provisions of this Section shall control.
- 19 (Source: P.A. 101-610, eff. 1-1-20; 102-16, eff. 6-17-21;
- 20 102-210, eff. 1-1-22; 102-263, eff. 8-6-21; 102-719, eff.
- 21 5-6-22.)
- 22 (Text of Section from P.A. 102-813)
- 23 Sec. 1-160. Provisions applicable to new hires.
- 24 (a) The provisions of this Section apply to a person who,
- on or after January 1, 2011, first becomes a member or a

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participant under any reciprocal retirement system or pension fund established under this Code, other than a retirement system or pension fund established under Article 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 15, or 18 of this Code, notwithstanding any other provision of this Code to the contrary, but do not apply to any self-managed plan established under this Code or to participant of the retirement plan established under Section 22-101; except that this Section applies to a person who elected to establish alternative credits by electing in writing after January 1, 2011, but before August 8, 2011, under Section 7-145.1 of this Code. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section, for purposes of this Section, a person who is a Tier 1 regular employee as defined in Section 7-109.4 of this Code or who participated in a retirement system under Article 15 prior to January 1, 2011 shall be deemed a person who first became a member or participant prior to January 1, 2011 under any retirement system or pension fund subject to this Section. The changes made to this Section by Public Act 98-596 are a clarification of existing law and are intended to be retroactive to January 1, 2011 (the effective date of Public Act 96-889), notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1-103.1 of this Code.

This Section does not apply to a person who first becomes a noncovered employee under Article 14 on or after the implementation date of the plan created under Section 1-161 for that Article, unless that person elects under subsection

- 1 (b) of Section 1-161 to instead receive the benefits provided
- 2 under this Section and the applicable provisions of that
- 3 Article.
- 4 This Section does not apply to a person who first becomes a
- 5 member or participant under Article 16 on or after the
- 6 implementation date of the plan created under Section 1-161
- 7 for that Article, unless that person elects under subsection
- 8 (b) of Section 1-161 to instead receive the benefits provided
- 9 under this Section and the applicable provisions of that
- 10 Article.
- 11 This Section does not apply to a person who elects under
- 12 subsection (c-5) of Section 1-161 to receive the benefits
- 13 under Section 1-161.
- 14 This Section does not apply to a person who first becomes a
- 15 member or participant of an affected pension fund on or after 6
- 16 months after the resolution or ordinance date, as defined in
- 17 Section 1-162, unless that person elects under subsection (c)
- of Section 1-162 to receive the benefits provided under this
- 19 Section and the applicable provisions of the Article under
- which he or she is a member or participant.
- 21 (b) "Final average salary" means, except as otherwise
- 22 provided in this subsection, the average monthly (or annual)
- 23 salary obtained by dividing the total salary or earnings
- 24 calculated under the Article applicable to the member or
- 25 participant during the 96 consecutive months (or 8 consecutive
- 26 years) of service within the last 120 months (or 10 years) of

- service in which the total salary or earnings calculated under the applicable Article was the highest by the number of months (or years) of service in that period. For the purposes of a person who first becomes a member or participant of any retirement system or pension fund to which this Section applies on or after January 1, 2011, in this Code, "final average salary" shall be substituted for the following:
- 8 (1) (Blank).

- 9 (2) In Articles 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12, "highest average annual salary for any 4 consecutive years within the last 10 years of service immediately preceding the date of withdrawal".
 - (3) In Article 13, "average final salary".
- 14 (4) In Article 14, "final average compensation".
- 15 (5) In Article 17, "average salary".
- 16 (6) In Section 22-207, "wages or salary received by 17 him at the date of retirement or discharge".
- A member of the Teachers' Retirement System of the State
 of Illinois who retires on or after June 1, 2021 and for whom
 the 2020-2021 school year is used in the calculation of the
 member's final average salary shall use the higher of the
 following for the purpose of determining the member's final
 average salary:
- 24 (A) the amount otherwise calculated under the <u>next</u> 25 first paragraph of this subsection; or
- 26 (B) an amount calculated by the Teachers' Retirement

System of the State of Illinois using the average of the monthly (or annual) salary obtained by dividing the total salary or earnings calculated under Article 16 applicable to the member or participant during the 72 96 months (or 6 8 years) of service within the last 120 months (or 10 years) of service in which the total salary or earnings calculated under the Article was the highest by the number of months (or years) of service in that period.

For a member under Article 16, "final average salary" means the greater of: (i) the amount otherwise calculated under this subsection; or (ii) the average monthly (or annual) salary obtained by dividing the total salary calculated under Article 16 during the 72 consecutive months (or 6 consecutive years) of service within the last 120 months (or 10 years) of service in which the total salary calculated under the Article was the highest by the number of months (or years) of service in that period.

(b-5) Beginning on January 1, 2011, for all purposes under this Code (including without limitation the calculation of benefits and employee contributions), the annual earnings, salary, or wages (based on the plan year) of a member or participant to whom this Section applies shall not exceed \$106,800; however, that amount shall annually thereafter be increased by the lesser of (i) 3% of that amount, including all previous adjustments, or (ii) one-half the annual unadjusted percentage increase (but not less than zero) in the consumer

price index-u for the 12 months ending with the September preceding each November 1, including all previous adjustments; except that beginning in 2024 for purposes of Article 16 of this Code (including, without limitation, the calculation of benefits and employee contributions), that amount shall annually be increased by the greater of: (i) 3%; or (ii) the annual unadjusted percentage increase in the consumer price index-u for the 12 months ending with the September preceding each November 1, including all previous adjustments.

For the purposes of this Section, "consumer price index-u" means the index published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor that measures the average change in prices of goods and services purchased by all urban consumers, United States city average, all items, 1982-84 = 100. The new amount resulting from each annual adjustment shall be determined by the Public Pension Division of the Department of Insurance and made available to the boards of the retirement systems and pension funds by November 1 of each year.

(c) A member or participant is entitled to a retirement annuity upon written application if he or she has attained age 67 (age 65, with respect to service under Article 12 that is subject to this Section, for a member or participant under Article 12 who first becomes a member or participant under Article 12 on or after January 1, 2022 or who makes the election under item (i) of subsection (d-15) of this Section)

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and has at least 10 years of service credit and is otherwise 1 2 eligible under the requirements of the applicable Article.

A member or participant who has attained age 62 (age 60, with respect to service under Article 12 that is subject to this Section, for a member or participant under Article 12 who first becomes a member or participant under Article 12 on or after January 1, 2022 or who makes the election under item (i) of subsection (d-15) of this Section) and has at least 10 years service credit and is otherwise eligible under the requirements of the applicable Article may elect to receive the lower retirement annuity provided in subsection (d) of this Section.

(c-5) A person who first becomes a member or a participant subject to this Section on or after July 6, 2017 (the effective date of Public Act 100-23), notwithstanding any other provision of this Code to the contrary, is entitled to a retirement annuity under Article 8 or Article 11 upon written application if he or she has attained age 65 and has at least 10 years of service credit and is otherwise eligible under the requirements of Article 8 or Article 11 of this Code, whichever is applicable.

(c-10) Notwithstanding subsection (c), a member under Article 16 is entitled to a retirement annuity if he or she has attained age 60; has at least 35 years of service credit; and is otherwise eligible under the requirements of Article 16.

Notwithstanding subsection (c), a member under Article 16

- is entitled to a retirement annuity upon written application

 if he or she has attained age 62; has at least 10 years of

 service credit; and is otherwise eligible under the

 requirements of Article 16.
 - (d) The retirement annuity of a member or participant who is retiring after attaining age 62 (age 60, with respect to service under Article 12 that is subject to this Section, for a member or participant under Article 12 who first becomes a member or participant under Article 12 on or after January 1, 2022 or who makes the election under item (i) of subsection (d-15) of this Section) with at least 10 years of service credit shall be reduced by one-half of 1% for each full month that the member's age is under age 67 (age 65, with respect to service under Article 12 that is subject to this Section, for a member or participant under Article 12 who first becomes a member or participant under Article 12 on or after January 1, 2022 or who makes the election under item (i) of subsection (d-15) of this Section). This subsection does not apply to a person who meets the requirements under subsection (c-10).
 - (d-5) The retirement annuity payable under Article 8 or Article 11 to an eligible person subject to subsection (c-5) of this Section who is retiring at age 60 with at least 10 years of service credit shall be reduced by one-half of 1% for each full month that the member's age is under age 65.
 - (d-10) Each person who first became a member or participant under Article 8 or Article 11 of this Code on or

- after January 1, 2011 and prior to July 6, 2017 (the effective date of Public Act 100-23) shall make an irrevocable election either:
 - (i) to be eligible for the reduced retirement age provided in subsections (c-5) and (d-5) of this Section, the eligibility for which is conditioned upon the member or participant agreeing to the increases in employee contributions for age and service annuities provided in subsection (a-5) of Section 8-174 of this Code (for service under Article 8) or subsection (a-5) of Section 11-170 of this Code (for service under Article 11); or
 - (ii) to not agree to item (i) of this subsection (d-10), in which case the member or participant shall continue to be subject to the retirement age provisions in subsections (c) and (d) of this Section and the employee contributions for age and service annuity as provided in subsection (a) of Section 8-174 of this Code (for service under Article 8) or subsection (a) of Section 11-170 of this Code (for service under Article 11).

The election provided for in this subsection shall be made between October 1, 2017 and November 15, 2017. A person subject to this subsection who makes the required election shall remain bound by that election. A person subject to this subsection who fails for any reason to make the required election within the time specified in this subsection shall be deemed to have made the election under item (ii).

- (d-15) Each person who first becomes a member or participant under Article 12 on or after January 1, 2011 and prior to January 1, 2022 shall make an irrevocable election either:
 - (i) to be eligible for the reduced retirement age specified in subsections (c) and (d) of this Section, the eligibility for which is conditioned upon the member or participant agreeing to the increase in employee contributions for service annuities specified in subsection (b) of Section 12-150; or
 - (ii) to not agree to item (i) of this subsection (d-15), in which case the member or participant shall not be eligible for the reduced retirement age specified in subsections (c) and (d) of this Section and shall not be subject to the increase in employee contributions for service annuities specified in subsection (b) of Section 12-150.

The election provided for in this subsection shall be made between January 1, 2022 and April 1, 2022. A person subject to this subsection who makes the required election shall remain bound by that election. A person subject to this subsection who fails for any reason to make the required election within the time specified in this subsection shall be deemed to have made the election under item (ii).

(e) Any retirement annuity or supplemental annuity shall be subject to annual increases on the January 1 occurring

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either on or after the attainment of age 67 (age 65, with respect to service under Article 12 that is subject to this Section, for a member or participant under Article 12 who first becomes a member or participant under Article 12 on or after January 1, 2022 or who makes the election under item (i) of subsection (d-15); and beginning on July 6, 2017 (the effective date of Public Act 100-23), age 65 with respect to service under Article 8 or Article 11 for eligible persons who: (i) are subject to subsection (c-5) of this Section; or (ii) made the election under item (i) of subsection (d-10) of this Section) or the first anniversary of the annuity start date, whichever is later. Except for retirement annuities under Article 16, each Each annual increase shall calculated at 3% or one-half the annual unadjusted percentage increase (but not less than zero) in the consumer price index-u for the 12 months ending with the September preceding each November 1, whichever is less, of the originally granted retirement annuity. If the annual unadjusted percentage change in the consumer price index-u for the 12 months ending with the September preceding each November 1 is zero or there is a decrease, then the annuity shall not be increased.

For retirement annuities under Article 16, each annual increase shall be calculated at 3% or one-half the annual unadjusted percentage increase in the consumer price index-u for the 12 months ending with the September preceding each November 1, whichever is greater, of the originally granted

1 retirement annuity.

For the purposes of Section 1-103.1 of this Code, the changes made to this Section by this amendatory Act of the 103rd General Assembly are applicable without regard to whether the employee was in active service on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 103rd General Assembly.

For the purposes of Section 1-103.1 of this Code, the changes made to this Section by Public Act 102-263 are applicable without regard to whether the employee was in active service on or after August 6, 2021 (the effective date of Public Act 102-263).

For the purposes of Section 1-103.1 of this Code, the changes made to this Section by Public Act 100-23 are applicable without regard to whether the employee was in active service on or after July 6, 2017 (the effective date of Public Act 100-23).

(f) The initial survivor's or widow's annuity of an otherwise eligible survivor or widow of a retired member or participant who first became a member or participant on or after January 1, 2011 shall be in the amount of 66 2/3% of the retired member's or participant's retirement annuity at the date of death. In the case of the death of a member or participant who has not retired and who first became a member or participant on or after January 1, 2011, eligibility for a survivor's or widow's annuity shall be determined by the

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applicable Article of this Code. The initial benefit shall be 66 2/3% of the earned annuity without a reduction due to age. A child's annuity of an otherwise eligible child shall be in the amount prescribed under each Article if applicable. Any survivor's or widow's annuity shall be increased (1) on each January 1 occurring on or after the commencement of the annuity if the deceased member died while receiving a retirement annuity or (2) in other cases, on each January 1 occurring after the first anniversary of the commencement of the annuity. Each annual increase shall be calculated at 3% or one-half the annual unadjusted percentage increase (but not less than zero) in the consumer price index-u for the 12 months ending with the September preceding each November 1, whichever is less, of the originally granted survivor's annuity. If the annual unadjusted percentage change in the consumer price index-u for the 12 months ending with the September preceding each November 1 is zero or there is a decrease, then the annuity shall not be increased.

(g) The benefits in Section 14-110 apply only if the person is a State policeman, a fire fighter in the fire protection service of a department, a conservation police officer, an investigator for the Secretary of State, an arson investigator, a Commerce Commission police officer, investigator for the Department of Revenue or the Illinois Gaming Board, a security employee of the Department of Corrections or the Department of Juvenile Justice, or a

security employee of the Department of Innovation and Technology, as those terms are defined in subsection (b) and subsection (c) of Section 14-110. A person who meets the requirements of this Section is entitled to an annuity calculated under the provisions of Section 14-110, in lieu of the regular or minimum retirement annuity, only if the person has withdrawn from service with not less than 20 years of eligible creditable service and has attained age 60, regardless of whether the attainment of age 60 occurs while the person is still in service.

(h) If a person who first becomes a member or a participant of a retirement system or pension fund subject to this Section on or after January 1, 2011 is receiving a retirement annuity or retirement pension under that system or fund and becomes a member or participant under any other system or fund created by this Code and is employed on a full-time basis, except for those members or participants exempted from the provisions of this Section under subsection (a) of this Section, then the person's retirement annuity or retirement pension under that system or fund shall be suspended during that employment. Upon termination of that employment, the person's retirement annuity or retirement pension payments shall resume and be recalculated if recalculation is provided for under the applicable Article of this Code.

If a person who first becomes a member of a retirement system or pension fund subject to this Section on or after

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January 1, 2012 and is receiving a retirement annuity or retirement pension under that system or fund and accepts on a contractual basis a position to provide services to a governmental entity from which he or she has retired, then that person's annuity or retirement pension earned as an active employee of the employer shall be suspended during that contractual service. A person receiving an annuity or retirement pension under this Code shall notify the pension fund or retirement system from which he or she is receiving an annuity or retirement pension, as well as his or her contractual employer, of his or her retirement status before accepting contractual employment. A person who fails to submit such notification shall be quilty of a Class A misdemeanor and required to pay a fine of \$1,000. Upon termination of that contractual employment, the person's retirement annuity or retirement pension payments shall resume and, if appropriate, be recalculated under the applicable provisions of this Code.

- (i) (Blank).
- 19 (j) In the case of a conflict between the provisions of
- 20 this Section and any other provision of this Code, the
- 21 provisions of this Section shall control.
- 22 (Source: P.A. 101-610, eff. 1-1-20; 102-16, eff. 6-17-21;
- 23 102-210, eff. 1-1-22; 102-263, eff. 8-6-21; 102-813, eff.
- 24 5-13-22.)
- 25 (Text of Section from P.A. 102-956)

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1 Sec. 1-160. Provisions applicable to new hires.

(a) The provisions of this Section apply to a person who, on or after January 1, 2011, first becomes a member or a participant under any reciprocal retirement system or pension fund established under this Code, other than a retirement system or pension fund established under Article 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 15, or 18 of this Code, notwithstanding any other provision of this Code to the contrary, but do not apply to any self-managed plan established under this Code or to any participant of the retirement plan established under Section 22-101; except that this Section applies to a person who elected to establish alternative credits by electing in writing after January 1, 2011, but before August 8, 2011, under Section 7-145.1 of this Code. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section, for purposes of this Section, a person who is a Tier 1 regular employee as defined in Section 7-109.4 of this Code or who participated in a retirement system under Article 15 prior to January 1, 2011 shall be deemed a person who first became a member or participant prior to January 1, 2011 under any retirement system or pension fund subject to this Section. The changes made to this Section by Public Act 98-596 are a clarification of existing law and are intended to be retroactive to January 1, 2011 (the effective date of Public Act 96-889), notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1-103.1 of this Code.

This Section does not apply to a person who first becomes a

- noncovered employee under Article 14 on or after the implementation date of the plan created under Section 1-161 for that Article, unless that person elects under subsection (b) of Section 1-161 to instead receive the benefits provided under this Section and the applicable provisions of that Article.
 - This Section does not apply to a person who first becomes a member or participant under Article 16 on or after the implementation date of the plan created under Section 1-161 for that Article, unless that person elects under subsection (b) of Section 1-161 to instead receive the benefits provided under this Section and the applicable provisions of that Article.
 - This Section does not apply to a person who elects under subsection (c-5) of Section 1-161 to receive the benefits under Section 1-161.
 - This Section does not apply to a person who first becomes a member or participant of an affected pension fund on or after 6 months after the resolution or ordinance date, as defined in Section 1-162, unless that person elects under subsection (c) of Section 1-162 to receive the benefits provided under this Section and the applicable provisions of the Article under which he or she is a member or participant.
 - (b) "Final average salary" means, except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the average monthly (or annual) salary obtained by dividing the total salary or earnings

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calculated under the Article applicable to the member or participant during the 96 consecutive months (or 8 consecutive years) of service within the last 120 months (or 10 years) of service in which the total salary or earnings calculated under the applicable Article was the highest by the number of months (or years) of service in that period. For the purposes of a person who first becomes a member or participant of any retirement system or pension fund to which this Section applies on or after January 1, 2011, in this Code, "final average salary" shall be substituted for the following:

- (1) (Blank).
- 12 (2) In Articles 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12, "highest average 13 annual salary for any 4 consecutive years within the last 14 10 years of service immediately preceding the date of 15 withdrawal".
 - (3) In Article 13, "average final salary".
 - (4) In Article 14, "final average compensation".
- 18 (5) In Article 17, "average salary".
- 19 (6) In Section 22-207, "wages or salary received by 20 him at the date of retirement or discharge".

A member of the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois who retires on or after June 1, 2021 and for whom the 2020-2021 school year is used in the calculation of the member's final average salary shall use the higher of the following for the purpose of determining the member's final average salary:

- (A) the amount otherwise calculated under the next
 first paragraph of this subsection; or
- (B) an amount calculated by the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois using the average of the monthly (or annual) salary obtained by dividing the total salary or earnings calculated under Article 16 applicable to the member or participant during the $\frac{72}{96}$ months (or $\frac{6}{9}$ years) of service within the last 120 months (or 10 years) of service in which the total salary or earnings calculated under the Article was the highest by the number of months (or years) of service in that period.

For a member under Article 16, "final average salary" means the greater of: (i) the amount otherwise calculated under this subsection; or (ii) the average monthly (or annual) salary obtained by dividing the total salary calculated under Article 16 during the 72 consecutive months (or 6 consecutive years) of service within the last 120 months (or 10 years) of service in which the total salary calculated under the Article was the highest by the number of months (or years) of service in that period.

(b-5) Beginning on January 1, 2011, for all purposes under this Code (including without limitation the calculation of benefits and employee contributions), the annual earnings, salary, or wages (based on the plan year) of a member or participant to whom this Section applies shall not exceed \$106,800; however, that amount shall annually thereafter be

increased by the lesser of (i) 3% of that amount, including all previous adjustments, or (ii) one-half the annual unadjusted percentage increase (but not less than zero) in the consumer price index-u for the 12 months ending with the September preceding each November 1, including all previous adjustments; except that beginning in 2024 for purposes of Article 16 of this Code (including, without limitation, the calculation of benefits and employee contributions), that amount shall annually be increased by the greater of: (i) 3%; or (ii) the annual unadjusted percentage increase in the consumer price index-u for the 12 months ending with the September preceding each November 1, including all previous adjustments.

For the purposes of this Section, "consumer price index-u" means the index published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor that measures the average change in prices of goods and services purchased by all urban consumers, United States city average, all items, 1982-84 = 100. The new amount resulting from each annual adjustment shall be determined by the Public Pension Division of the Department of Insurance and made available to the boards of the retirement systems and pension funds by November 1 of each year.

(c) A member or participant is entitled to a retirement annuity upon written application if he or she has attained age 67 (age 65, with respect to service under Article 12 that is subject to this Section, for a member or participant under

Article 12 who first becomes a member or participant under
Article 12 on or after January 1, 2022 or who makes the
election under item (i) of subsection (d-15) of this Section)
and has at least 10 years of service credit and is otherwise
eligible under the requirements of the applicable Article.

A member or participant who has attained age 62 (age 60, with respect to service under Article 12 that is subject to this Section, for a member or participant under Article 12 who first becomes a member or participant under Article 12 on or after January 1, 2022 or who makes the election under item (i) of subsection (d-15) of this Section) and has at least 10 years of service credit and is otherwise eligible under the requirements of the applicable Article may elect to receive the lower retirement annuity provided in subsection (d) of this Section.

(c-5) A person who first becomes a member or a participant subject to this Section on or after July 6, 2017 (the effective date of Public Act 100-23), notwithstanding any other provision of this Code to the contrary, is entitled to a retirement annuity under Article 8 or Article 11 upon written application if he or she has attained age 65 and has at least 10 years of service credit and is otherwise eligible under the requirements of Article 8 or Article 11 of this Code, whichever is applicable.

(c-10) Notwithstanding subsection (c), a member under

Article 16 is entitled to a retirement annuity if he or she has

attained age 60; has at least 35 years of service credit; and is otherwise eligible under the requirements of Article 16.

Notwithstanding subsection (c), a member under Article 16 is entitled to a retirement annuity upon written application if he or she has attained age 62; has at least 10 years of service credit; and is otherwise eliqible under the requirements of Article 16.

- (d) The retirement annuity of a member or participant who is retiring after attaining age 62 (age 60, with respect to service under Article 12 that is subject to this Section, for a member or participant under Article 12 who first becomes a member or participant under Article 12 on or after January 1, 2022 or who makes the election under item (i) of subsection (d-15) of this Section) with at least 10 years of service credit shall be reduced by one-half of 1% for each full month that the member's age is under age 67 (age 65, with respect to service under Article 12 that is subject to this Section, for a member or participant under Article 12 who first becomes a member or participant under Article 12 on or after January 1, 2022 or who makes the election under item (i) of subsection (d-15) of this Section). This subsection does not apply to a person who meets the requirements under subsection (c-10).
- (d-5) The retirement annuity payable under Article 8 or Article 11 to an eligible person subject to subsection (c-5) of this Section who is retiring at age 60 with at least 10 years of service credit shall be reduced by one-half of 1% for

- each full month that the member's age is under age 65.
 - (d-10) Each person who first became a member or participant under Article 8 or Article 11 of this Code on or after January 1, 2011 and prior to July 6, 2017 (the effective date of Public Act 100-23) shall make an irrevocable election either:
 - (i) to be eligible for the reduced retirement age provided in subsections (c-5) and (d-5) of this Section, the eligibility for which is conditioned upon the member or participant agreeing to the increases in employee contributions for age and service annuities provided in subsection (a-5) of Section 8-174 of this Code (for service under Article 8) or subsection (a-5) of Section 11-170 of this Code (for service under Article 11); or
 - (ii) to not agree to item (i) of this subsection (d-10), in which case the member or participant shall continue to be subject to the retirement age provisions in subsections (c) and (d) of this Section and the employee contributions for age and service annuity as provided in subsection (a) of Section 8-174 of this Code (for service under Article 8) or subsection (a) of Section 11-170 of this Code (for service under Article 11).

The election provided for in this subsection shall be made between October 1, 2017 and November 15, 2017. A person subject to this subsection who makes the required election shall remain bound by that election. A person subject to this

- subsection who fails for any reason to make the required election within the time specified in this subsection shall be deemed to have made the election under item (ii).
 - (d-15) Each person who first becomes a member or participant under Article 12 on or after January 1, 2011 and prior to January 1, 2022 shall make an irrevocable election either:
 - (i) to be eligible for the reduced retirement age specified in subsections (c) and (d) of this Section, the eligibility for which is conditioned upon the member or participant agreeing to the increase in employee contributions for service annuities specified in subsection (b) of Section 12-150; or
 - (ii) to not agree to item (i) of this subsection (d-15), in which case the member or participant shall not be eligible for the reduced retirement age specified in subsections (c) and (d) of this Section and shall not be subject to the increase in employee contributions for service annuities specified in subsection (b) of Section 12-150.

The election provided for in this subsection shall be made between January 1, 2022 and April 1, 2022. A person subject to this subsection who makes the required election shall remain bound by that election. A person subject to this subsection who fails for any reason to make the required election within the time specified in this subsection shall be deemed to have

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(e) Any retirement annuity or supplemental annuity shall be subject to annual increases on the January 1 occurring either on or after the attainment of age 67 (age 65, with respect to service under Article 12 that is subject to this Section, for a member or participant under Article 12 who first becomes a member or participant under Article 12 on or after January 1, 2022 or who makes the election under item (i) of subsection (d-15); and beginning on July 6, 2017 (the effective date of Public Act 100-23), age 65 with respect to service under Article 8 or Article 11 for eligible persons who: (i) are subject to subsection (c-5) of this Section; or (ii) made the election under item (i) of subsection (d-10) of this Section) or the first anniversary of the annuity start date, whichever is later. Except for retirement annuities under Article 16, each Each annual increase shall calculated at 3% or one-half the annual unadjusted percentage increase (but not less than zero) in the consumer price index-u for the 12 months ending with the September preceding each November 1, whichever is less, of the originally granted retirement annuity. If the annual unadjusted percentage change in the consumer price index-u for the 12 months ending with the September preceding each November 1 is zero or there is a decrease, then the annuity shall not be increased.

For retirement annuities under Article 16, each annual increase shall be calculated at 3% or one-half the annual

- 1 unadjusted percentage increase in the consumer price index-u
- for the 12 months ending with the September preceding each
- 3 November 1, whichever is greater, of the originally granted
- 4 retirement annuity.
- 5 For the purposes of Section 1-103.1 of this Code, the
- 6 changes made to this Section by this amendatory Act of the
- 7 <u>103rd General Assembly are applicable without regard to</u>
- 8 whether the employee was in active service on or after the
- 9 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 103rd General
- 10 Assembly.
- 11 For the purposes of Section 1-103.1 of this Code, the
- 12 changes made to this Section by Public Act 102-263 are
- 13 applicable without regard to whether the employee was in
- 14 active service on or after August 6, 2021 (the effective date
- 15 of Public Act 102-263).
- For the purposes of Section 1-103.1 of this Code, the
- 17 changes made to this Section by Public Act 100-23 are
- 18 applicable without regard to whether the employee was in
- 19 active service on or after July 6, 2017 (the effective date of
- 20 Public Act 100-23).
- 21 (f) The initial survivor's or widow's annuity of an
- 22 otherwise eliqible survivor or widow of a retired member or
- 23 participant who first became a member or participant on or
- after January 1, 2011 shall be in the amount of 66 2/3% of the
- 25 retired member's or participant's retirement annuity at the
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participant who has not retired and who first became a member or participant on or after January 1, 2011, eligibility for a survivor's or widow's annuity shall be determined by the applicable Article of this Code. The initial benefit shall be 66 2/3% of the earned annuity without a reduction due to age. A child's annuity of an otherwise eligible child shall be in the amount prescribed under each Article if applicable. Any survivor's or widow's annuity shall be increased (1) on each January 1 occurring on or after the commencement of the annuity if the deceased member died while receiving a retirement annuity or (2) in other cases, on each January 1 occurring after the first anniversary of the commencement of the annuity. Each annual increase shall be calculated at 3% or one-half the annual unadjusted percentage increase (but not less than zero) in the consumer price index-u for the 12 months ending with the September preceding each November 1, whichever is less, of the originally granted survivor's annuity. If the annual unadjusted percentage change in the consumer price index-u for the 12 months ending with the September preceding each November 1 is zero or there is a decrease, then the annuity shall not be increased.

(g) The benefits in Section 14-110 apply only if the person is a State policeman, a fire fighter in the fire protection service of a department, a conservation police officer, an investigator for the Secretary of State, an investigator for the Office of the Attorney General, an arson

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investigator, а Commerce Commission police officer, investigator for the Department of Revenue or the Illinois Gaming Board, a security employee of the Department of Corrections or the Department of Juvenile Justice, or a security employee of the Department of Innovation Technology, as those terms are defined in subsection (b) and subsection (c) of Section 14-110. A person who meets the requirements of this Section is entitled to an annuity calculated under the provisions of Section 14-110, in lieu of the regular or minimum retirement annuity, only if the person has withdrawn from service with not less than 20 years of eligible creditable service and has attained age 60, regardless of whether the attainment of age 60 occurs while the person is still in service.

(h) If a person who first becomes a member or a participant of a retirement system or pension fund subject to this Section on or after January 1, 2011 is receiving a retirement annuity or retirement pension under that system or fund and becomes a member or participant under any other system or fund created by this Code and is employed on a full-time basis, except for those members or participants exempted from the provisions of this Section under subsection (a) of this Section, then the person's retirement annuity or retirement pension under that system or fund shall be suspended during that employment. Upon termination of that employment, the person's retirement annuity or retirement shall resume and be

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If a person who first becomes a member of a retirement system or pension fund subject to this Section on or after January 1, 2012 and is receiving a retirement annuity or retirement pension under that system or fund and accepts on a contractual basis a position to provide services to a governmental entity from which he or she has retired, then that person's annuity or retirement pension earned as an active employee of the employer shall be suspended during that contractual service. A person receiving an annuity or retirement pension under this Code shall notify the pension fund or retirement system from which he or she is receiving an annuity or retirement pension, as well as his or her contractual employer, of his or her retirement status before accepting contractual employment. A person who fails to submit such notification shall be quilty of a Class A misdemeanor and required to pay a fine of \$1,000. Upon termination of that contractual employment, the person's retirement annuity or retirement pension payments shall resume and, if appropriate, be recalculated under the applicable provisions of this Code.

- (i) (Blank).
- 23 (j) In the case of a conflict between the provisions of 24 this Section and any other provision of this Code, the 25 provisions of this Section shall control.
- 26 (Source: P.A. 101-610, eff. 1-1-20; 102-16, eff. 6-17-21;

- 1 102-210, eff. 1-1-22; 102-263, eff. 8-6-21; 102-956, eff.
- 2 5-27-22.)
- 3 (40 ILCS 5/7-114) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 7-114)
- 4 Sec. 7-114. Earnings. "Earnings":
- 5 (a) An amount to be determined by the board, equal to the
- 6 sum of:

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- 1. The total amount of money paid to an employee for personal services or official duties as an employee (except those employed as independent contractors) paid out of the general fund, or out of any special funds controlled by the municipality, or by any instrumentality thereof, or participating instrumentality, including compensation, fees, allowances (but not including amounts associated with a vehicle allowance payable to an employee who first becomes a participating employee on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 100th General Assembly), or other emolument paid for official duties (but not including automobile maintenance, travel expense, reimbursements for expenditures incurred the performance of duties) and, for fee offices, the fees or earnings of the offices to the extent such fees are paid funds controlled by the municipality, of instrumentality or participating instrumentality; and
 - 2. The money value, as determined by rules prescribed by the governing body of the municipality, or

- instrumentality thereof, of any board, lodging, fuel, laundry, and other allowances provided an employee in lieu of money.
 - (b) For purposes of determining benefits payable under this fund payments to a person who is engaged in an independently established trade, occupation, profession or business and who is paid for his service on a basis other than a monthly or other regular salary, are not earnings.
 - (c) If a disabled participating employee is eligible to receive Workers' Compensation for an accidental injury and the participating municipality or instrumentality which employed the participating employee when injured continues to pay the participating employee regular salary or other compensation or pays the employee an amount in excess of the Workers' Compensation amount, then earnings shall be deemed to be the total payments, including an amount equal to the Workers' Compensation payments. These payments shall be subject to employee contributions and allocated as if paid to the participating employee when the regular payroll amounts would have been paid if the participating employee had continued working, and creditable service shall be awarded for this period.
 - (d) If an elected official who is a participating employee becomes disabled but does not resign and is not removed from office, then earnings shall include all salary payments made for the remainder of that term of office and the official shall

- 1 be awarded creditable service for the term of office.
 - (e) If a participating employee is paid pursuant to "An Act to provide for the continuation of compensation for law enforcement officers, correctional officers and firemen who suffer disabling injury in the line of duty", approved September 6, 1973, as amended, the payments shall be deemed earnings, and the participating employee shall be awarded creditable service for this period.
 - (f) Additional compensation received by a person while serving as a supervisor of assessments, assessor, deputy assessor or member of a board of review from the State of Illinois pursuant to Section 4-10 or 4-15 of the Property Tax Code shall not be earnings for purposes of this Article and shall not be included in the contribution formula or calculation of benefits for such person pursuant to this Article.
 - (g) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article, calendar year earnings for Tier 2 regular employees to whom this Section applies shall not exceed the amount determined by the Public Pension Division of the Department of Insurance as required in this subsection; however, that amount shall annually thereafter be increased by the lesser of (i) 3% of that amount, including all previous adjustments, or (ii) one-half the annual unadjusted percentage increase (but not less than zero) in the consumer price index-u for the 12 months ending with the September preceding each November 1, including

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- all previous adjustments; except that beginning in 2024, for

 Tier 2 regular employees who are employees of an educational

 employer, that amount shall annually be increased by the

 greater of: (i) 3%; or (ii) the annual unadjusted percentage

 increase in the consumer price index-u for the 12 months

 ending with the September preceding each November 1, including

 all previous adjustments.
 - For the purposes of this Section, "consumer price index-u" means the index published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor that measures the average change in prices of goods and services purchased by all urban consumers, United States city average, all items, 1982-84 = 100. The new amount resulting from each annual adjustment shall be determined by the Public Pension Division of the Department of Insurance and made available to the Fund by November 1 of each year.
- For the purposes of Section 1-103.1 of this Code, the
 changes made to this Section, Section 7-141, and Section 7-142

 by this amendatory Act of the 103rd General Assembly are
 applicable without regard to whether the Tier 2 regular
 employee was in active service on or after the effective date
 of this amendatory Act of the 103rd General Assembly.
- 23 (Source: P.A. 102-210, eff. 1-1-22.)
- 24 (40 ILCS 5/7-116) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 7-116)
- Sec. 7-116. "Final rate of earnings":

- (a) For retirement and survivor annuities, the monthly earnings obtained by dividing the total earnings received by the employee during the period of either (1) for Tier 1 regular employees, the 48 consecutive months of service within the last 120 months of service in which his total earnings were the highest, (2) for Tier 2 regular employees who are not employees of an educational employer, the 96 consecutive months of service within the last 120 months of service in which his total earnings were the highest, (3) for Tier 2 regular employees who are employees of an educational employer, the 72 consecutive months of service within the last 120 months of service in which total earnings were the highest, or (4) (3) the employee's total period of service, by the number of months of service in such period.
- (b) For death benefits, the higher of the rate determined under paragraph (a) of this Section or total earnings received in the last 12 months of service divided by twelve. If the deceased employee has less than 12 months of service, the monthly final rate shall be the monthly rate of pay the employee was receiving when he began service.
- (c) For disability benefits, the total earnings of a participating employee in the last 12 calendar months of service prior to the date he becomes disabled divided by 12.
- (d) In computing the final rate of earnings: (1) the earnings rate for all periods of prior service shall be considered equal to the average earnings rate for the last 3

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calendar years of prior service for which creditable service is received under Section 7-139 or, if there is less than 3 years of creditable prior service, the average for the total prior service period for which creditable service is received under Section 7-139; (2) for out of state service and authorized leave, the earnings rate shall be the rate upon which service credits are granted; (3) periods of military leave shall not be considered; (4) the earnings rate for all periods of disability shall be considered equal to the rate of earnings upon which the employee's disability benefits are computed for such periods; (5) the earnings to be considered for each of the final three months of the final earnings period for persons who first became participants before January 1, 2012 and the earnings to be considered for each of the final 24 months for participants who first become participants on or after January 1, 2012 shall not exceed 125% of the highest earnings of any other month in the final earnings period; and (6) the annual amount of final rate of earnings shall be the monthly amount multiplied by the number of months of service normally required by the position in a year.

- 21 (Source: P.A. 102-210, eff. 1-1-22.)
- 22 (40 ILCS 5/7-141) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 7-141)
- Sec. 7-141. Retirement annuities; conditions. Retirement
- 24 annuities shall be payable as hereinafter set forth:
- 25 (a) A participating employee who, regardless of cause, is

- 1 separated from the service of all participating municipalities
- 2 and instrumentalities thereof and participating
- 3 instrumentalities shall be entitled to a retirement annuity
- 4 provided:
- 5 1. He is at least age 55 if he is a Tier 1 regular
- 6 employee: The is age 62 if he is a Tier 2 regular employee:
- 7 <u>he is age 60 if he has at least 35 years of creditable</u>
- 8 <u>service</u>, is a Tier 2 regular employee, and is an employee
- 9 <u>of an educational employer;</u> or, in the case of a person
- 10 who is eligible to have his annuity calculated under
- 11 Section 7-142.1, he is at least age 50;
- 12 2. He is not entitled to receive earnings for
- employment in a position requiring him, or entitling him
- to elect, to be a participating employee;
- 15 3. The amount of his annuity, before the application
- of paragraph (b) of Section 7-142 is at least \$10 per
- month;
- 4. If he first became a participating employee after
- 19 December 31, 1961 and is a Tier 1 regular employee, he has
- at least 8 years of service, or, if he is a Tier 2 regular
- 21 member, he has at least 10 years of service. This service
- 22 requirement shall not apply to any participating employee,
- regardless of participation date, if the General Assembly
- 24 terminates the Fund.
- 25 (b) Retirement annuities shall be payable:
- 26 1. As provided in Section 7-119;

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- 2. Except as provided in item 3, upon receipt by the fund of a written application. The effective date may be not more than one year prior to the date of the receipt by the fund of the application;
 - 3. Upon attainment of the required age of distribution under Section 401(a)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, if the member (i) is no longer in service, and (ii) is otherwise entitled to an annuity under this Article;
- 10 4. To the beneficiary of the deceased annuitant for 11 the unpaid amount accrued to date of death, if any.
- 12 (Source: P.A. 102-210, Article 5, Section 5-5, eff. 7-30-21;
- 13 102-210, Article 10, Section 10-5, eff. 1-1-22; 102-813, eff.
- 14 5-13-22.)
- 15 (40 ILCS 5/7-142) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 7-142)
- 16 Sec. 7-142. Retirement annuities; amount annuities
- 17 Amount.
- 18 (a) The amount of a retirement annuity shall be the sum of 19 the following, determined in accordance with the actuarial 20 tables in effect at the time of the grant of the annuity:
- 1. For Tier 1 regular employees with 8 or more years of service or for Tier 2 regular employees, an annuity computed pursuant to subparagraphs a or b of this subparagraph 1, whichever is the higher, and for employees with less than 8 or 10 years of service, respectively, the

annuity computed pursuant to subparagraph a:

- a. The monthly annuity which can be provided from the total accumulated normal, municipality and prior service credits, as of the attained age of the employee on the date the annuity begins provided that such annuity shall not exceed 75% of the final rate of earnings of the employee.
- b. (i) The monthly annuity amount determined as follows by multiplying (a) 1 2/3% for annuitants with not more than 15 years or (b) 1 2/3% for the first 15 years and 2% for each year in excess of 15 years for annuitants with more than 15 years by the number of years plus fractional years, prorated on a basis of months, of creditable service and multiply the product thereof by the employee's final rate of earnings.
- (ii) For the sole purpose of computing the formula (and not for the purposes of the limitations hereinafter stated) \$125 shall be considered the final rate of earnings in all cases where the final rate of earnings is less than such amount.
- (iii) The monthly annuity computed in accordance with this subparagraph b, shall not exceed an amount equal to 75% of the final rate of earnings.
- (iv) For employees who have less than 35 years of service, the annuity computed in accordance with this subparagraph b (as reduced by application of

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subparagraph (iii) above) shall be reduced by 0.25% thereof (0.5% if service was terminated before January 1, 1988 or if the employee is a Tier 2 regular employee) for each month or fraction thereof (1) that the employee's age is less than 60 years for Tier 1 regular employees, (2) that the employee's age is less than 67 years for Tier 2 regular employees, or (3) if the employee has at least 30 years of service credit, that the employee's service credit is less than 35 years, whichever is less, on the date the annuity begins. The following persons are not subject to this subparagraph (iv): a Tier 2 regular employee who is an employee of an educational employer, has attained age 60, and has at least 35 years of creditable service; and a Tier 2 regular employee who is an employee of an educational employer, has attained age 62, and has at least 10 years of creditable service.

- 2. The annuity which can be provided from the total accumulated additional credits as of the attained age of the employee on the date the annuity begins.
- (b) If payment of an annuity begins prior to the earliest age at which the employee will become eligible for an old age insurance benefit under the Federal Social Security Act, he may elect that the annuity payments from this fund shall exceed those payable after his attaining such age by an amount, computed as determined by rules of the Board, but not

- in excess of his estimated Social Security Benefit, determined as of the effective date of the annuity, provided that in no case shall the total annuity payments made by this fund exceed in actuarial value the annuity which would have been payable had no such election been made.
 - (c) Beginning January 1, 1984 and each January 1 thereafter, the retirement annuity of a Tier 1 regular employee shall be increased by 3% each year, not compounded. This increase shall be computed from the effective date of the retirement annuity, the first increase being 0.25% of the monthly amount times the number of months from the effective date to January 1. This increase shall not be applicable to annuitants who are not in service on or after September 8, 1971.

A retirement annuity of a Tier 2 regular employee shall receive annual increases on the January 1 occurring either on or after the attainment of age 67 or the first anniversary of the annuity start date, whichever is later. Each annual increase shall be calculated at the lesser of 3% or one-half the annual unadjusted percentage increase (but not less than zero) in the consumer price index-u for the 12 months ending with the September preceding each November 1 of the originally granted retirement annuity; except that each annual increase to the retirement annuity of a Tier 2 regular employee who was an employee of an educational employer shall be calculated at the greater of 3% or one-half the annual unadjusted percentage

- 1 <u>increase</u> (but not less than zero) in the consumer price
- 2 index-u for the 12 months ending with the September preceding
- 3 each November 1 of the originally granted retirement annuity.
- 4 If the annual unadjusted percentage change in the consumer
- 5 price index-u for the 12 months ending with the September
- 6 preceding each November 1 is zero or there is a decrease, then
- 7 the annuity shall not be increased.
- 8 (d) Any elected county officer who was entitled to receive
- 9 a stipend from the State on or after July 1, 2009 and on or
- 10 before June 30, 2010 may establish earnings credit for the
- amount of stipend not received, if the elected county official
- 12 applies in writing to the fund within 6 months after the
- 13 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 96th General
- 14 Assembly and pays to the fund an amount equal to (i) employee
- 15 contributions on the amount of stipend not received, (ii)
- 16 employer contributions determined by the Board equal to the
- employer's normal cost of the benefit on the amount of stipend
- not received, plus (iii) interest on items (i) and (ii) at the
- 19 actuarially assumed rate.
- 20 (Source: P.A. 102-210, eff. 1-1-22.)
- 21 (40 ILCS 5/15-111) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 15-111)
- 22 Sec. 15-111. Earnings.
- 23 (a) "Earnings": Subject to Section 15-111.5, an amount
- 24 paid for personal services equal to the sum of the basic
- 25 compensation plus extra compensation for summer teaching,

overtime or other extra service. For periods for which an employee receives service credit under subsection (c) of Section 15-113.1 or Section 15-113.2, earnings are equal to the basic compensation on which contributions are paid by the employee during such periods. Compensation for employment which is irregular, intermittent and temporary shall not be considered earnings, unless the participant is also receiving earnings from the 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 of the 91st General Assembly only if (i) employee contributions under Section 15-157 have been withheld from that transition pay or (ii) the employee pays to the System before January 1, 2001 an amount representing employee contributions under Section 15-157 on that transition pay. Employee contributions under item (ii) may be paid in a lump sum, by withholding from additional

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transition pay accruing before January 1, 2001, or in any other manner approved by the System. Upon payment of the employee contributions on transition pay, the corresponding employer contributions become an obligation of the State.

(b) For a Tier 2 member, the annual earnings shall not \$106,800; however, that amount shall exceed thereafter be increased by the lesser of (i) 3% of that amount, including all previous adjustments, or (ii) one half the annual unadjusted percentage increase (but not less than zero) in the consumer price index-u for the 12 months ending with the September preceding each November 1, including all previous adjustments; except that beginning in 2024, that amount shall annually be increased by the greater of: (i) 3% of that amount; or (ii) the annual unadjusted percentage increase in the consumer price index-u for the 12 months ending with the September preceding each November 1, including all previous adjustments.

For the purposes of this Section, "consumer price index u" means the index published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor that measures the average change in prices of goods and services purchased by all urban consumers, United States city average, all items, 1982-84 = 100. The new amount resulting from each annual adjustment shall be determined by the Public Pension Division of the Department of Insurance and made available to the

- 1 boards of the retirement systems and pension funds by November
- 2 1 of each year.
- For the purposes of Section 1-103.1 of this Code, the
- 4 changes made to this Section, Section 15-135, and Section
- 5 15-136 by this amendatory Act of the 103rd General Assembly
- 6 are applicable without regard to whether the employee was in
- 7 <u>active service on or after the effective date of this</u>
- 8 amendatory Act of the 103rd General Assembly.
- 9 (c) With each submission of payroll information in the
- 10 manner prescribed by the System, the employer shall certify
- 11 that the payroll information is correct and complies with all
- 12 applicable State and federal laws.
- 13 (Source: P.A. 98-92, eff. 7-16-13; 99-897, eff. 1-1-17.)
- 14 (40 ILCS 5/15-112) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 15-112)
- 15 Sec. 15-112. Final rate of earnings. "Final rate of
- 16 earnings":
- 17 (a) This subsection (a) applies only to a Tier 1 member.
- 18 For an employee who is paid on an hourly basis or who
- 19 receives an annual salary in installments during 12 months of
- 20 each academic year, the average annual earnings during the 48
- 21 consecutive calendar month period ending with the last day of
- 22 final termination of employment or the 4 consecutive academic
- years of service in which the employee's earnings were the
- 24 highest, whichever is greater. For any other employee, the
- 25 average annual earnings during the 4 consecutive academic

- 1 years of service in which his or her earnings were the highest.
- 2 For an employee with less than 48 months or 4 consecutive
- 3 academic years of service, the average earnings during his or
- 4 her entire period of service. The earnings of an employee with
- 5 more than 36 months of service under item (a) of Section
- 6 15-113.1 prior to the date of becoming a participant are, for
- 7 such period, considered equal to the average earnings during
- 8 the last 36 months of such service.
- 9 (b) This subsection (b) applies to a Tier 2 member.
- 10 For an employee who is paid on an hourly basis or who
- 11 receives an annual salary in installments during 12 months of
- 12 each academic year, the average annual earnings obtained by
- dividing by 6 8 the total earnings of the employee during the
- $\frac{72}{96}$ consecutive months in which the total earnings were the
- 15 highest within the last 120 months prior to termination.
- 16 For any other employee, the average annual earnings during
- 17 the 6 8 consecutive academic years within the 10 years prior to
- 18 termination in which the employee's earnings were the highest.
- For an employee with less than 72 $\frac{96}{9}$ consecutive months or 6 $\frac{8}{9}$
- 20 consecutive academic years of service, whichever is necessary,
- 21 the average earnings during his or her entire period of
- 22 service.
- (c) For an employee on leave of absence with pay, or on
- leave of absence without pay who makes contributions during
- 25 such leave, earnings are assumed to be equal to the basic
- compensation on the date the leave began.

- (d) For an employee on disability leave, earnings are assumed to be equal to the basic compensation on the date disability occurs or the average earnings during the 24 months immediately preceding the month in which disability occurs, whichever is greater.
- (e) For a Tier 1 member who retires on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1997 with at least 20 years of service as a firefighter or police officer under this Article, the final rate of earnings shall be the annual rate of earnings received by the participant on his or her last day as a firefighter or police officer under this Article, if that is greater than the final rate of earnings as calculated under the other provisions of this Section.
- (f) If a Tier 1 member is an employee for at least 6 months during the academic year in which his or her employment is terminated, the annual final rate of earnings shall be 25% of the sum of (1) the annual basic compensation for that year, and (2) the amount earned during the 36 months immediately preceding that year, if this is greater than the final rate of earnings as calculated under the other provisions of this Section.
- (g) In the determination of the final rate of earnings for an employee, that part of an employee's earnings for any academic year beginning after June 30, 1997, which exceeds the employee's earnings with that employer for the preceding year by more than 20 percent shall be excluded; in the event that an

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- employee has more than one employer this limitation shall be calculated separately for the earnings with each employer. In making such calculation, only the basic compensation of employees shall be considered, without regard to vacation or overtime or to contracts for summer employment.
 - The following are not considered as earnings final rate of earnings: (1) severance determining separation pay, (2) retirement pay, (3) payment for unused sick leave, and (4) payments from an employer for the period used in determining final rate of earnings for any purpose other than (i) services rendered, (ii) leave of absence or vacation granted during that period, and (iii) vacation of up to 56 work days allowed upon termination of employment; except that, if the benefit has been collectively bargained between the employer and the recognized collective bargaining agent pursuant to the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act, payment received during a period of up to 2 academic years for unused sick leave may be considered as earnings in accordance with the applicable collective bargaining agreement, subject to the 20% increase limitation of this Section. Any unused sick leave considered as earnings under this Section shall not be taken into account in calculating service credit under Section 15-113.4.
- 24 (i) Intermittent periods of service shall be considered as 25 consecutive in determining final rate of earnings.
- 26 (Source: P.A. 98-92, eff. 7-16-13; 99-450, eff. 8-24-15.)

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(40 ILCS 5/15-135) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 15-135) 1 Sec. 15-135. Retirement annuities; conditions. 2 3 (a) This subsection (a) applies only to a Tier 1 member. A 4 participant who retires in one of the following specified 5 years with the specified amount of service is entitled to a 6 retirement annuity at any age under the retirement program 7 applicable to the participant: 8 35 years if retirement is in 1997 or before; 9 34 years if retirement is in 1998; 10 33 years if retirement is in 1999; 11 32 years if retirement is in 2000; 12 31 years if retirement is in 2001; 30 years if retirement is in 2002 or later. 1.3 14 A participant with 8 or more years of service after 15 September 1, 1941, is entitled to a retirement annuity on or 16 after attainment of age 55. 17 A participant with at least 5 but less than 8 years of 18 service after September 1, 1941, is entitled to a retirement 19 annuity on or after attainment of age 62. 20 A participant who has at least 25 years of service in this 21 system as a police officer or firefighter is entitled to a 22 retirement annuity on or after the attainment of age 50, if Rule 4 of Section 15-136 is applicable to the participant. 23

(a-5) A Tier 2 member is entitled to a retirement annuity

upon written application if he or she has attained age 60; has

1 at least 35 years of service credit; and is otherwise eligible
2 under the requirements of this Article.

A Tier 2 member is entitled to a retirement annuity upon written application if he or she has attained age 62; has at least 10 years of service credit; and is otherwise eligible under the requirements of this Article.

A Tier 2 member is entitled to a retirement annuity upon written application if he or she has attained age 67 and has at least 10 years of service credit and is otherwise eligible under the requirements of this Article. A Tier 2 member who has attained age 62 and has at least 10 years of service credit and is otherwise eligible under the requirements of this Article may elect to receive the lower retirement annuity provided in subsection (b-5) of Section 15-136 of this Article.

(a-10) A Tier 2 member who has at least 20 years of service in this system as a police officer or firefighter is entitled to a retirement annuity upon written application on or after the attainment of age 60 if Rule 4 of Section 15-136 is applicable to the participant. The changes made to this subsection by this amendatory Act of the 101st General Assembly apply retroactively to January 1, 2011.

(b) The annuity payment period shall begin on the date specified by the participant or the recipient of a disability retirement annuity submitting a written application. For a participant, the date on which the annuity payment period begins shall not be prior to termination of employment or more

- than one year before the application is received by the board; 1 2 however, if the participant is not an employee of an employer 3 participating in this System or in a participating system as defined in Article 20 of this Code on April 1 of the calendar 4 5 year next following the calendar year in which the participant attains the age specified under Section 401(a)(9) of the 6 7 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, the annuity payment 8 period shall begin on that date regardless of whether an 9 application has been filed. For a recipient of a disability 10 retirement annuity, the date on which the annuity payment 11 period begins shall not be prior to the discontinuation of the 12 disability retirement annuity under Section 15-153.2.
- 13 (c) An annuity is not payable if the amount provided under 14 Section 15-136 is less than \$10 per month.
- 15 (Source: P.A. 101-610, eff. 1-1-20; 102-210, eff. 7-30-21.)
- 16 (40 ILCS 5/15-136) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 15-136)
- Sec. 15-136. Retirement <u>annuities; amount</u> <u>annuities</u>

 18 Amount. The provisions of this Section 15-136 apply only to
 19 those participants who are participating in the traditional
 20 benefit package or the portable benefit package and do not
 21 apply to participants who are participating in the
 22 self-managed plan.
- 23 (a) The amount of a participant's retirement annuity, 24 expressed in the form of a single-life annuity, shall be 25 determined by whichever of the following rules is applicable

- 1 and provides the largest annuity:
- 2 Rule 1: The retirement annuity shall be 1.67% of final
- 3 rate of earnings for each of the first 10 years of service,
- 4 1.90% for each of the next 10 years of service, 2.10% for each
- 5 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
- 7 after January 1, 1998, 2.2% of the final rate of earnings for
- 8 each year of service.
- 9 Rule 2: The retirement annuity shall be the sum of the
- 10 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
- 13 begins:
- 14 (i) the normal annuity which can be provided on an
- 15 actuarially equivalent basis, by the accumulated normal
- 16 contributions as of the date the annuity begins;
- 17 (ii) an annuity from employer contributions of an
- 18 amount equal to that which can be provided on an
- 19 actuarially equivalent basis from the accumulated normal
- 20 contributions made by the participant under Section
- 21 15-113.6 and Section 15-113.7 plus 1.4 times all other
- 22 accumulated normal contributions made by the participant;
- 23 and
- 24 (iii) the annuity that can be provided on an
- 25 actuarially equivalent basis from the entire contribution
- 26 made by the participant under Section 15-113.3.

With respect to a police officer or firefighter who retires on or after August 14, 1998, the accumulated normal 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.

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 \$7,500 but less than \$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 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. A Tier 2 member is eligible for a retirement annuity calculated under Rule 4 only if that Tier 2 member meets the service requirements for that benefit calculation as prescribed under

- this Rule 4 in addition to the applicable age requirement under subsection (a-10) of Section 15-135.
- 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 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 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.
 - (b) For a Tier 1 member, the retirement annuity provided under Rules 1 and 3 above shall be reduced by 1/2 of 1% for each month the participant is under age 60 at the time of retirement. However, 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.
- (b-5) (Blank). The retirement annuity of a Tier 2 member who is retiring under Rule 1 or 3 after attaining age 62 with at least 10 years of service credit shall be reduced by 1/2 of 1% for each full month that the member's age is under age 67.
- (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 and as such benefit limits shall be adjusted by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, and (2) 80% of final rate of earnings.
- (d) A Tier 1 member whose status as an employee terminates after August 14, 1969 shall receive automatic increases in his or her retirement annuity as follows:
- 24 Effective January 1 immediately following the date the 25 retirement annuity begins, the annuitant shall receive an 26 increase in his or her monthly retirement annuity of 0.125% of

the monthly retirement annuity provided under Rule 1, Rule 2, Rule 3, or Rule 4 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, or Rule 4 contained in this Section. The change made under this subsection by P.A. 81-970 is effective January 1, 1980 and applies to each annuitant whose status as an employee terminates before or after that date.

Beginning January 1, 1990, 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 all increases previously granted under this Article.

The change made in this subsection by P.A. 85-1008 is effective January 26, 1988, and is applicable without regard to whether status as an employee terminated before that date.

- (d-5) A retirement annuity of a Tier 2 member shall receive annual increases on the January 1 occurring either on or after the attainment of age 67 or the first anniversary of the annuity start date, whichever is later. Each annual increase shall be calculated at 3% or one half the annual unadjusted percentage increase (but not less than zero) in the consumer price index-u for the 12 months ending with the September preceding each November 1, whichever is greater less, of the originally granted retirement annuity. If the annual unadjusted percentage change in the consumer price index-u for the 12 months ending with the September preceding each November 1 is zero or there is a decrease, then the annuity shall not be increased.
- (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 3 of this Section (B) all proportional annuities payable to the participant by all other retirement systems covered by Article 20, and (C) the initial primary insurance amount to which the participant is entitled under the Social Security Act, is less than the retirement annuity which would have been payable if all of the participant's pension credits validated under Section 20-109 had been validated under this system, a supplemental annuity equal to the difference in such amounts shall be payable to the

- 1 participant.
- 2 (h) On January 1, 1981, an annuitant who was receiving a
- 3 retirement annuity on or before January 1, 1971 shall have his
- 4 or her retirement annuity then being paid increased \$1 per
- 5 month for each year of creditable service. On January 1, 1982,
- 6 an annuitant whose retirement annuity began on or before
- January 1, 1977, shall have his or her retirement annuity then
- 8 being paid increased \$1 per month for each year of creditable
- 9 service.
- 10 (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.
- 15 (j) The changes made to this Section by this amendatory
- 16 Act of the 101st General Assembly apply retroactively to
- 17 January 1, 2011.
- 18 (Source: P.A. 101-610, eff. 1-1-20.)
- 19 (40 ILCS 5/15-198)
- Sec. 15-198. Application and expiration of new benefit
- 21 increases.
- 22 (a) As used in this Section, "new benefit increase" means
- an increase in the amount of any benefit provided under this
- 24 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 Article 1 or this Article by Public Act 100-23, Public Act 100-587, Public Act 100-769, Public Act 101-10, Public Act 101-610, Public Act 102-16, or this amendatory Act of the 103rd 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 Insurance. 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

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- 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.
- 8 (d) Every new benefit increase shall expire 5 years after
 9 its effective date or on such earlier date as may be specified
 10 in the language enacting the new benefit increase or provided
 11 under subsection (c). This does not prevent the General
 12 Assembly from extending or re-creating a new benefit increase
 13 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.
- 24 (Source: P.A. 101-10, eff. 6-5-19; 101-81, eff. 7-12-19;
- 25 101-610, eff. 1-1-20; 102-16, eff. 6-17-21.)

- 1 (40 ILCS 5/16-203)
- 2 Sec. 16-203. Application and expiration of new benefit
- 3 increases.
- 4 (a) As used in this Section, "new benefit increase" means
- 5 an increase in the amount of any benefit provided under this
- 6 Article, or an expansion of the conditions of eligibility for
- 7 any benefit under this Article, that results from an amendment
- 8 to this Code that takes effect after June 1, 2005 (the
- 9 effective date of Public Act 94-4). "New benefit increase",
- 10 however, does not include any benefit increase resulting from
- 11 the changes made to Article 1 or this Article by Public Act
- 12 95-910, Public Act 100-23, Public Act 100-587, Public Act
- 13 100-743, Public Act 100-769, Public Act 101-10, Public Act
- 14 101-49, Public Act 102-16, Public Act 102-871, or this
- amendatory Act of the 103rd General Assembly or Public Act
- 16 102 16 this amendatory Act of the 102nd General Assembly.
- 17 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code or
- 18 any subsequent amendment to this Code, every new benefit
- increase is subject to this Section and shall be deemed to be
- 20 granted only in conformance with and contingent upon
- 21 compliance with the provisions of this Section.
- (c) The Public Act enacting a new benefit increase must
- 23 identify and provide for payment to the System of additional
- 24 funding at least sufficient to fund the resulting annual
- increase in cost to the System as it accrues.
- 26 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 Insurance. 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

- 1 alternate payees of such persons, but does not apply to any
- 2 other person, including, without limitation, a person who
- 3 continues in service after the expiration date and did not
- 4 apply and qualify for the affected benefit while the new
- 5 benefit increase was in effect.
- 6 (Source: P.A. 101-10, eff. 6-5-19; 101-49, eff. 7-12-19;
- 7 101-81, eff. 7-12-19; 102-16, eff. 6-17-21; 102-558, eff.
- 8 8-20-21; 102-813, eff. 5-13-22; 102-871, eff. 5-13-22; revised
- 9 7-26-22.)
- 10 Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding
- 11 Section 8.47 as follows:
- 12 (30 ILCS 805/8.47 new)
- 13 Sec. 8.47. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6 and
- 8 of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required for
- the implementation of any mandate created by this amendatory
- 16 Act of the 103rd General Assembly.
- 17 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 18 becoming law.