

1.1 ..... moves to amend S.F. No. 4766; H.F. No. 4723 as follows:

1.2 Page 3, after line 27, insert:

1.3 "Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 353G.01, is amended by adding a subdivision  
1.4 to read:

1.5 Subd. 4e. **Emergency medical provider.** "Emergency medical provider" has the meaning  
1.6 given in section 424A.001, subdivision 13.

1.7 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 353G.05, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Entities eligible to request coverage.** A relief association, municipality,  
1.9 or firefighting corporation may elect to have its volunteer firefighters and emergency medical  
1.10 providers covered by the retirement plan.

1.11 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 353G.05, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

1.12 Subd. 1a. **Requesting coverage.** (a) An entity that is eligible under subdivision 1 to  
1.13 make a request for coverage may initiate the process of obtaining coverage by filing a request  
1.14 with the executive director, as described in this subdivision.

1.15 (b) The request for coverage must be in writing and on a form prescribed by the executive  
1.16 director.

1.17 (c) If the request for coverage is for volunteer firefighters and emergency medical  
1.18 providers covered by a relief association retirement plan, the secretary of the relief  
1.19 association, following approval of the request by the board of trustees of the relief association,  
1.20 and the chief administrative officer of the entity affiliated with the relief association,  
1.21 following approval of the request by the governing body of the entity, must jointly make  
1.22 the request. If the relief association is affiliated with more than one entity, the chief  
1.23 administrative officer of each affiliated entity must execute the request.

1.24 (d) If the request for coverage is for volunteer firefighters and emergency medical  
1.25 providers who are not covered by a relief association retirement plan, the chief administrative  
1.26 officer of the entity operating the fire department must make the request.

1.27 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 353G.05, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.28 Subd. 2. **Cost analysis for coverage by lump-sum division of defined benefit plan.** (a)  
1.29 Upon receipt of a request for coverage by the defined benefit plan, the executive director

2.1 must prepare a cost analysis as described in this subdivision and deliver the cost analysis  
2.2 to the board of trustees of the relief association, if one exists, and the governing body.

2.3 (b) The cost analysis under this subdivision must be based on:

2.4 (1) the benefit level under section 353G.11 closest to the benefit level provided by the  
2.5 relief association if the relief association is a lump-sum defined benefit plan, an amount  
2.6 that is equal to 95 percent of the most current average account balance per relief association  
2.7 member if the relief association is a defined contribution plan, or the lowest benefit level  
2.8 under section 353G.11 if there is no relief association, rounded up; and

2.9 (2) if different than the amount under clause (1), the benefit level identified in the request  
2.10 under subdivision 1d.

2.11 (c) The cost analysis must take into account the vesting option selected in the request  
2.12 under subdivision 1c.

2.13 (d) The cost analysis must be prepared using a mathematical procedure certified as  
2.14 accurate by an approved actuary retained by the association.

2.15 (e) If the request for coverage was made by a relief association that has filed the  
2.16 information required under section 424A.014 in a timely fashion, upon request by the  
2.17 executive director, the state auditor shall provide the most recent data available on the  
2.18 financial condition of the relief association, the most recent firefighter demographic data  
2.19 available, and a copy of the current relief association bylaws. If a cost analysis is requested,  
2.20 but no relief association exists, the chief administrative officer of the entity operating the  
2.21 fire department shall provide the demographic information on the volunteer firefighters and  
2.22 emergency medical providers serving as members of the fire department requested by the  
2.23 executive director.

2.24 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 353G.05, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

2.25 Subd. 6. **Joint powers entities.** If transfer of coverage to the plan is being requested for  
2.26 volunteer firefighters and emergency medical providers that provide services to a fire  
2.27 department operated as or by a joint powers entity, whenever an election or approval by or  
2.28 delivery to the governing body of a municipality is required under this section, all  
2.29 municipalities that executed the joint powers agreement must execute the election or approval  
2.30 or receive delivery, unless the joint powers agreement specifies another process be followed  
2.31 in order for the action of a joint powers entity to be effective.

3.1 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 353G.07, is amended to read:

3.2 **353G.07 SERVICE CREDIT FOR PENSION BENEFIT ACCRUAL OR**  
3.3 **CONTRIBUTION ALLOCATION.**

3.4 Subdivision 1. Certification by fire chief. (a) Annually, by March 31, the fire chief of  
3.5 a fire department with volunteer firefighters or emergency medical providers who are active  
3.6 members of the retirement plan must certify to the executive director the service credit for  
3.7 the previous calendar year of each volunteer firefighter and emergency medical provider  
3.8 rendering active service with the fire department.

3.9 (b) The fire chief shall provide to each firefighter and emergency medical provider  
3.10 rendering active service with the fire department notification of the amount of service credit  
3.11 rendered by the firefighter or emergency medical provider for the calendar year. The service  
3.12 credit notification must be provided to the firefighter or emergency medical provider 60  
3.13 days before its certification to the executive director, along with an explanation of the process  
3.14 for the firefighter or emergency medical provider to challenge the fire chief's determination  
3.15 of service credit. If the service credit amount is challenged in a timely fashion, the fire chief  
3.16 shall hold a hearing on the challenge, accept and consider any additional pertinent  
3.17 information, and make a final determination of service credit. The final determination of  
3.18 service credit by the fire chief is not reviewable by the executive director or by the board  
3.19 of trustees.

3.20 (c) The service credit certification is an official public document. If a false service credit  
3.21 certification is filed or if false information regarding service credits is provided, section  
3.22 353.19 applies.

3.23 (d) The service credit certification must be expressed as a percentage of a full year of  
3.24 service during which an active firefighter or emergency medical provider rendered at least  
3.25 the minimum level and quantity of fire suppression, emergency response, fire prevention,  
3.26 or fire education duties required by the fire department under the rules and regulations  
3.27 applicable to the fire department. No more than one year of service credit may be certified  
3.28 for a calendar year.

3.29 Subd. 2. Certification of past service as an emergency medical provider. (a) If an  
3.30 emergency medical provider was not participating in the retirement plan on the effective  
3.31 date, the fire chief must certify, no later than August 1, 2026, the service credit of the  
3.32 emergency medical provider for all completed months of active service as an emergency  
3.33 medical provider before August 1, 2026, including active service since the membership  
3.34 start date of the emergency medical provider, as if the emergency medical provider had

4.1 been authorized under state law and the bylaws of the relief association, as applicable, to  
4.2 be a member of a firefighters relief association and retirement plan on the same basis as a  
4.3 volunteer firefighter.

4.4 Subdivision 1, paragraphs (b), (c), and (d), apply to the certification under paragraph  
4.5 (a) of past service as an emergency medical provider as if the emergency medical provider  
4.6 were a volunteer firefighter.

4.7 **Subd. 3. Certification of military service.** (e) If a firefighter or emergency medical  
4.8 provider covered by the retirement plan leaves active firefighting service to render active  
4.9 military service that is required to be governed by the federal Uniformed Services  
4.10 Employment and Reemployment Rights Act, as amended, the person must be certified as  
4.11 providing a full year of service credit in each year of the military service, up to the applicable  
4.12 limit of the federal Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act. If the  
4.13 firefighter or emergency medical provider does not return from the military service in  
4.14 compliance with the federal Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights  
4.15 Act, the service credits applicable to that military service credit period are forfeited and  
4.16 cancel at the end of the calendar year in which the federal law time limit occurs.

4.17 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 353G.075, is amended to read:

4.18 **353G.075 SERVICE CREDIT FOR VESTING.**

4.19 (a) Annually, the executive director must credit each volunteer firefighter and emergency  
4.20 medical provider with a year of service credit for vesting for each year of service credited  
4.21 for benefit accrual or contribution allocation under section 353G.07.

4.22 (b) A volunteer firefighter or an emergency medical provider is entitled to receive service  
4.23 credit toward vesting in the retirement plan for any period of service as a volunteer firefighter,  
4.24 as defined under section 353G.01, subdivision 15, or an emergency medical provider, as  
4.25 defined under section 353G.01, subdivision 4e, rendered as a firefighter or emergency  
4.26 medical provider in a fire department in the state that was not covered by the retirement  
4.27 plan at the time the service was rendered if the firefighter or emergency medical  
4.28 provider submits a request to the executive director indicating the number of years and  
4.29 months of service for which credit is requested and provides documentation in a form  
4.30 acceptable to the executive director regarding the earlier period of service. The firefighter  
4.31 or emergency medical provider must submit a copy of the request and documentation to  
4.32 the fire chief of the fire department to which the firefighter or emergency medical provider  
4.33 is currently providing service.

5.1 (c) The executive director must credit a firefighter or emergency medical provider with  
 5.2 all years of service as a member of the retirement plan for any participating employer for  
 5.3 vesting purposes.

5.4 Sec. 11. [353G.076] SERVICE CREDIT FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
 5.5 PROVIDERS.

5.6 (a) The executive director must take into account all active service as an emergency  
 5.7 medical provider beginning with the membership start date as if the emergency medical  
 5.8 provider was a volunteer firefighter.

5.9 (b) Service under paragraph (a) must be used in determining:

5.10 (1) vesting under section 353G.075, or section 353G.09, subdivision 2; and

5.11 (2) the retirement benefit under section 353G.09.

5.12 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2025 Supplement, section 353G.09, subdivision 1a, is amended  
 5.13 to read:

5.14 Subd. 1a. **Retirement benefit.** (a) A volunteer firefighter or an emergency medical  
 5.15 provider who is entitled to a retirement benefit under subdivision 1 must receive a retirement  
 5.16 benefit under paragraph (b), (c), or (d), as applicable.

5.17 (b) The retirement benefit of a member of the lump-sum division is equal to the number  
 5.18 of years of service credit certified under section 353G.07 for the member, multiplied by the  
 5.19 benefit level applicable to the member under section 353G.11, multiplied by the member's  
 5.20 vested percentage under subdivision 2.

5.21 (c) The retirement benefit of a member of the monthly division is equal to the number  
 5.22 of years of service credit certified under section 353G.07 for the member, multiplied by the  
 5.23 benefit level applicable to the member under section 353G.11, multiplied by the member's  
 5.24 vested percentage under subdivision 2.

5.25 (d) The retirement benefit of a member of the defined contribution plan is equal to the  
 5.26 balance in the member's account in the plan as of the end of the month after the month in  
 5.27 which the executive director receives the application for a distribution of the retirement  
 5.28 benefit multiplied by the member's vested percentage under subdivision 2."

5.29 Page 8, line 5, delete "8" and insert "17"

5.30 Renumber the sections in sequence

5.31 Amend the title accordingly