1.1	OMNIBUS RETIREMENT BILL II THROUGH 3/12/2013		
1.2	moves to amend S.F. No. 1191; H.F. No.	o. 1152, as follows:	
1.3	Delete everything after the enacting clause and inser	t:	
1.4	"ARTICLE 1		
1.5	STATE PATROL RETIREMENT PLAN FINANCIA	L SOLVENCY MEASURES	
1.6	Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 352B.011,	subdivision 4, is amended to	
1.7	read:		
1.8	Subd. 4. Average monthly salary. (a) Subject to the	e limitations of section 356.611,	
1.9	"average monthly salary" means the average of the highest	monthly salaries for five years	
1.10	of service as a member upon which contributions were dec	ducted from pay under section	
1.11	352B.02, or upon which appropriate contributions or payn	nents were made to the fund to	
1.12	receive allowable service and salary credit as specified und	ler the applicable law. Average	
1.13	monthly salary must be based upon all allowable service if t	his service is less than five years.	
1.14	(b) The salary used for the calculation of "average m	onthly salary" means the salary	
1.15	of the member as defined in section 352.01, subdivision 13	3. "Average monthly salary"	
1.16	includes the salary of the member during the period of cov	ered employment rendered after	
1.17	reaching the allowable service credit limit of section 352B.08, subdivision 2, paragraph		
1.18	(b). The salary used for the calculation of "average monthly salary" does not include any		
1.19	lump-sum annual leave payments and overtime payments	made at the time of separation	
1.20	from state service, any amounts of severance pay, or any r	educed salary paid during the	
1.21	period the person is entitled to workers' compensation ben	efit payments for temporary	
1.22	disability.		
1.23	EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the date.	ay following final enactment.	
1.24	Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 352B.02, subc	livision 1a, is amended to read:	
1.25	Subd. 1a. Member contributions. (a) The member	contribution is the following	
1.26	percentage of the member's salary:		
1.27 1.28	(1) before the first day of the first pay period beginnin after July 1, 2011 2014	g 10.40 <u>12.4</u> percent	
1.29	(2) on or after the first day of the first pay period	12.40 13.4 percent	
1.30 1.31	beginning after July 1, 2011 2014, to June 30, 2016 (3) after June 30, 2016	14.4 percent	
	(b) These contributions must be made by deduction		
1.32	section 352.04, subdivision 4.	nom salary as provided in	
1.33	section 332.04, subdivision 4.		

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Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 352B.02, subdivision 1c, is amended to read:

2.2	Subd. 1c. Employer contributions. (a) In addition to	to member contributions,	
2.3	department heads shall pay a sum equal to the specified perce	entage of the salary upon which	
2.4	deductions were made, which constitutes the employer cont	ribution to the fund as follows:	
2.5 2.6	(1) before the first day of the first pay period beginning after July 1, 2011 2014	15.60 18.6 percent	
2.7 2.8	(2) on or after the first day of the first pay period beginning after July 1, 2011 2014, to June 30, 2016	18.60 <u>20.1</u> percent	
2.9	(3) after June 30, 2016	21.6 percent	
2.10	(b) Department contributions must be paid out of mon-	ey appropriated to departments	
2.11	for this purpose.		
2.12	EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1.	, 2013.	
2.13	Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 352B.08, subdi	vision 1, is amended to read:	
2.14	Subdivision 1. Eligibility; when to apply; accrual.	(a) Every member who is	
2.15	credited with three or more years of allowable service if firs	t employed before July 1, 2010	
2.16	2013, or with at least five ten years of allowable service if first employed after June 30,		
2.17	2010 2013, is entitled to separate from state service and upon becoming 50 years old, is		
2.18	entitled to receive a life annuity, upon separation from state service.		
2.19	(b) Members must apply for an annuity in a form and manner prescribed by the		
2.20	executive director.		
2.21	(c) No application may be made more than 90 days be	efore the date the member is	
2.22	eligible to retire by reason of both age and service requirem	nents.	
2.23	(d) An annuity begins to accrue no earlier than 180 d	ays before the date the	
2.24	application is filed with the executive director.		
2.25	EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1	, 2013.	
2.26	Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 352B.08, subdi	vision 2, is amended to read:	
2.27	Subd. 2. Normal retirement annuity. (a) The annui	ty must be paid in monthly	
2.28	installments. The annuity shall be equal to the amount determined to th	ermined by multiplying	
2.29	the average monthly salary of the member by the percent sp	pecified in section 356.315,	
2.30	subdivision 6, for each year of allowable service and pro ra	tta prorated for additional	
2.31	completed months of <u>allowable</u> service, <u>unless restricted un</u>	der paragraph (b).	
2.32	(b) Allowable service in excess of 33 years must not	be used in computing the	
2.33	annuity. This restriction does not apply to any member who	o has at least 28 years of	
2.34	allowable service before July 1, 2013.		

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(c) When the annuity commences, any member contributions attributable to allowable service not used to compute the annuity due to the restrictions in paragraph (b) must be refunded using procedures specified in section 352B.11, subdivision 1.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2013.

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Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 352B.08, subdivision 2a, is amended to read: Subd. 2a. **Early retirement.** Any member who has become at least 50 years old and who has at least three years of allowable service if first employed before July 1, 2010 2013, or who has at least five ten years of allowable service if first employed after June 30, 2010 2013, is entitled upon application to a reduced retirement annuity equal to the annuity calculated under subdivision 2, reduced by one-tenth of one percent for each month that the member is under age 55 at the time of retirement, if first employed the effective date of retirement is before July 1, 2010, or reduced by two-tenths of one percent 2015. If the effective date of retirement is after June 30, 2015, the reduction is 0.34 percent for each month that the member is under age 55 at the time of retirement if first employed after June 30, 2010.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2013.

Subd. 5. **Optional annuity.** A disabilitant may elect, in lieu of spousal survivorship coverage under section 352B.11, <u>subdivisions subdivision</u> 2b <u>and 2e</u>, the normal disability benefit or an optional annuity as provided in section 352B.08, subdivision 3. The choice of an optional annuity must be made in writing, on a form prescribed by the executive director, and must be made before the commencement of the payment of the disability benefit, or within 90 days before reaching age 55 or before reaching the five-year anniversary of the effective date of the disability benefit, whichever is later. The optional annuity is effective on the date on which the disability benefit begins to accrue, or the month following the attainment of age 55 or following the five-year anniversary of the

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 352B.10, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 352B.11, subdivision 1, is amended to read: Subdivision 1. **Refund of payments.** (a) A member who has not received other benefits under this chapter is entitled to a refund of payments made by salary deduction, plus interest, if the member is separated, either voluntarily or involuntarily, from the state service that entitled the member to membership.

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effective date of the disability benefit, whichever is later.

(b) A refund under section 352B.08, subdivision 2, paragraph (c), does not result in a forfeiture of salary credit for the allowable service credit covered by the refund.

(b) (c) In the event of the member's death, if there are no survivor benefits payable under this chapter, a refund plus interest is payable to the last designated beneficiary on a form filed with the director before death, or if no designation is filed, is payable to the member's estate. Interest under this subdivision must be calculated as provided in section 352.22, subdivision 2. To receive a refund, the application must be made on a form prescribed by the executive director.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 352B.11, subdivision 2b, is amended to read:

Subd. 2b. **Surviving spouse benefit eligibility.** (a) If an active member with three or more years of allowable service if first employed before July 1, 2010 2013, or with at least five years of allowable service if first employed after June 30, 2010 2013, dies before attaining age 55, the surviving spouse is entitled to the a benefit specified in subdivision 2e, paragraph (b) for life equal to 50 percent of the average monthly salary of the deceased member. On the first of the month next following the date on which the deceased member would have attained exact age 55, in lieu of continued receipt of the prior benefit, the surviving spouse is eligible to commence receipt of the second half of a 100 percent joint and survivor annuity if this provides a larger benefit. The joint and survivor annuity must be computed assuming the exact age 55 for the deceased member and the age of the surviving spouse on the date of death.

- (b) If an active member with less than three years of allowable service if first employed before July 1, 2010 2013, or with fewer than five years of allowable service if first employed after June 30, 2010 2013, dies at any age, the surviving spouse is entitled to receive the <u>a</u> benefit specified in subdivision 2e, paragraph (e) for life equal to 50 percent of the average monthly salary of the deceased member.
- (c) If an active member with three or more years of allowable service if first employed before July 1, 2010 2013, or with at least five years of allowable service if first employed after June 30, 2010 2013, dies on or after attaining exact age 55, the surviving spouse is entitled to receive the benefits specified in subdivision 2e, paragraph (d) a benefit for life equal to 50 percent of the average monthly salary of the deceased member, or the second half of a 100 percent joint and survivor annuity, whichever is larger. The joint and survivor annuity must be computed using the age of the deceased member on the date of death and the age of the surviving spouse on that same date.

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(d) If a disabilitant dies while receiving a disability benefit under section 352B.10 or before the benefit under that section commenced, and an optional annuity was not elected under section 352B.10, subdivision 5, the surviving spouse is entitled to receive the a benefit specified in subdivision 2e, paragraph (b) for life equal to 50 percent of the average monthly salary of the deceased member. On the first of the month next following the date on which the deceased member would have attained exact age 55, in lieu of continued receipt of the prior benefit, the surviving spouse is eligible to commence receipt of the second half of a 100 percent joint and survivor annuity if this provides a larger benefit. The joint and survivor annuity must be computed assuming the exact age 55 for the deceased member and the age of the surviving spouse on the date of death.

- (e) If a former member with three or more years of allowable service if first employed before July 1, 2010 2013, or with at least five years of allowable service if first employed after June 30, 2010 2013, who terminated from service and has not received a refund or commenced receipt of any other benefit provided by this chapter, dies, the surviving spouse is entitled to receive the as a benefit specified in subdivision 2e, paragraph (e) the second half of a 100 percent joint and survivor annuity, commencing on the first of the month next following the deceased member's date of death, or the first of the month next following the date on which the deceased member would have attained age 55, whichever is later. The joint and survivor annuity must be computed using the age of the deceased member on the date of death and the age of the surviving spouse on that same date.
- (f) If a former member with less than three years of allowable service if first employed before July 1, 2010 2013, or with fewer than five years of allowable service if first employed after June 30, 2010 2013, who terminated from service and has not received a refund or commenced receipt of any other benefit, if applicable, provided by this chapter, dies, the surviving spouse is entitled to receive the refund specified in subdivision 2e, paragraph (f) or, if none, the children or, if none, the deceased member's estate is entitled to a refund of the employee contributions plus interest computed as specified in subdivision 1.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2013.

Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 356.415, subdivision 1e, is amended to read:

Subd. 1e. Annual postretirement adjustments; State Patrol retirement plan.

(a) Retirement annuity, disability benefit, or survivor benefit recipients of the State Patrol retirement plan are entitled to a postretirement adjustment annually on January 1, as follows:

(1) a postretirement increase of 1.5 one percent must be applied each year, effective on January 1, to the monthly annuity or benefit of each annuitant or benefit recipient

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who has been receiving an annuity or a benefit for at least 18 full months before the January 1 increase; and

- (2) for each annuitant or benefit recipient who has been receiving an annuity or a benefit for at least six full months, an annual postretirement increase of 1/12 of 1.5 one percent for each month that the person has been receiving an annuity or benefit must be applied, effective January 1, following the calendar year in which the person has been retired for at least six months, but has been retired for less than 18 months.
- (b) The increases provided by this subdivision commence on January 1, 2011

 2014. Increases under this subdivision paragraph (a) for the State Patrol retirement plan terminate on December 31 of the calendar year in which the actuarial valuation prepared by the approved actuary under sections 356.214 and 356.215 and the standards for actuarial work promulgated by the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement indicates that the market value of assets of the retirement plan equals or exceeds 90

 85 percent of the actuarial accrued liability of the retirement plan and increases under subdivision 1 paragraph (c) recommence after that date.
- (c) Retirement annuity, disability benefit, or survivor benefit recipients of the State

 Patrol retirement plan are entitled to a postretirement adjustment annually on January

 1, as follows:
- (1) a postretirement increase of 1.5 percent must be applied each year, effective on January 1, to the monthly annuity or benefit of each annuitant or benefit recipient who has been receiving an annuity or a benefit for at least 18 full months before the January 1 increase; and
- (2) for each annuitant or benefit recipient who has been receiving an annuity or a benefit for at least six full months, an annual postretirement increase of 1/12 of 1.5 percent for each month that the person has been receiving an annuity or benefit must be applied, effective January 1, following the calendar year in which the person has been retired for at least six months, but has been retired for less than 18 months.
- (d) Increases under paragraph (c) for the State Patrol retirement plan terminate on December 31 of the calendar year in which the actuarial valuation prepared by the approved actuary under sections 356.214 and 356.215 and the standards for actuarial work adopted by the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement indicates that the market value of assets of the retirement plan equals or exceeds 90 percent of the actuarial accrued liability of the retirement plan and increases under subdivision 1 recommence after that date.
- (e) (e) An increase in annuity or benefit payments under this subdivision must be made automatically unless written notice is filed by the annuitant or benefit recipient

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with the executive director of the applicable covered retirement plan requesting that the increase not be made.

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Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 352B.11, subdivision 2c, is repealed.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2013.

ARTICLE 2

PERA PLANS SALARY DEFINITION

- 7.9 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 353.01, subdivision 10, is amended to read:
 7.10 Subd. 10. **Salary.** (a) Subject to the limitations of section 356.611, "salary" means:
- 7.11 (1) the <u>wages or periodic compensation of payable to a public employee</u>, <u>by the</u>
 - employing governmental subdivision before:
 - (i) employee retirement deductions that are designated as picked-up contributions under section 356.62;
 - (ii) any employee-elected deductions for deferred compensation, supplemental retirement plans, or other voluntary salary reduction programs, and also means "wages" and includes net income from fees that would have otherwise been available as a cash payment to the employee; and
 - (iii) employee deductions for contributions to a supplemental plan or to a governmental trust established under section 356.24, subdivision 1, clause (7), to save for postretirement health care expenses, unless otherwise excluded under paragraph (b);
 - (2) for a public employee who is covered by a supplemental retirement plan under section 356.24, subdivision 1, clause (8), (9), or (10), or (12) which require all plan contributions be made by the employer, the contribution contributions to the applicable supplemental retirement plan when an agreement between the parties establishes that the contribution contributions will either result in a mandatory reduction of employees' wages through payroll withholdings, or be made in lieu of an amount that would otherwise be paid as wages; and
 - (3) for a public employee who has prior service covered by a local police or firefighters relief association that has consolidated with the Public Employees Retirement Association or to which section 353.665 applies and who has elected coverage either under the public employees police and fire fund benefit plan under section 353A.08 following the consolidation or under section 353.665, subdivision 4, the rate of salary

upon which member contributions to the special fund of the relief association were made prior to the effective date of the consolidation as specified by law and by bylaw provisions governing the relief association on the date of the initiation of the consolidation procedure and the actual periodic compensation of the public employee after the effective date of consolidation—;

- (4) a payment from a public employer through a grievance proceeding, settlement, or court order that is attached to a specific earnings period in which the employee's regular salary was not earned or paid to the member due to a suspension or a period of involuntary termination that is not a wrongful discharge under section 356.50; provided the amount is not less than the equivalent of the average of the hourly base salary rate in effect during the last six months of allowable service prior to the suspension or period of involuntary termination, plus any applicable increases awarded during the period that would have been paid under a collective bargaining agreement or personnel policy but for the suspension or involuntary termination, multiplied by the average number of regular hours for which the employee was compensated during the six months of allowable service prior to the suspension or period of involuntary termination, but not to exceed the compensation that the public employee would have earned if regularly employed during the applicable period;
- (5) the amount paid to a member who is absent from employment by reason of personal, parental, or military leave of absence if equivalent to the hourly base salary rate in effect during the six months of allowable service, or portions thereof, prior to the leave, multiplied by the average number of regular hours for which the employee was compensated during the six months of allowable service prior to the applicable leave of absence;
- (6) the amount paid to a member who is absent from employment by reason of an authorized medical leave of absence if specified in advance to be at least one-half, but no more than equal to the earnings the member received, on which contributions were reported and allowable service credited during the six months immediately preceding the medical leave of absence; and
- (7) for a public employee who receives in addition to regular salary or in lieu of regular salary increases performance or merit bonus payment under a written compensation plan, policy, or collective bargaining agreement, the compensation paid to the employee for attaining or exceeding performance goals, duties, or measures during a specified period of employment.
 - (b) Salary does not mean:
 - (1) the fees paid to district court reporters;

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9.1	(2) unused annual <u>leave</u> , vacation, or sick leave payments, in <u>the form of lump-sum</u>
9.2	or periodic payments-;
9.3	(3) for the donor, payment to another person of the value of hours donated under a
9.4	benevolent vacation, personal, or sick leave donation program;
9.5	(4) any form of severance payments, or retirement incentive payments;
9.6	(5) an allowance payment or per diem payments for or reimbursement of expenses;
9.7	(6) lump-sum settlements not attached to a specific earnings period, or;
9.8	(7) workers' compensation payments or disability insurance payments, including
9.9	payments from employer self-insurance arrangements;
9.10	(2) (8) employer-paid amounts used by an employee toward the cost of insurance
9.11	coverage, employer-paid fringe benefits, flexible spending accounts, cafeteria plans, health
9.12	care expense accounts, day care expenses, or any payments in lieu of any employer-paid
9.13	group insurance coverage, including the difference between single and family rates that
9.14	may be paid to a member with single coverage and certain amounts determined by the
9.15	executive director to be ineligible;
9.16	(9) employer-paid fringe benefits, including, but not limited to:
9.17	(i) employer-paid premiums or supplemental contributions for employees for all
9.18	types of insurance;
9.19	(ii) membership dues or fees for the use of fitness or recreational facilities;
9.20	(iii) incentive payments or cash awards relating to a wellness program;
9.21	(iv) the value of any nonmonetary benefits;
9.22	(v) any form of payment made in lieu of an employer-paid fringe benefit;
9.23	(vi) an employer-paid amount made to a deferred compensation or tax-sheltered
9.24	annuity program; and
9.25	(vii) any amount paid by the employer as a supplement to salary, either as a
9.26	lump-sum amount or a fixed or matching amount paid on a recurring basis, that is not
9.27	available to the employee as cash;
9.28	(3) (10) the amount equal to that which the employing governmental subdivision
9.29	would otherwise pay toward single or family insurance coverage for a covered employee
9.30	when, through a contract or agreement with some but not all employees, the employer:
9.31	(i) discontinues, or for new hires does not provide, payment toward the cost of the
9.32	employee's selected insurance coverages under a group plan offered by the employer;
9.33	(ii) makes the employee solely responsible for all contributions toward the cost of
9.34	the employee's selected insurance coverages under a group plan offered by the employer,
9.35	including any amount the employer makes toward other employees' selected insurance
9.36	coverages under a group plan offered by the employer; and

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10.1	(iii) provides increased salary rates for employees who do not have any
10.2	employer-paid group insurance coverages;
10.3	(4) (11) except as provided in section 353.86 or 353.87, compensation of any
10.4	kind paid to volunteer ambulance service personnel or volunteer firefighters, as defined
10.5	in subdivision 35 or 36;
10.6	(5) (12) the amount of compensation that exceeds the limitation provided in section
10.7	356.611; and
10.8	(6) (13) amounts paid by a federal or state grant for which the grant specifically
10.9	prohibits grant proceeds from being used to make pension plan contributions, unless the
10.10	contributions to the plan are made from sources other than the federal or state grant-; and
10.11	(14) bonus pay that is not performance or merit pay under paragraph (a), clause (6).
10.12	(c) Amounts, other than those provided under paragraph (a), clause (4), provided to
10.13	an employee by the employer through a grievance proceeding, a court order, or a legal
10.14	settlement are salary only if the settlement or court order is reviewed by the executive
10.15	director and the amounts are determined by the executive director to be consistent with
10.16	paragraph (a) and prior determinations.
10.17	EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.
10.18	ARTICLE 3
10.19 10.20	PUBLIC EMPLOYEES POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT PLAN FINANCIAL SOLVENCY MEASURES
10.21	Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 353.01, subdivision 17a, is amended to read:
10.22	Subd. 17a. Average salary. (a) "Average salary," for purposes of calculating a
10.23	retirement annuity under section 353.29, subdivision 3, means an amount equivalent to
10.24	the average of the highest salary of the member, police officer, or firefighter, whichever
10.25	applies, upon which employee contributions were paid for any five successive years of
10.26	allowable service, based on dates of salary periods as listed on salary deduction reports.
10.27	"Average salary" includes the salary of the employee during the period of covered
10.28	employment rendered after reaching the allowable service credit limit of section 353.651,
10.29	subdivision 3, paragraph (b). Average salary must be based upon all allowable service if
10.30	this service is less than five years.
10.31	(b) "Average salary" may not include any reduced salary paid during a period
10.32	in which the employee is entitled to benefit payments from workers' compensation for
10.33	temporary disability, unless the average salary is higher, including this period.

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Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 353.01, subdivision 41, is amended to read:

Subd. 41. **Duty disability.** "Duty disability," physical or psychological, means a condition that is expected to prevent a member, for a period of not less than 12 months, from performing the normal duties of the position held by a person who is a member of the public employees police and fire retirement plan, and that is the direct result of an injury incurred during, or a disease arising out of, the performance of normal duties or the actual performance of less frequent inherently dangerous duties, either of which are specific to protecting the property and personal safety of others and that present inherent dangers that

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are specific to the positions covered by the public employees police and fire retirement plan.

- Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 353.01, subdivision 47, is amended to read:
 - Subd. 47. **Vesting.** (a) "Vesting" means obtaining a nonforfeitable entitlement to an annuity or benefit from a retirement plan administered by the Public Employees Retirement Association by having credit for sufficient allowable service under paragraph (b) or₂ (c), or (d), whichever applies.
 - (b) For purposes of qualifying for an annuity or benefit as a basic or coordinated plan member of the general employees retirement plan of the Public Employees Retirement Association:
 - (1) a public employee who first became a member of the association before July 1, 2010, is 100 percent vested when the person has accrued credit for not less than three years of allowable service as defined under subdivision 16; and
 - (2) a public employee who first becomes a member of the association after June 30, 2010, is 100 percent vested when the person has accrued credit for not less than five years of allowable service as defined under subdivision 16.
 - (c) For purposes of qualifying for an annuity or benefit as a member of the police and fire plan or a member of the local government correctional employees retirement plan:
 - (1) a public employee who first became a member of the association before July 1, 2010, is 100 percent vested when the person has accrued credit for not less than three years of allowable service as defined under subdivision 16; and
 - (2) a public employee who first becomes a member of the association after June 30, 2010, is vested at the following percentages when the person has accrued credited allowable service as defined under subdivision 16, as follows:
 - (i) 50 percent after five years;
- (ii) 60 percent after six years;
- 11.35 (iii) 70 percent after seven years;

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12.3	(vi) 100 percent after ten years.
12.4	(d) For purposes of qualifying for an annuity or benefit as a member of the public
12.5	employees police and fire retirement plan:
12.6	(1) a public employee who first became a member of the association before July
12.7	1, 2010, is 100 percent vested when the person has accrued credit for not less than three
12.8	years of allowable service as defined under subdivision 16;
12.9	(2) a public employee who first becomes a member of the association after June 30,
12.10	2010, and before July 1, 2014, is vested at the following percentages when the person has
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12.15	(iv) 80 percent after eight years;
12.16	(v) 90 percent after nine years; and
12.17	(vi) 100 percent after ten years; and
12.18	(3) a public employee who first becomes a member of the association after June
12.19	30, 2014, is vested at the following percentages when the person has accrued credited
12.20	allowable service as defined under subdivision 16, as follows:
12.21	(i) 50 percent after ten years;
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12.24	(iv) 65 percent after 13 years;
12.25	(v) 70 percent after 14 years;
12.26	(vi) 75 percent after 15 years;
12.27	(vii) 80 percent after 16 years;
12.28	(viii) 85 percent after 17 years;
12.29	(ix) 90 percent after 18 years;
12.30	(x) 95 percent after 19 years; and
12.31	(xi) 100 percent after 20 or more years.
12.32	Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 353.031, subdivision 4, is amended to read:
12.33	Subd. 4. Additional requirements; eligibility for police and fire or local
12.34	government correctional service retirement plan disability benefits. (a) If an

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application for disability benefits is filed within two years of the date of the injury or the

onset of the illness that gave rise to the disability application, the application must be supported by evidence that the applicant is unable to perform the duties of the position held by the applicant on the date of the injury or the onset of the illness causing the disability. The employer must provide evidence indicating whether the applicant is able or unable to perform the duties of the position held on the date of the injury or onset of the illness causing the disability and the specifications, a clear explanation of any duties that the individual can or cannot perform, and an explanation of why the employer may or may not authorize continued employment to the applicant in the current or some other position.

- (b) If an application for disability benefits is filed more than two years after the date of injury or the onset of an illness causing the disability, the application must be supported by evidence that the applicant is unable to perform the most recent duties that are were expected to be performed by the applicant during the 90 days before preceding the filing of last day the applicant applicant performed services for the employer. The employer must provide evidence of the duties that are were expected to be performed by the applicant during the 90 days before preceding the filing of last day the application applicant performed services, whether the applicant can or cannot perform those duties overall, and the specifications a clear explanation of any duties that the applicant can or cannot perform, and an explanation of why the employer may or may not authorize continued employment to the applicant in the current or some other position.
- (c) Any report supporting a claim to disability benefits under section 353.656 or 353E.06 must specifically relate the disability to its cause; and for any claim to duty disability from an injury or illness arising out of an act of duty, the report must state the specific act of duty giving rise to the claim, and relate the cause of disability to inherently dangerous duties specific tasks or functions required to be performed by the employee in fulfilling the employee's duty-related acts which must be specific to the inherent dangers of the positions eligible for membership in covered by the public employees police and fire fund plan and the local government correctional service retirement plan. Any report that does not relate the cause of disability to specific acts or functions inherently dangerous duties performed by the employee may not be relied upon as evidence to support eligibility for benefits and may be disregarded in the executive director's decision-making process.
- (d) Any application for duty disability must be supported by a first report of injury as defined in section 176.231.
- (e) If a member who has applied for and been approved for disability benefits before the termination of service does not terminate service or is not placed on an authorized leave of absence as certified by the governmental subdivision within 45 days following the date on which the application is approved, the application shall be canceled. If an

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approved application for disability benefits has been canceled, a subsequent application for disability benefits may not be filed on the basis of the same medical condition for a minimum of one year from the date on which the previous application was canceled.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 353.35, subdivision 1, is amended to read: Subdivision 1. **Refund rights.** (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), when any former member accepts a refund, all existing service credits and all rights and benefits to which the person was entitled prior to the acceptance of the refund must terminate.

- (b) A refund under section 353.651, subdivision 3, paragraph (c), does not result in a forfeiture of salary credit for the allowable service credit covered by the refund.
- (c) The rights and benefits of a former member must not be restored until the person returns to active service and acquires at least six months of allowable service credit after taking the last refund and repays the refund or refunds taken and interest received under section 353.34, subdivisions 1 and 2, plus interest at an annual rate of 8.5 percent compounded annually. If the person elects to restore service credit in a particular fund from which the person has taken more than one refund, the person must repay all refunds to that fund. All refunds must be repaid within six months of the last date of termination of public service.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

- Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 353.65, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

 Subd. 2. **Employee contribution.** (a) For members other than members who were active members of the former Minneapolis Firefighters Relief Association on December 29, 2011, or for members other than members who were active members of the former Minneapolis Police Relief Association on December 29, 2011, the employee contribution is 9.4 percent an amount equal to the following percentage of the total salary of the each member in calendar year 2010 and is, as follows: 9.6 percent of the salary of the member in each before calendar year after 2010 2014; 10.2 percent in calendar year 2014; and 10.8 percent in calendar year 2015 and thereafter.
- (b) For members who were active members of the former Minneapolis Firefighters Relief Association on December 29, 2011, the employee contribution is an amount equal to eight percent of the monthly unit value under section 353.01, subdivision 10a, multiplied by 80 and expressed as a biweekly amount for each member. The employee contribution made by a member with at least 25 years of service credit as an active

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member of the former Minneapolis Firefighters Relief Association must be deposited in the postretirement health care savings account established under section 352.98.

- (c) For members who were active members of the former Minneapolis Police Relief Association on December 29, 2011, the employee contribution is an amount equal to eight percent of the monthly unit value under section 353.01, subdivision 10b, multiplied by 80 and expressed as a biweekly amount for each member. The employee contribution made by a member with at least 25 years of service credit as an active member of the former Minneapolis Police Relief Association must be deposited in the postretirement health care savings account established under section 352.98.
- (d) Contributions under this section must be made by deduction from salary in the manner provided in subdivision 4. Where any portion of a member's salary is paid from other than public funds, the member's employee contribution is based on the total salary received from all sources.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

- Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 353.65, subdivision 3, is amended to read:
- Subd. 3. **Employer contribution.** (a) With respect to members other than members who were active members of the former Minneapolis Firefighters Relief Association on December 29, 2011, or for members other than members who were active members of the former Minneapolis Police Relief Association on December 29, 2011, the employer contribution is 14.1 percent an amount equal to the following percentage of the total salary of the each member in calendar year 2010 and is, as follows: 14.4 percent of the salary of the member in each before calendar year after 2010 2014; 15.3 percent in calendar year 2014; and 16.2 percent in calendar year 2015 and thereafter.
- (b) With respect to members who were active members of the former Minneapolis Firefighters Relief Association on December 29, 2011, the employer contribution is an amount equal to the amount of the member contributions under subdivision 2, paragraph (b).
- (c) With respect to members who were active members of the former Minneapolis Police Relief Association on December 29, 2011, the employer contribution is an amount equal to the amount of the member contributions under subdivision 2, paragraph (c).
- (d) Contributions under this subdivision must be made from funds available to the employing subdivision by the means and in the manner provided in section 353.28.

15.33 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

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Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 353.651, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Retirement annuity formula.** (a) The average salary as defined in section 353.01, subdivision 17a, multiplied by the percent specified in section 356.315, subdivision 6, per year multiplied by years of allowable service, multiplied by the applicable vesting percentage indicated in section 353.01, subdivision 47, determines the amount of the normal retirement annuity. If the member has earned allowable service for performing services other than those of a police officer or firefighter, the annuity representing that service must be computed under sections 353.29 and 353.30.

- (b) For a member first enrolled in the public employees police and fire retirement plan after June 30, 2014, the average salary as defined in section 353.01, subdivision 17a, paragraph (a), includes salary for all years for which contributions have been reported to the public employees police and fire retirement plan, but allowable service included in the calculation is limited to 33 years and the normal retirement annuity must not exceed 99 percent of the average salary.
- (c) When the annuity begins for members of the public employees police and fire retirement plan enrolled after June 30, 2014, a prorated share of the contributions for allowable service exceeding 33 years must be refunded to the member. The prorated share of the contributions to be refunded is determined by multiplying the accumulated deductions paid by the member to the public employees police and fire retirement plan by a percentage determined using the number of months of service in excess of 396 as the numerator and the total number of months of allowable service on which contributions were reported as the denominator. Interest as defined in section 353.34, subdivision 2, is to be applied to the prorated share of contributions from the first of the 397th month of allowable service reported to the public employees police and fire retirement plan to the first of the month the annuity begins.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 353.651, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. Early retirement. (a) A person who becomes a public employees police and fire retirement plan member after June 30, 2007, or a former member who is reinstated as a member of the plan after that date, who is at least 50 years of age and who is at least partially vested under section 353.01, subdivision 47, upon the termination of public service before July 1, 2014, if the person is other than a county sheriff or after January 4, 2015, if the person is a county sheriff is entitled upon application to a retirement annuity equal to the normal annuity calculated under subdivision 3, reduced by two-tenths of one percent for each month that the member is under age 55 at the time of retirement.

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(b) Upon the termination of public service before July 1, 2014, if the person is
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2015, if the person is a county sheriff, any public employees police and fire retirement
plan member who first became a member of the plan before July 1, 2007, and who is
not specified in paragraph (a), upon attaining at least 50 years of age with at least three
years of allowable service is entitled upon application to a retirement annuity equal to the
normal annuity calculated under subdivision 3, reduced by one-tenth of one percent for
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- police and fire retirement plan on or after July 1, 2014, or a county sheriff who is a member of the public employees police and fire retirement plan on or after January 5, 2015, and who is at least 50 years old and is at least partially vested under section 353.01, subdivision 47, and whose benefit effective date is after July 1, 2014, if other than a county sheriff or after January 4, 2015, if a county sheriff and on or before July 1, 2019, is entitled upon application to a retirement annuity equal to the normal annuity calculated under subdivision 3, reduced for each month the member is under age 55 at the time of retirement by applying a blended monthly rate that is equivalent to the sum of:
- (1) one-sixtieth of the annual rate of five percent, prorated for each month the person's benefit effective date is after July 1, 2014, or after December 31, 2014, whichever applies; and
- (2) one-sixtieth of the annual rate provided under paragraph (a) or (b), whichever applies, for each month the person's benefit effective date is before July 1, 2019.
- (d) A person other than a county sheriff who is a member of the public employees police and fire retirement plan on or after July 1, 2014, or a county sheriff who is a member of the public employees police and fire retirement plan on or after January 5, 2015, and who is at least 50 years old and is at least partially vested under section 353.01, subdivision 47, whose benefit effective date is after July 1, 2019, is entitled, upon application, to a retirement annuity equal to the normal annuity calculated under subdivision 3, reduced by five percent annually, prorated for each month that the member is under age 55.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 353.657, subdivision 2a, is amended to read: Subd. 2a. **Death while eligible survivor benefit.** (a) If a member or former member who has attained the age of at least 50 years and either who is vested under section 353.01, subdivision 47, or who has credit for at least 30 years of allowable service, regardless of age attained, dies before the annuity or disability benefit becomes payable,

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notwithstanding any designation of beneficiary to the contrary, the surviving spouse may elect to receive a death while eligible survivor benefit.

- (b) Notwithstanding the definition of surviving spouse in section 353.01, subdivision 20, a former spouse of the member, if any, is entitled to a portion of the death while eligible survivor benefit if stipulated under the terms of a marriage dissolution decree filed with the association. If there is no surviving spouse or child or children, a former spouse may be entitled to a lump-sum refund payment under section 353.32, subdivision 1, if provided for in a marriage dissolution decree but not a death while eligible survivor benefit despite the terms of a marriage dissolution decree filed with the association.
- (c) The benefit may be elected instead of a refund with interest under section 353.32, subdivision 1, or surviving spouse benefits otherwise payable under subdivisions 1 and 2. The benefit must be an annuity equal to the 100 percent joint and survivor annuity which the member could have qualified for on the date of death, computed as provided in sections 353.651, subdivisions 2 and subdivision 3, and 353.30, subdivision 3.
- (d) The surviving spouse may apply for the annuity at any time after the date on which the deceased employee would have attained the required age for retirement based on the employee's allowable service. Sections 353.34, subdivision 3, and 353.71, subdivision 2, apply to a deferred annuity payable under this subdivision.
- (e) No payment accrues beyond the end of the month in which entitlement to such annuity has terminated. An amount equal to the excess, if any, of the accumulated contributions which were credited to the account of the deceased employee over and above the total of the annuities paid and payable to the surviving spouse must be paid to the deceased member's last designated beneficiary or, if none, to the legal representative of the estate of such deceased member.
- (f) Any member may request in writing, with the signed consent of the spouse, that this subdivision not apply and that payment be made only to the designated beneficiary, as otherwise provided by this chapter.
- (g) For a member who is employed as a full-time firefighter by the Department of Military Affairs of the state of Minnesota, allowable service as a full-time state Military Affairs Department firefighter credited by the Minnesota State Retirement System may be used in meeting the minimum allowable service requirement of this subdivision.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 353.657, subdivision 3a, is amended to read:

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Subd. 3a. **Maximum and minimum family benefits.** (a) The maximum monthly benefit per family must not exceed the following percentages of the member's average monthly salary as specified in subdivision 3:

(1) 80 percent, if the member's death was a line of duty death; or

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- (2) 70 percent, if the member's death was not a line of duty death or occurred while the member was receiving a disability benefit that accrued before July 1, 2007.
- (b) The minimum monthly benefit per family, including the joint and survivor optional annuity under subdivision 2a, and section 353.656, subdivision 1a, must not be less than the following percentage of the member's average monthly salary as specified in subdivision 3:
 - (1) 60 percent, if the death was a line of duty death; or
- (2) 50 percent, if the death was not a line of duty death or occurred while the member was receiving a disability benefit that accrued before July 1, 2007.
- (c) If the maximum under paragraph (a) is exceeded, the monthly benefit of the joint annuitant, surviving spouse, and dependent children, as applicable, must each be reduced to the amount necessary proportionately so that the total family benefit does not exceed the applicable maximum. The joint and survivor optional annuity, surviving spouse, or dependent children benefit, as applicable, must be restored, plus applicable postretirement adjustments under Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 356.41 or section 356.415, as the dependent child or children become no longer dependent under section 353.01, subdivision 15, or in the event of the death of the joint and survivor annuity recipient or the surviving spouse.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 353E.001, subdivision 1, is amended to read: Subdivision 1. **Duty disability.** "Duty disability," physical or psychological, means a condition that is expected to prevent a member, for a period of not less than 12 months, from performing the normal duties of a local government correctional service employee as defined under section 353E.02 and that is the direct result of an injury incurred during, or a disease arising out of, the performance of normal duties or the actual performance of less frequent inherently dangerous duties, either of which are specific to protecting the property and personal safety of others and that present inherent dangers that are specific to the positions covered by the local government correctional service retirement plan.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 356.415, subdivision 1b, is amended to read:

- Subd. 1b. Annual postretirement adjustments; PERA; general employees retirement plan and local government correctional retirement plan. (a) Retirement annuity, disability benefit, or survivor benefit recipients of the general employees retirement plan of the Public Employees Retirement Association and the local government correctional service retirement plan are entitled to a postretirement adjustment annually on January 1, as follows:
- (1) for January 1, 2011, and each successive January 1 until funding stability is restored for the applicable retirement plan, a postretirement increase of one percent must be applied each year, effective on January 1, to the monthly annuity or benefit amount of each annuitant or benefit recipient who has been receiving an annuity or benefit for at least 12 full months as of the current June 30;
- (2) for January 1, 2011, and each successive January 1 until funding stability is restored for the applicable retirement plan, for each annuitant or benefit recipient who has been receiving an annuity or a benefit for at least one full month, but less than 12 full months as of the current June 30, an annual postretirement increase of 1/12 of one percent for each month the person has been receiving an annuity or benefit must be applied;
- (3) for each January 1 following the restoration of funding stability for the applicable retirement plan, a postretirement increase of 2.5 percent must be applied each year, effective January 1, to the monthly annuity or benefit amount of each annuitant or benefit recipient who has been receiving an annuity or benefit for at least 12 full months as of the current June 30; and
- (4) for each January 1 following restoration of funding stability for the applicable retirement plan, for each annuity or benefit recipient who has been receiving an annuity or a benefit for at least one full month, but less than 12 full months as of the current June 30, an annual postretirement increase of 1/12 of 2.5 percent for each month the person has been receiving an annuity or benefit must be applied.
- (b) Funding stability is restored when the market value of assets of the applicable retirement plan equals or exceeds 90 percent of the actuarial accrued liabilities of the applicable plan in the <u>two</u> most recent <u>prior consecutive</u> actuarial <u>valuation valuations</u> prepared under section 356.215 and the standards for actuarial work by the approved actuary retained by the Public Employees Retirement Association under section 356.214.
- (c) If, after applying the increase as provided for in paragraph (a), clauses (3) and (4), the market value of the applicable retirement plan is determined in the next subsequent actuarial valuation prepared under section 356.215 to be less than 90 percent of the actuarial accrued liability of any of the applicable Public Employees Retirement

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(b), the increase provided in paragraph (a), clauses (1) and (2), are rather than an increase
under subdivision 1, is again to be applied as of the next successive January until funding
stability is again restored. in a subsequent year or years if the market value of assets of
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- (1) 85 percent of the actuarial accrued liabilities of the applicable plan for two consecutive actuarial valuations; or
- (2) 80 percent of the actuarial accrued liabilities of the applicable plan for the most recent actuarial valuation.
- (d) An increase in annuity or benefit payments under this section must be made automatically unless written notice is filed by the annuitant or benefit recipient with the executive director of the Public Employees Retirement Association requesting that the increase not be made.
- (e) The retirement annuity payable to a person who retires before becoming eligible for Social Security benefits and who has elected the optional payment, as provided in section 353.29, subdivision 6, must be treated as the sum of a period-certain retirement annuity and a life retirement annuity for the purposes of any postretirement adjustment. The period-certain retirement annuity plus the life retirement annuity must be the annuity amount payable until age 62 for section 353.29, subdivision 6. A postretirement adjustment granted on the period-certain retirement annuity must terminate when the period-certain retirement annuity terminates.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

- Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 356.415, subdivision 1c, is amended to read:
 - Subd. 1c. Annual postretirement adjustments; PERA-police and fire. (a) Retirement annuity, disability benefit, or survivor benefit recipients of the public employees police and fire retirement plan are entitled to a postretirement adjustment annually on January 1, until funding stability is restored, as follows:
 - (1) for January 1, 2011, and for January 1, 2012, for each annuitant or benefit recipient whose annuity or benefit effective date is on or before June 1, 2014, who has been receiving the annuity or benefit for at least 12 full months as of the immediate preceding June 30, an amount equal to one percent in each year; or
- (2) for January 1, 2011, and for January 1, 2012, for each annuitant or benefit recipient whose annuity or benefit effective date is on or before June 1, 2014, who has been receiving the annuity or benefit for at least one full month, but not less than 11

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months, as of the immediate preceding June 30, an amount equal to 1/12 of one percent in each year for each month of annuity or benefit receipt; and

- (3) for January 1, 2013, and each successive January 1 that follows the loss of funding stability as defined under paragraph (b) until funding stability as defined under paragraph (b) is again restored, for each annuitant or benefit recipient whose annuity or benefit effective date is after June 1, 2014, who has will have been receiving the an annuity or benefit for at least 12 36 full months as of the immediate preceding June 30, an amount equal to the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for urban wage earners and clerical workers all items index published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor between the immediate preceding June 30 and the June 30 occurring 12 months previous, but not to exceed 1.5 one percent; or
- (4) for January 1, 2013, and each successive January 1 that follows the loss of funding stability as defined under paragraph (b) until funding stability as defined under paragraph (b) is again restored, for each annuitant or benefit recipient whose annuity or benefit effective date is after June 1, 2014, who has been receiving the annuity or benefit for at least one 25 full month months, but less than 36 months as of the immediate preceding June 30, an amount equal to 1/12 of the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for urban wage carners and clerical workers all items index published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor between the immediate preceding June 30 and the June 30 occurring 12 months previous for each full month of annuity or benefit receipt, but not to exceed 1/12 of 1.5 one percent for each full month of annuity or benefit receipt during the fiscal year in which the annuity or benefit was effective;
- (5) for (b) Retirement annuity, disability benefit, or survivor benefit recipients of the public employees police and fire retirement plan are entitled to a postretirement adjustment annually on each January 1 following the restoration of funding stability as defined under paragraph (b) (c) and during the continuation of funding stability as defined under paragraph (b) (c), as follows:
- (1) for each annuitant or benefit recipient who has been receiving the annuity or benefit for at least 12 36 full months as of the immediate preceding June 30, an amount equal to the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for urban wage earners and clerical workers all items index published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor between the immediate preceding June 30 and the June 30 occurring 12 months previous, but not to exceed 2.5 percent; and
- (6) for each January 1 following the restoration of funding stability as defined under paragraph (b) and during the continuation of funding stability as defined under paragraph (b), (2) for each annuitant or benefit recipient who has been receiving the annuity or benefit

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was effective, but not to exceed 1/12 of 2.5 percent for each full month of annuity or
benefit receipt during the fiscal year in which the annuity or benefit was effective.
(b) (c) Funding stability is restored when the market value of assets of the public
employees police and fire retirement plan equals or exceeds 90 percent of the actuarial
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work of the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement by the approved actuary
retained by the Public Employees Retirement Association under section 356.214.
(d) After having met the definition of funding stability under paragraph (c), a full
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(2) 80 percent of the actuarial accrued liabilities of the applicable plan for the most recent actuarial valuation. (e) (e) An increase in annuity or benefit payments under this section must be made automatically unless written notice is filed by the annuitant or benefit recipient with the executive director of the Public Employees Retirement Association requesting that the increase not be made. EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment. ARTICLE 4 JUDGES RETIREMENT PLAN FINANCIAL SOLVENCY MEASURES Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 356.315, is amended by adding a

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Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 356.415, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Annual postretirement adjustments; generally.** (a) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d, or 1e, <u>or 1f,</u> retirement annuity, disability benefit, or survivor benefit recipients of a covered retirement plan are entitled to a postretirement adjustment annually on January 1, as follows:

- (1) a postretirement increase of 2.5 percent must be applied each year, effective January 1, to the monthly annuity or benefit of each annuitant or benefit recipient who has been receiving an annuity or a benefit for at least 12 full months prior to the January 1 increase; and
- (2) for each annuitant or benefit recipient who has been receiving an annuity or a benefit amount for at least one full month, an annual postretirement increase of 1/12 of 2.5 percent for each month that the person has been receiving an annuity or benefit must be applied, effective on January 1 following the calendar year in which the person has been retired for less than 12 months.
 - (b) The increases provided by this subdivision commence on January 1, 2010.
- (c) An increase in annuity or benefit payments under this section must be made automatically unless written notice is filed by the annuitant or benefit recipient with the executive director of the covered retirement plan requesting that the increase not be made.
- (d) The retirement annuity payable to a person who retires before becoming eligible for Social Security benefits and who has elected the optional payment as provided in section 353.29, subdivision 6, must be treated as the sum of a period certain retirement annuity and a life retirement annuity for the purposes of any postretirement adjustment. The period certain retirement annuity plus the life retirement annuity must be the annuity amount payable until age 62 for section 353.29, subdivision 6. A postretirement adjustment granted on the period certain retirement annuity must terminate when the period certain retirement annuity terminates.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2013.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 356.415, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 1f. Annual postretirement adjustments; Minnesota State Retirement

System judges retirement plan. (a) The increases provided under this subdivision begin

on January 1, 2014, and are in lieu of increases under subdivision 1 or 1a for retirement
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25.1	(b) Retirement annuity, disability benefit, or survivor benefit recipients of the
25.2	judges retirement plan are entitled to a postretirement adjustment annually on January
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25.4	(1) a postretirement increase of 1.75 percent must be applied each year, effective
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25.7	January 1 increase; and
25.8	(2) for each annuitant or benefit recipient who has been receiving an annuity or a
25.9	benefit for at least six full months, an annual postretirement increase of 1/12 of 1.75
25.10	percent for each month that the person has been receiving an annuity or benefit must be
25.11	applied, effective January 1, following the calendar year in which the person has been
25.12	retired for at least six months, but has been retired for less than 18 months.
25.13	(c) Increases under this subdivision terminate on December 31 of the calendar
25.14	year in which the actuarial valuation prepared by the approved actuary under sections
25.15	356.214 and 356.215 and the standards for actuarial work promulgated by the Legislative
25.16	Commission on Pensions and Retirement indicates that the market value of assets of the
25.17	judges retirement plan equals or exceeds 70 percent of the actuarial accrued liability of
25.18	the retirement plan. Increases under subdivision 1 or 1a, whichever is applicable, begin
25.19	on the January 1 next following that date.
25.20	(d) An increase in annuity or benefit payments under this subdivision must be made
25.21	automatically unless written notice is filed by the annuitant or benefit recipient with the
25.22	executive director of the applicable covered retirement plan requesting that the increase
25.23	not be made.
25.24	EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2013.
25.25	Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 490.121, subdivision 21f, is amended to read:
25.26	Subd. 21f. Normal retirement date. (a) For a judge in the tier I program, "normal
25.27	retirement date" means the date a the judge attains the age of 65.
25.28	(b) For a judge in the tier II program, "normal retirement date" means the date
25.29	the judge attains age 66.
25.30	EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2013.
25.31	Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 490.121, subdivision 22, is amended to read:
25.32	Subd. 22. Service credit limit. "Service credit limit" means, for a judge covered
25.33	by tier I, the greater of: (1) 24 years of allowable service under this chapter; or (2), for

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judges a judge with allowable service rendered before July 1, 1980, the number of years of 26.1 allowable service under chapter 490, which, when multiplied by the percentage listed in 26.2 section 356.315, subdivision 7 or 8, whichever is applicable to each year of service, equals 26.3 76.8. For a judge covered by tier II, there is no service credit limit. 26.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2013. 26.5 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 490.121, is amended by adding a subdivision 26.6 to read: 26.7 Subd. 25. Tier I. "Tier I" is the benefit program of the retirement plan with a 26.8 membership specified by section 490.1221, paragraph (b), and governed by sections 26.9 356.315, subdivisions 7 and 8; 356.415, subdivisions 1 and 1f; and 490.121 to 490.133, 26.10 26.11 except as modified in sections 356.315, subdivision 8a; 490.121, subdivision 21f, paragraph (b); 490.1222; 490.123, subdivision 1a, paragraph (b); and 490.124, subdivision 26.12 1, paragraphs (c) and (d). 26.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2013. 26.14 26.15 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 490.121, is amended by adding a subdivision to read: 26.16 Subd. 26. Tier II. "Tier II" is the benefit program of the retirement plan with a 26.17 membership specified by section 490.1221, paragraph (c), and governed by sections 26.18 356.315, subdivision 8a; 356.415, subdivisions 1 and 1f; 490.121 to 490.133, as modified 26.19 26.20 in section 490.121, subdivision 21f, paragraph (b); 490.1222; 490.123, subdivision 1a, 26.21 paragraph (b); and 490.124, subdivision 1, paragraphs (c) and (d). 26.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2013. Sec. 8. [490.1221] JUDGES PLAN PROGRAMS. 26.23 (a) Members of the judges retirement plan are members of either the tier I or tier II 26.24 program. 26.25 (b) A tier I program judge is a person who was first appointed or elected as a judge 26.26 before July 1, 2013, who was not eligible for the tier II program because the judge had 26.27 five or more years of allowable service on or before December 30, 2013, or did not elect 26.28 that program. 26.29 (c) A tier II program judge is a person who: 26.30

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(1) was first appointed or elected as a judge after June 30, 2013; or

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(2) was first appointed or elected as a judge before July 1, 2013, had less than five 27.1 years of allowable service on or before December 30, 2013, and made an election under 27.2 section 14 to be in the tier II program. 27.3 27.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2013. Sec. 9. [490.1222] APPLICATION OF SERVICE CREDIT LIMIT. 27.5 The service credit limit specified in section 490.121, subdivision 22, does not apply 27.6 to a judge in the tier II program. 27.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2013. 27.8 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 490.123, subdivision 1a, is amended to read: 27.9 Subd. 1a. **Member contribution rates.** (a) A judge who is covered by the federal 27.10 Old Age, Survivors, Disability, and Health Insurance Program and in the tier I program 27.11 27.12 whose service does not exceed the service credit limit in section 490.121, subdivision 22, shall contribute to the fund from each salary payment a sum equal to 8.00 9.00 percent 27.13 of salary. 27.14 27.15 (b) A judge in the tier II program shall contribute to the fund from each salary payment a sum equal to 7.00 percent of salary. 27.16 (b) The contribution (c) Contributions under this subdivision is are payable by salary 27.17 deduction. The deduction must be made by the state court administrator under section 27.18 352.04, subdivisions 4, 5, and 8. 27.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective beginning on the first day of the first 27.20 full payroll period following an increase in judicial salaries of at least one percent due to 27.21 27.22 action by the legislature during calendar year 2013 or later. Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 490.123, subdivision 1b, is amended to read: 27.23 Subd. 1b. **Employer contribution rate.** (a) The employer contribution rate to the 27.24 fund on behalf of a judge is 20.5 22.5 percent of salary. The employer obligation continues 27.25 after a judge exceeds the service credit limit in section 490.121, subdivision 22. 27.26 (b) The employer contribution must be paid by the state court administrator. The 27.27 employer contribution is payable at the same time as member contributions are made 27.28 under subdivision 1a or as employee contributions are made to the unclassified program 27.29

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EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the first day of the first full payroll period after June 30, 2013.

Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 490.124, subdivision 1, is amended to read: Subdivision 1. **Basic Retirement annuity.** (a) Except as qualified hereinafter from and after the mandatory retirement date, the normal retirement date, the early retirement

date, or one year from the disability retirement date, as the case may be, a retiring judge is

eligible to receive a retirement annuity from the judges' retirement fund.

- (b) For a tier I program judge, the retirement annuity is an amount equal to:
- (1) the percent specified in section 356.315, subdivision 7, multiplied by the judge's final average compensation with that result then multiplied by the number of years and fractions of years of allowable service rendered before July 1, 1980; plus
- (2) the percent specified in section 356.315, subdivision 8, multiplied by the judge's final average compensation with that result then multiplied by the number of years and fractions of years of allowable service rendered after June 30, 1980.
- (c) For a tier II program judge who was first appointed or elected as a judge before July 1, 2013, the retirement annuity is an amount equal to:
- (1) the percent specified in section 356.315, subdivision 8, multiplied by the judge's final average compensation with that result then multiplied by the number of years and fractions of years of allowable service rendered before January 1, 2014; plus
- (2) the percentage specified in section 356.315, subdivision 8a, multiplied by the judge's final average compensation with that result then multiplied by the number of years and fractions of years of allowable service rendered after December 31, 2013.
- (d) For a tier II program judge who was first appointed or elected as a judge after June 30, 2013, the retirement annuity is an amount equal to the percent specified in section 356.315, subdivision 8a, multiplied by the judge's final average compensation with that result then multiplied by the number of years and fractions of years of allowable service.
- (e) (e) For a judge in the tier I program, service that exceeds the service credit limit in section 490.121, subdivision 22, must be excluded in calculating the retirement annuity, but the compensation earned by the judge during this period of judicial service must be used in determining a judge's final average compensation and calculating the retirement annuity.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2013.

Sec. 13. MEMBER CONTRIBUTION INCREASE CONDITION.

Any increase in judicial salaries enacted by the legislature during calendar year 2013 or later is not applicable to a judge in the tier I program if the member contribution rate

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applicable to that judge in the tier I program under section 10 is not deducted from the 29.1 salary of the judge. 29.2 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment. 29.3 Sec. 14. TIER II PROGRAM ELECTION; PRE-JULY 1, 2013, JUDGES. 29.4 Subdivision 1. Authority. A person who was first appointed or elected as a judge 29 5 covered by the Minnesota State Retirement System judges retirement plan before July 1, 29.6 2013, is eligible to elect treatment as a tier II program judge if the judge has less than five 29.7 years of allowable service on the date the judge makes a valid election under subdivision 2. 29.8 Subd. 2. Election procedure. An eligible judge under subdivision 1 may elect 29.9 to be subject to provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 490, applicable to a tier II 29.10 program judge rather than the tier I program by electing that treatment in writing before 29.11 January 1, 2014, on a form provided by the executive director of the Minnesota State 29.12 Retirement System. 29.13 Subd. 3. **Effect of election.** (a) The election is irrevocable. 29.14 (b) An eligible judge who fails to make an election remains in the tier I program. 29.15 (c) If the tier II program is elected by an eligible judge, member contributions based on 29.16 revised member contribution rates under Minnesota Statutes, section 490.123, subdivision 29.17 1a, begin on the first day of the first full pay period occurring after January 1, 2014. 29.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2013. 29.19 ARTICLE 5 29.20 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS 29.21 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 356.91, is amended to read: 29.22 356.91 VOLUNTARY MEMBERSHIP DUES DEDUCTION. 29.23 (a) Upon written authorization of a person receiving an annuity from a public 29.24 pension fund administered by the Minnesota State Retirement System or the Public 29.25 Employees Retirement Association, the executive director of the public pension fund may 29.26 shall deduct from the retirement annuity an amount requested by the annuitant to be paid 29.27 as membership dues or other payments to any labor organization that is an exclusive 29.28 bargaining agent representing public employees or an organization representing retired 29.29

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public employees of which the annuitant is a member and shall, on a monthly basis, pay

the amount to the organization so designated by the annuitant.

(b) A pension fund and the plan fiduciaries which authorize or administer deductions of dues payments under paragraph (a) are not liable for failure to properly deduct or transmit the dues amounts, provided that the fund and the fiduciaries have acted in good faith.

- (c) The deductions under paragraph (a) may occur no more frequently than two times per year and may not be used for political purposes. Any labor organization that is an exclusive bargaining agent representing public employees or an organization representing retired public employees may conduct blind mailings to the annuitants of a retirement system specified in paragraph (a) by requesting that the retirement system mail voluntary membership information and dues deduction cards to annuitants. Such mailings shall not be for the purpose of supporting or opposing any candidate, political party, or ballot measure. The organization requesting the blind mailing shall pay all costs associated with these mailings, including but not limited to copying, labeling, mailing, postage, and record keeping. In lieu of administering a blind mailing in-house, a retirement system may transmit annuitant data necessary for conducting a blind mailing to a mail center pursuant to a secure data share agreement with the mail center which provides that neither the organization nor any other entity shall have direct access to the data transmitted by the retirement system. The retirement system shall have no obligation to approve or disapprove, or otherwise be responsible for, the content of the mailings. No organization shall conduct more than two blind mailings per calendar year.
- (d) Any labor organization specified in paragraph (a) shall reimburse the public pension fund for the administrative expense of withholding premium amounts."

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