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TEACHER RETIREMENT FUNDING AND BENEFIT CHANGES

- Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 275.70, subdivision 3, is amended to read:
- Subd. 3. **Local governmental unit.** (a) "Local governmental unit" means a county, or a statutory or home rule charter city with a population greater than 2,500.
 - (b) Solely for purposes of subdivision 5, clause (10), "local governmental unit" also means an independent school district or a special school district.

- Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2009 Supplement, section 275.70, subdivision 5, is amended to read:
- Subd. 5. **Special levies.** "Special levies" means those portions of ad valorem taxes levied by a local governmental unit for the following purposes or in the following manner:
- (1) to pay the costs of the principal and interest on bonded indebtedness or to reimburse for the amount of liquor store revenues used to pay the principal and interest due on municipal liquor store bonds in the year preceding the year for which the levy limit is calculated;
- (2) to pay the costs of principal and interest on certificates of indebtedness issued for any corporate purpose except for the following:
 - (i) tax anticipation or aid anticipation certificates of indebtedness;
- (ii) certificates of indebtedness issued under sections 298.28 and 298.282;
 - (iii) certificates of indebtedness used to fund current expenses or to pay the costs of extraordinary expenditures that result from a public emergency; or
 - (iv) certificates of indebtedness used to fund an insufficiency in tax receipts or an insufficiency in other revenue sources;
 - (3) to provide for the bonded indebtedness portion of payments made to another political subdivision of the state of Minnesota;
 - (4) to fund payments made to the Minnesota State Armory Building Commission under section 193.145, subdivision 2, to retire the principal and interest on armory construction bonds;
 - (5) property taxes approved by voters which are levied against the referendum market value as provided under section 275.61;

(6) to fund matching requirements needed to qualify for federal or state grants or programs to the extent that either (i) the matching requirement exceeds the matching requirement in calendar year 2001, or (ii) it is a new matching requirement that did not exist prior to 2002;

- (7) to pay the expenses reasonably and necessarily incurred in preparing for or repairing the effects of natural disaster including the occurrence or threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from natural causes, in accordance with standards formulated by the Emergency Services Division of the state Department of Public Safety, as allowed by the commissioner of revenue under section 275.74, subdivision 2;
- (8) pay amounts required to correct an error in the levy certified to the county auditor by a city or county in a levy year, but only to the extent that when added to the preceding year's levy it is not in excess of an applicable statutory, special law or charter limitation, or the limitation imposed on the governmental subdivision by sections 275.70 to 275.74 in the preceding levy year;
 - (9) to pay an abatement under section 469.1815;
- (10) to pay any costs attributable to increases in the employer contribution rates under chapter 353, <u>354</u>, or <u>354A</u>, or locally administered pension plans, that are effective after June 30, 2001;
- (11) to pay the operating or maintenance costs of a county jail as authorized in section 641.01 or 641.262, or of a correctional facility as defined in section 241.021, subdivision 1, paragraph (f), to the extent that the county can demonstrate to the commissioner of revenue that the amount has been included in the county budget as a direct result of a rule, minimum requirement, minimum standard, or directive of the Department of Corrections, or to pay the operating or maintenance costs of a regional jail as authorized in section 641.262. For purposes of this clause, a district court order is not a rule, minimum requirement, minimum standard, or directive of the Department of Corrections. If the county utilizes this special levy, except to pay operating or maintenance costs of a new regional jail facility under sections 641.262 to 641.264 which will not replace an existing jail facility, any amount levied by the county in the previous levy year for the purposes specified under this clause and included in the county's previous year's levy limitation computed under section 275.71, shall be deducted from the levy limit base under section 275.71, subdivision 2, when determining the county's current year levy limitation. The county shall provide the necessary information to the commissioner of revenue for making this determination;

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(12) to pay for operation of a lake improvement district, as authorized under section 103B.555. If the county utilizes this special levy, any amount levied by the county in the previous levy year for the purposes specified under this clause and included in the county's previous year's levy limitation computed under section 275.71 shall be deducted from the levy limit base under section 275.71, subdivision 2, when determining the county's current year levy limitation. The county shall provide the necessary information to the commissioner of revenue for making this determination;

- (13) to repay a state or federal loan used to fund the direct or indirect required spending by the local government due to a state or federal transportation project or other state or federal capital project. This authority may only be used if the project is not a local government initiative;
- (14) to pay for court administration costs as required under section 273.1398, subdivision 4b, less the (i) county's share of transferred fines and fees collected by the district courts in the county for calendar year 2001 and (ii) the aid amount certified to be paid to the county in 2004 under section 273.1398, subdivision 4c; however, for taxes levied to pay for these costs in the year in which the court financing is transferred to the state, the amount under this clause is limited to the amount of aid the county is certified to receive under section 273.1398, subdivision 4a;
- (15) to fund a police or firefighters relief association as required under section 69.77 to the extent that the required amount exceeds the amount levied for this purpose in 2001;
 - (16) for purposes of a storm sewer improvement district under section 444.20;
- (17) to pay for the maintenance and support of a city or county society for the prevention of cruelty to animals under section 343.11, but not to exceed in any year \$4,800 or the sum of \$1 per capita based on the county's or city's population as of the most recent federal census, whichever is greater. If the city or county uses this special levy, any amount levied by the city or county in the previous levy year for the purposes specified in this clause and included in the city's or county's previous year's levy limit computed under section 275.71, must be deducted from the levy limit base under section 275.71, subdivision 2, in determining the city's or county's current year levy limit;
- (18) for counties, to pay for the increase in their share of health and human service costs caused by reductions in federal health and human services grants effective after September 30, 2007;
- (19) for a city, for the costs reasonably and necessarily incurred for securing, maintaining, or demolishing foreclosed or abandoned residential properties, as allowed by the commissioner of revenue under section 275.74, subdivision 2. A city must have either (i) a foreclosure rate of at least 1.4 percent in 2007, or (ii) a foreclosure rate in 2007 in

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the city or in a zip code area of the city that is at least 50 percent higher than the average foreclosure rate in the metropolitan area, as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 2, to use this special levy. For purposes of this paragraph, "foreclosure rate" means the number of foreclosures, as indicated by sheriff sales records, divided by the number of households in the city in 2007;

- (20) for a city, for the unreimbursed costs of redeployed traffic-control agents and lost traffic citation revenue due to the collapse of the Interstate 35W bridge, as certified to the Federal Highway Administration;
- (21) to pay costs attributable to wages and benefits for sheriff, police, and fire personnel. If a local governmental unit did not use this special levy in the previous year its levy limit base under section 275.71 shall be reduced by the amount equal to the amount it levied for the purposes specified in this clause in the previous year;
- (22) an amount equal to any reductions in the certified aids or credits payable under sections 477A.011 to 477A.014, and section 273.1384, due to unallotment under section 16A.152. The amount of the levy allowed under this clause is equal to the amount unallotted in the calendar year in which the tax is levied unless the unallotment amount is not known by September 1 of the levy year, and the local government has not adjusted its levy under section 275.065, subdivision 6, or 275.07, subdivision 6, in which case the unallotment amount may be levied in the following year;
- (23) to pay for the difference between one-half of the costs of confining sex offenders undergoing the civil commitment process and any state payments for this purpose pursuant to section 253B.185, subdivision 5;
- (24) for a county to pay the costs of the first year of maintaining and operating a new facility or new expansion, either of which contains courts, corrections, dispatch, criminal investigation labs, or other public safety facilities and for which all or a portion of the funding for the site acquisition, building design, site preparation, construction, and related equipment was issued or authorized prior to the imposition of levy limits in 2008. The levy limit base shall then be increased by an amount equal to the new facility's first full year's operating costs as described in this clause; and
- (25) for the estimated amount of reduction to credits under section 273.1384 for credits payable in the year in which the levy is payable.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2010.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 354.05, subdivision 38, is amended to read:

Subd. 38. **Normal retirement age.** "Normal retirement age" means age 65 for a

person who first became a member of the association or a member of a pension fund listed

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in section 356.30, subdivision 3, before July 1, 1989. For a person who first becomes a 5.1 member of the association after June 30, 1989, normal retirement age means the higher 5.2 of age 65 or "retirement age," as defined in United States Code, title 42, section 416(1), 5.3 as amended, but not to exceed age 66. For a person with 30 years of service, normal 5.4 retirement age means age 62. 5.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2011. 5.6 Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2009 Supplement, section 354.42, subdivision 2, is 5.7 amended to read: 5.8 Subd. 2. Employee contribution. (a) For a basic member, the employee 5.9 contribution to the fund is 9.0 percent the following percentage of the member's salary: 5.10 before July 1, 2011 5.11 9.0 percent from July 1, 2011, until June 30, 2012 9.5 percent 5.12 from July 1, 2012, until June 30, 2013 10.0 percent 5.13 from July 1, 2013, until June 30, 2014 10.5 percent 5.14 after June 30, 2014, until June 30, 2015 11.0 percent 5.15 from July 1, 2015, until June 30, 2016 11.5 percent 5 16 after June 30, 2016 12.0 percent 5.17 (b) For a coordinated member, the employee contribution is 5.5 percent the following 5.18 percentage of the member's salary.: 5.19 before July 1, 2011 5.5 percent 5.20 from July 1, 2011, until June 30, 2012 5.21 6.0 percent from July 1, 2012, until June 30, 2013 6.5 percent 5.22 from July 1, 2013, until June 30, 2014 7.0 percent 5.23 after June 30, 2014, until June 30, 2015 7.5 percent 5.24 from July 1, 2015, until June 30, 2016 8.0 percent 5.25 after June 30, 2016 8.5 percent 5.26 (c) When an employee contribution rate changes for a fiscal year, the new 5.27 contribution rate is effective for the entire salary paid for each employer unit with the 5.28 first payroll cycle reported. 5.29 (d) After June 30, 2017, if a contribution rate revision is required under subdivisions 5.30 4a, 4b, and 4c, the employee contributions under paragraphs (a) and (b) must be adjusted 5.31 accordingly. 5.32 (b) (e) This contribution must be made by deduction from salary. Where any portion 5.33 of a member's salary is paid from other than public funds, the member's employee 5.34 contribution must be based on the entire salary received. 5.35

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Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 354.42, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Employer.** (a) The regular employer contribution to the fund by Special School District No. 1, Minneapolis, after July 1, 2006, and before July 1, 2007, is an amount equal to 5.0 percent of the salary of each of its teachers who is a coordinated member and 9.0 percent of the salary of each of its teachers who is a basic member. After July 1, 2007, the regular employer contribution to the fund by Special School District No. 1, Minneapolis, is an amount equal to 5.5 percent the applicable following percentage of salary of each coordinated member and 9.5 percent the applicable following percentage of salary of each basic member:

6.10	Period	Coordinated Member	Basic Member
6.11	before July 1, 2011	5.5 percent	9.5 percent
6.12	from July 1, 2011, until June 30, 2012	6.0 percent	10.0 percent
6.13	from July 1, 2012, until June 30, 2013	6.5 percent	10.5 percent
6.14	from July 1, 2013, until June 30, 2014	7.0 percent	11.0 percent
6.15	after June 30, 2014, until June 30, 2015	7.5 percent	11.5 percent
6.16	from July 1, 2015, until June 30, 2016	8.0 percent	12.0 percent
6.17	after June 30, 2016	8.5 percent	12.5 percent

The additional employer contribution to the fund by Special School District No. 1, Minneapolis, after July 1, 2006, is an amount equal to 3.64 percent of the salary of each teacher who is a coordinated member or is a basic member.

(b) The employer contribution to the fund for every other employer is an amount equal to 5.0 percent the applicable following percentage of the salary of each coordinated member and 9.0 percent the applicable following percentage of the salary of each basic member before July 1, 2007, and 5.5 percent of the salary of each coordinated member and 9.5 percent of the salary of each basic member after June 30, 2007.:

6.26	Period	Coordinated Member	Basic Member
6.27	before July 1, 2011	5.5 percent	9.5 percent
6.28	from July 1, 2011, until June 30, 2012	6.0 percent	10.0 percent
6.29	from July 1, 2012, until June 30, 2013	6.5 percent	10.5 percent
6.30	from July 1, 2013, until June 30, 2014	7.0 percent	11.0 percent
6.31	after June 30, 2014, until June 30, 2015	7.5 percent	11.5 percent
6.32	from July 1, 2015, until June 30, 2016	8.0 percent	12.0 percent
6.33	after June 30, 2016	8.5 percent	12.5 percent

(c) When an employer contribution rate changes for a fiscal year, the new contribution rate is effective for the entire salary paid for each employer unit with the first payroll cycle reported.

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(d) After June 30, 2017, if a contribution rate revision is made under subdivisions

4a, 4b, and 4c, the employer contributions under paragraphs (a) and (b) must be adjusted accordingly.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2010.

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Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 354.42, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 4a. **Determination.** (a) For purposes of this section, a contribution sufficiency exists if the total of the employee contributions, the employer contributions, and any additional employer contributions, if applicable, exceeds the total of the normal cost, the administrative expenses, and the amortization contribution of the retirement plan as reported in the most recent actuarial valuation of the retirement plan prepared by the approved actuary retained under section 356.214 and prepared under section 356.215 and the standards for actuarial work of the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement.

(b) For purposes of this section, a contribution deficiency exists if the total of the employee contributions, the employer contributions, and any additional employer contributions are less than the total of the normal cost, the administrative expenses, and the amortization contribution of the retirement plan as reported in the most recent actuarial valuation of the retirement plan prepared by the approved actuary retained under section 356.214 and prepared under section 356.215 and the standards for actuarial work of the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2011.

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 354.42, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 4b. Contribution rate revision. Notwithstanding the contribution rate provisions under subdivisions 2 and 3, the employee and employer contribution rates may be adjusted as follows:

(1) if, after June 30, 2017, the regular actuarial valuation of the plan under section 356.215 indicates that there is a contribution sufficiency under subdivision 4a equal to or greater than one percent of covered payroll and the sufficiency has existed for at least two consecutive years, the employee and employer contribution rates for the plan may each be decreased to a level such that the sufficiency equals no more than one percent of covered payroll based on the most recent actuarial valuation; or

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8.1	(2) if, after June 30, 2017, the regular valuation of the plan under section 356.215
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8.3	and the deficiency has existed for at least two consecutive years, the employee and
8.4	employer contribution rates for the applicable plan may each be increased by:
8.5	(i) 0.25 percent if the deficiency is less than 2.00 percent of covered payroll;
8.6	(ii) 0.5 percent if the deficiency is equal to or greater than 2.00 percent of covered
8.7	payroll and less than or equal to four percent; and
8.8	(iii) 0.75 percent if the deficiency is greater than four percent.
8.9	EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2011.
8.10	Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 354.42, is amended by adding a subdivision
8.11	to read:
8.12	Subd. 4c. Contribution sufficiency measures. (a) A contribution sufficiency of up
8.13	to one percent of covered payroll must be held in reserve to be used to offset any future
8.14	actuarially required contributions that are more than the total combined employee and
8.15	employer contributions being collected.
8.16	(b) Before any reduction in contributions to eliminate a sufficiency in excess of one
8.17	percent of covered pay may be recommended, the executive director must review any
8.18	need for a change in actuarial assumptions, as recommended by the actuary retained
8.19	under section 356.214 in the most recent experience study of the retirement plan, that
8.20	may result in an increase in the actuarially required contribution and must report to the
8.21	<u>Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement any recommendation by the board</u>
8.22	to use the sufficiency exceeding one percent of covered payroll to offset the impact of
8.23	an actuarial assumption change recommended by the actuary retained under section
8.24	356.214, subdivision 1, and reviewed by the actuary retained by the commission under
8.25	section 356.214, subdivision 4.
8.26	(c) A contribution sufficiency in excess of one percent of covered pay must not be
8.27	used to increase benefits, and a benefit increase must not be proposed that would initiate
8.28	an automatic adjustment under this section to increase contributions. A proposed benefit
8.29	improvement must include a recommendation, prepared by the actuary retained under
8.30	section 356.214, subdivision 1, and reviewed by the actuary retained by the Legislative
8.31	Commission on Pensions and Retirement, as provided under section 356.214, subdivision
8.32	4, on the manner in which the benefit modification is to be funded.
8.33	EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2011.

Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 354.42, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 4d. Reporting; commission review. A contribution rate increase or decrease under subdivision 4b, as determined by the executive director of the Teachers Retirement Association, must be reported to the chair and the executive director of the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement on or before the next February 1 and, if the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement does not recommend against the rate change or does not recommend a modification in the rate change, is effective on the next July 1 following the determination by the executive director that a contribution deficiency or sufficiency exists based on the most recent actuarial valuation under section 356.215.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2011.

Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 354.44, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

Subd. 6. Computation of formula program retirement annuity. (a) The formula retirement annuity must be computed in accordance with the applicable provisions of the formulas stated in paragraph (b) or (d) on the basis of each member's average salary under section 354.05, subdivision 13a, for the period of the member's formula service credit.

(b) This paragraph, in conjunction with paragraph (c), applies to a person who first became a member of the association or a member of a pension fund listed in section 356.30, subdivision 3, before July 1, 1989, unless paragraph (d), in conjunction with paragraph (e), produces a higher annuity amount, in which case paragraph (d) applies. The average salary as defined in section 354.05, subdivision 13a, multiplied by the following percentages per year of formula service credit shall determine determines the amount of the annuity to which the member qualifying therefor is entitled for service rendered before July 1, 2006:

9.25		Coordinated Member	Basic Member
9.26 9.27 9.28	Each year of service during first ten	the percent specified in section 356.315, subdivision 1, per year	the percent specified in section 356.315, subdivision 3, per year
9.29	Each year of service thereafter	the percent specified in section 356.315,	the percent specified in section 356.315,
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For service rendered on or after July 1, 2006, the average salary as defined in section 354.05, subdivision 13a, multiplied by the following percentages per year of service credit, determines the amount the annuity to which the member qualifying therefor is entitled:

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10.5 10.6 10.7	Each year of service after ten years of service	the percent specified in section 356.315, subdivision 2b, per year	the percent specified in section 356.315, subdivision 4, per year

- (c)(i) This paragraph applies only to a person who first became a member of the association or a member of a pension fund listed in section 356.30, subdivision 3, before July 1, 1989, and whose annuity is higher when calculated under paragraph (b), in conjunction with this paragraph than when calculated under paragraph (d), in conjunction with paragraph (e).
- (ii) Where any member retires prior to normal retirement age under a formula annuity, the member shall must be paid a retirement annuity in an amount equal to the normal annuity provided in paragraph (b) reduced by one-quarter of one percent for each month that the member is under normal retirement age at the time of retirement except that for any member who has 30 or more years of allowable service credit, the reduction shall must be applied only for each month that the member is under age 62.
- (iii) Any member whose attained age plus credited allowable service totals 90 years is entitled, upon application, to a retirement annuity in an amount equal to the normal annuity provided in paragraph (b), without any reduction by reason of early retirement.
- (d) This paragraph applies to a member who has become at least 55 years old and first became a member of the association after June 30, 1989, and to any other member who has become at least 55 years old and whose annuity amount when calculated under this paragraph and in conjunction with paragraph (e), is higher than it is when calculated under paragraph (b), in conjunction with paragraph (c). For a basic member, the average salary, as defined in section 354.05, subdivision 13a, multiplied by the percent specified by section 356.315, subdivision 4, for each year of service for a basic member shall determine determines the amount of the retirement annuity to which the basic member is entitled. The annuity of a basic member who was a member of the former Minneapolis Teachers Retirement Fund Association as of June 30, 2006, must be determined according to the annuity formula under the articles of incorporation of the former Minneapolis Teachers Retirement Fund Association in effect as of that date. For a coordinated member, the average salary, as defined in section 354.05, subdivision 13a, multiplied by the percent specified in section 356.315, subdivision 2, for each year of service rendered before July 1, 2006, and by the percent specified in section 356.315, subdivision 2b, for each year of service rendered on or after July 1, 2006, and before July 1, 2011, and by the percent

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specified in section 356.315, subdivision 2c, for each year of service rendered after June 30, 2011, determines the amount of the retirement annuity to which the coordinated member is entitled. For a member who has 30 or more years of allowable service credit, the person's normal retirement age is age 62 and the age 55 minimum early reduced benefit retirement age does not apply to the person.

- (e) This paragraph applies to a person who has become at least 55 years old and first becomes a member of the association after June 30, 1989, and to any other member who has become at least 55 years old and whose annuity is higher when calculated under paragraph (d) in conjunction with this paragraph than when calculated under paragraph (b), in conjunction with paragraph (c). An employee who retires under the formula annuity before the normal retirement age shall as defined by section 354.05, subdivision 38, must be paid the normal annuity provided in paragraph (d) reduced so that the reduced annuity is the actuarial equivalent of the annuity that would be payable to the employee if the employee deferred receipt of the annuity and the annuity amount were augmented at an annual rate of three percent compounded annually from the day the annuity begins to accrue until the normal retirement age if the employee became an employee before July 1, 2006, and at 2.5 percent compounded annually if the employee becomes an employee after June 30, 2006. For a member who has 30 or more years of allowable service credit, the person's normal retirement age is age 62 and the age 55 minimum early reduced benefit retirement age does not apply to the person.
- (f) No retirement annuity is payable to a former employee with a salary that exceeds 95 percent of the governor's salary unless and until the salary figures used in computing the highest five successive years average salary under paragraph (a) have been audited by the Teachers Retirement Association and determined by the executive director to comply with the requirements and limitations of section 354.05, subdivisions 35 and 35a.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2011.

Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2009 Supplement, section 354.47, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Death before retirement.** (a) If a member dies before retirement and is covered under section 354.44, subdivision 2, and neither an optional annuity, nor a reversionary annuity, nor a benefit under section 354.46, subdivision 1, is payable to the survivors if the member was a basic member, then the surviving spouse, or if there is no surviving spouse, the designated beneficiary is entitled to an amount equal to the member's accumulated deductions with interest credited to the account of the member to the date of

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death of the member. If the designated beneficiary is a minor, interest must be credited to the date the beneficiary reaches legal age, or the date of receipt, whichever is earlier.

- (b) If a member dies before retirement and is covered under section 354.44, subdivision 6, and neither an optional annuity, nor reversionary annuity, nor the benefit described in section 354.46, subdivision 1, is payable to the survivors if the member was a basic member, then the surviving spouse, or if there is no surviving spouse, then the designated beneficiary is entitled to an amount equal to the member's accumulated deductions credited to the account of the member as of June 30, 1957, and from July 1, 1957, to the date of death of the member, the member's accumulated deductions plus six percent interest compounded annually. a refund equal to the accumulated deductions credited to the member's account plus interest compounded annually until the member's date of death using the following interest rates:
- 12.13 (1) before July 1, 1957, no interest accrues;
- 12.14 (2) July 1, 1957, to June 30, 2011, six percent; and
- 12.15 (3) after June 30, 2011, four percent.

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- (c) If the designated beneficiary under paragraph (b) is a minor, any interest credited under that paragraph must be credited to the date the beneficiary reaches legal age, or the date of receipt, whichever is earlier.
- (d) The amount of any refund payable under this subdivision must be reduced by any permanent disability payment under section 354.48 received by the member.

- Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2009 Supplement, section 354.49, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
 - Subd. 2. **Calculation.** (a) Except as provided in section 354.44, subdivision 1, any person who ceases to be a member by reason of termination of teaching service, is entitled to receive a refund in an amount equal to the accumulated deductions credited to the account as of June 30, 1957, and after July 1, 1957, the accumulated deductions with interest at the rate of six percent per annum compounded annually. plus interest compounded annually using the following interest rates:
- 12.30 (1) before July 1, 1957, no interest accrues;
- 12.31 (2) July 1, 1957, to June 30, 2011, six percent; and
- 12.32 (3) after June 30, 2011, four percent.
- For the purpose of this subdivision, interest must be computed on fiscal year end balances to the first day of the month in which the refund is issued.

(b) If the person has received permanent disability payments under section 354.48, the refund amount must be reduced by the amount of those payments.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2010.

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- Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2009 Supplement, section 354.55, subdivision 11, is amended to read:
- Subd. 11. **Deferred annuity; augmentation.** (a) Any person covered under section 354.44, subdivision 6, who ceases to render teaching service, may leave the person's accumulated deductions in the fund for the purpose of receiving a deferred annuity at retirement.
- (b) The amount of the deferred retirement annuity is determined by section 354.44, subdivision 6, and augmented as provided in this subdivision. The required reserves for the annuity which had accrued when the member ceased to render teaching service must be augmented, as further specified in this subdivision, by the applicable interest rate compounded annually from the first day of the month following the month during which the member ceased to render teaching service to the effective date of retirement.
- (c) No augmentation is not creditable if the deferral period is less than three months or if deferral commenced before July 1, 1971.
- (d) For persons who became covered employees before July 1, 2006, with a deferral period commencing after June 30, 1971, the annuity must be augmented using as follows:
 - (1) five percent interest compounded annually until January 1, 1981, and;
- (2) three percent interest compounded annually thereafter from January 1, 1981, until January 1 of the year following the year in which the deferred annuitant attains age 55-;
- From that date (3) five percent interest compounded annually from the date established in clause (2) to the effective date of retirement, the rate is five percent compounded annually. or until June 30, 2011, whichever is earlier; and
 - (4) two percent interest compounded annually after June 30, 2011.
- (e) For persons who become covered employees after June 30, 2006, the interest rate used to augment the deferred annuity is 2.5 percent interest compounded annually until June 30, 2011, or until the effective date of retirement, whichever is earlier, and two percent interest compounded annually after June 30, 2011.
- (f) If a person has more than one period of uninterrupted service, a separate average salary determined under section 354.44, subdivision 6, must be used for each period and the required reserves related to each period must be augmented as specified in this subdivision. The sum of the augmented required reserves is the present value of the annuity. For the purposes of this subdivision, "period of uninterrupted service" means a

period of covered teaching service during which the member has not been separated from active service for more than one fiscal year.

- (g) If a person repays a refund, the service restored by the repayment must be considered as continuous with the next period of service for which the person has allowable service credit in the Teachers Retirement Association.
- (h) If a person does not render teaching service in any one fiscal year or more consecutive fiscal years and then resumes teaching service, the formula percentages used from the date of the resumption of teaching service must be those applicable to new members.
- (i) The mortality table and interest <u>rate actuarial</u> assumption used to compute the annuity must be the applicable mortality table established by the board under section 354.07, subdivision 1, and the interest rate <u>actuarial</u> assumption under section 356.215 in effect when the member retires.
- (j) In no case may the annuity payable under this subdivision be less than the amount of annuity payable under section 354.44, subdivision 6.
- (k) The requirements and provisions for retirement before normal retirement age contained in section 354.44, subdivision 6, also apply to an employee fulfilling the requirements with a combination of service as provided in section 354.60.
- (1) The augmentation provided by this subdivision applies to the benefit provided in section 354.46, subdivision 2.
- (m) The augmentation provided by this subdivision does not apply to any period in which a person is on an approved leave of absence from an employer unit covered by the provisions of this chapter.
- (n) The retirement annuity or disability benefit of, or the survivor benefit payable on behalf of, a former teacher who terminated service before July 1, 1997, which is not first payable until after June 30, 1997, must be increased on an actuarial equivalent basis to reflect the change in the postretirement interest rate actuarial assumption under section 356.215, subdivision 8, from five percent to six percent under a calculation procedure and tables adopted by the board as recommended by an approved actuary and approved by the actuary retained under section 356.214.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2010.

- Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 354A.011, subdivision 15a, is amended to read:
- Subd. 15a. **Normal retirement age.** "Normal retirement age" means age 65 for a person who first became a member of the coordinated program of the St. Paul Teachers

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Retirement Fund Association or the new law coordinated program of the Duluth Teachers Retirement Fund Association or a member of a pension fund listed in section 356.30, subdivision 3, before July 1, 1989. For a person who first became a member of the coordinated program of the St. Paul Teachers Retirement Fund Association or the new law coordinated program of the Duluth Teachers Retirement Fund Association after June 30, 1989, normal retirement age means the higher of age 65 or retirement age, as defined in United States Code, title 42, section 416(l), as amended, but not to exceed age 66. For a person with 30 years of service, normal retirement age means age 62. For a person who is a member of the basic program of the St. Paul Teachers Retirement Fund Association or the old law coordinated program of the Duluth Teachers Retirement Fund Association, normal retirement age means the age at which a teacher becomes eligible for a normal retirement annuity computed upon meeting the age and service requirements specified in the applicable provisions of the articles of incorporation or bylaws of the respective teachers retirement fund association.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2011.

Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 354A.12, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Employee contributions.** (a) The contribution required to be paid
by each member of a teachers retirement fund association shall must not be less than the
percentage of total salary specified below for the applicable association and program:

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15.20	Association and Program	Percentage of Total Salary
15.21	Duluth Teachers Retirement Fund Association	
15.22	old law and new law	
15.23	coordinated programs	5.5 percent
15.24	(1) before July 1, 2011	5.5 percent
15.25	(2) after June 30, 2011, and before July 1, 2012	6 percent
15.26	(3) after June 30, 2012, and before July 1, 2013	6.5 percent
15.27	(4) after June 30, 2013, and before July 1, 2014	7 percent
15.28	(5) after June 30, 2014, and before July 1, 2015	7.5 percent
15.29 15.30	(6) unless paragraph (b) applies, after June 30, 2015, and before July 1, 2016	8.0 percent
15.31 15.32	(7) unless paragraph (b) applies, after June 30, 2016	8.5 percent
15.33	St. Paul Teachers Retirement Fund Association	
15.34	basic program	8 percent
15.35	coordinated program	5.5 percent
15.36	(8) before July 1, 2011	5.5 percent
15.37	(9) after June 30, 2011, and before July 1, 2012	6 percent
15.38	(10) after June 30, 2012, and before July 1, 2013	6.5 percent

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16.1	(11) after June 30, 2013, and before July 1, 2014	7 percent
16.2	(12) after June 30, 2014, and before July 1, 2015	7.5 percent
16.3	(13) unless paragraph (b) applies, after June 30,	
16.4	2015, and before July 1, 2016	8.0 percent
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16.6	<u>2016</u>	8.5 percent

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- (b) When an employee contribution rate changes for a fiscal year, the new contribution rate is effective for the entire salary paid for each employer unit with the first payroll cycle reported.
- (c) After July 1, 2017, a scheduled contribution increase under paragraph (a), clause (6), (7), (13), or (14), is suspended if the most recent actuarial valuation prepared under section 356.215 indicates that there is no contribution deficiency when the total employee contributions, employer contributions under subdivision 3, and direct state aid are compared to the actuarial required contributions of the retirement plan.
- (d) Contributions shall must be made by deduction from salary and must be remitted directly to the respective teachers retirement fund association at least once each month.

- Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2009 Supplement, section 354A.12, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:
 - Subd. 2a. **Employer regular and additional contributions.** (a) The employing units shall make the following employer contributions to teachers retirement fund associations:
 - (1) for any coordinated member of one of the following teachers retirement fund associations in a city of the first class, the employing unit shall make a regular employer contribution to the respective retirement fund association in an amount equal to the designated percentage of the salary of the coordinated member as provided below:

16.27 16.28	Duluth Teachers Retirement Fund Association	4.50 percent
16.29	(A) before July 1, 2011	4.5 percent
16.30 16.31	(B) after June 30, 2011, and before July 1, 2012	5 percent
16.32 16.33	(C) after June 30, 2012, and before July 1, 2013	5.5 percent
16.34 16.35	(D) after June 30, 2013, and before July 1, 2014	6 percent
16.36 16.37	(E) after June 30, 2014, and before July 1, 2015	6.5 percent

17.1	(F) unless clause (3) applies,		
17.2 17.3	after June 30, 2015, and before July 1, 2016	7.0 percent	
17.4	(G) unless clause (3) applies,		
17.5	after June 30, 2016	7.5 percent	
17.6 17.7	St. Paul Teachers Retirement Fund Association	4.50 percent	
17.7	(H) before July 1, 2011	4.5 percent	
17.9	(I) after June 30, 2011, and	<u>-</u>	
17.10	before July 1, 2012	5 percent	
17.11 17.12	(J) after June 30, 2012, and before July 1, 2013	5.5 percent	
17.13	(K) after June 30, 2013, and		
17.14 17.15	before July 1, 2014 (L) after June 30, 2014, and	<u>6 percent</u>	
17.15	before July 1, 2015	6.5 percent	
17.17	(M) unless clause (3) applies,		
17.18 17.19	after June 30, 2015, and before July 1, 2016	7.0 percent	
17.19	(N) unless clause (3) applies,	7.0 percent	
17.21	after June 30, 2016	7.5 percent	
17.22	(2) After July 1, 2017, a scheduled contribution increase under paragraph (a), clause		
17.23	(1), item (F), (G), (M), or (N), is suspended if the most recent actuarial valuation prepared		
17.24	under section 356.215 indicates that there is no contribution deficiency when the total		
17.25	employee contributions, employer contributions under subdivi	ision 3, and direct state aid	
17.26	are compared to the actuarial required contributions of the reti	rement plan;	
17.27	(3) for any basic member of the St. Paul Teachers Retire	ement Fund Association, the	
17.28	employing unit shall make a regular employer contribution to the respective retirement		
17.29	fund in an amount equal to 8.00 percent of the salary of the ba	asic member;	
17.30	(3) (4) for a basic member of the St. Paul Teachers Retirement Fund Association, the		
17.31	employing unit shall make an additional employer contributio	n to the respective fund in	
17.32	an amount equal to 3.64 percent of the salary of the basic mer	mber;	
17.33	(4) (5) for a coordinated member of a teachers retirement fund association in a city		
17.34	of the first class, the employing unit shall make an additional employer contribution to		
17.35	the respective fund in an amount equal to the applicable percentage of the coordinated		
17.36	member's salary, as provided below:		
17.37	Duluth Teachers Retirement		
17.38		.29 percent	
17.39 17.40	St. Paul Teachers Retirement Fund Association 3	.84 percent	

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18.1	(b) When an employer contribution rate changes for a fiscal year, the new		
18.2	contribution rate is effective for the entire salary paid for each employer unit with the		
18.3	first payroll cycle reported.		
18.4	(c) The regular and additional employer contributions must be remitted directly to		
18.5	the respective teachers retirement fund association at least once each month. Delinquent		
18.6	amounts are payable with interest under the procedure in subdivision 1a.		
18.7	(e) (d) Payments of regular and additional employer contributions for school district		
18.8	or technical college employees who are paid from normal operating funds must be made		
18.9	from the appropriate fund of the district or technical college.		
18.10	EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2010.		
18.11	Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 354A.12, is amended by adding a		
18.12	subdivision to read:		
18.13	Subd. 4a. Determination. (a) For purposes of this section, a contribution sufficiency		
18.14	exists if, for purposes of the applicable plan, the total of the employee contributions,		
18.15	the employer contributions, and any additional employer contributions, if applicable,		
18.16	exceeds the total of the normal cost, the administrative expenses, and the amortization		
18.17	contribution of the retirement plan as reported in the most recent actuarial valuation of the		
18.18	retirement plan prepared by the actuary retained under section 356.214 and prepared under		
18.19	section 356.215 and the standards for actuarial work of the Legislative Commission on		
18.20	Pensions and Retirement.		
18.21	(b) For purposes of this section, a contribution deficiency exists if, for the applicable		
18.22	plan, the total employee contributions, employer contributions, and any additional		
18.23	employer contributions are less than the total of the normal cost, the administrative		
18.24	expenses, and the amortization contribution of the retirement plan as reported in the most		
18.25	recent actuarial valuation of the retirement plan prepared by the actuary retained under		
18.26	section 356.214 and prepared under section 356.215 and the standards for actuarial work		
18.27	of the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement.		
18.28	EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2010.		
18.29	Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 354A.12, is amended by adding a		
18.30	subdivision to read:		
18.31	Subd. 4b. Contribution rate revision. Notwithstanding the contribution rate		
18.32	provisions stated in plan law, the employee and employer contribution rates must be		
18.33	adjusted:		

(1) if after July 1, 2017, the regular actuarial valuations of the applicable plan under section 356.215 indicate that there is a contribution sufficiency under subdivision 2 equal to or greater than 0.5 percent of covered payroll for two consecutive years, the employee and employer contribution rates for the applicable plan must be decreased as determined under subdivision 4 to a level such that the sufficiency equals no more than 0.25 percent of covered payroll based on the most recent actuarial valuation; or

(2) if after July 1, 2017, the regular actuarial valuations of the applicable plan under section 356.215 indicate that there is a deficiency equal to or greater than 0.5 percent of covered payroll for two consecutive years, the employee and employer contribution rates for the applicable plan must be increased as determined under subdivision 4 to a level such that no deficiency exists based on the most recent actuarial valuation.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2010.

Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 354A.12, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 4c. Reporting, commission review. (a) The contribution rate increase or decrease must be determined by the executive director of the Duluth Teachers Retirement Fund Association or the St. Paul Teachers Retirement Fund Association, and must be reported to the chair and the executive director of the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement on or before the next February 1, and, if the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement does not recommend against the rate change or does not recommend a modification in the rate change, is effective on the next July 1 following the determination by the executive director that a contribution deficiency or sufficiency has existed for two consecutive fiscal years based on the most recent actuarial valuations under section 356.215. If the actuarially required contribution exceeds or is less than the total support provided by the combined employee and employer contribution rates for the applicable plan by more than 0.5 percent of covered payroll, the applicable plan employee and employer contribution rates must be adjusted incrementally over one or more years to a level such that there remains a contribution sufficiency of no more than 0.25 percent of covered payroll.

(b) No incremental adjustment may exceed 0.25 percent of payroll for either the employee or employer contribution rates per year in which any adjustment is implemented. For an applicable plan, a contribution rate adjustment under this section must not be made until at least two years have passed since fully implementing a previous adjustment under this section.

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EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2010.

20.2	Sec. 20. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 354A.31, subdivision 4, is amended to read:		
20.3	Subd. 4. Computation of normal coordinated retirement annuity; St. Paul		
20.4	fund. (a) This subdivision applies to the coordinated program of the St. Paul Teachers		
20.5	Retirement Fund Association.		
20.6	(b) The normal coordinated retirement annuity is an amount equal to a retiring		
20.7	coordinated member's average salary under section 354A.011, subdivision 7a, multiplied		
20.8	by the retirement annuity formula percentage.		
20.9	(c) This paragraph, in conjunction with subdivision 6, applies to a person who first		
20.10	became a member or a member in a pension fund listed in section 356.30, subdivision 3,		
20.11	before July 1, 1989, unless paragraph (d), in conjunction with subdivision 7, produces a		
20.12	higher annuity amount, in which case paragraph (d) will apply. The retirement annuity		
20.13	formula percentage for purposes of this paragraph is the percent specified in section		
20.14	356.315, subdivision 1, per year for each year of coordinated service for the first ten years		
20.15	and the percent specified in section 356.315, subdivision 2, for each year of coordinated		
20.16	service thereafter. The average salary multiplied by the following retirement annuity		
20.17	formula percentage per year of allowable ser	rvice determines the amount of the annuity to	
20.18	which the member qualifying therefor is enti-	tled for service rendered before July 1, 2011:	
20.19 20.20	Each year of service during first ten years	the percent specified in section 356.315, subdivision 1, per year	
20.21 20.22	Each year of service thereafter	the percent specified in section 356.315, subdivision 2, per year	
20.23	For service rendered on or after July 1.	, 2011, the average salary multiplied by the	
20.24	following retirement annuity formula percen	tage per year of allowable service determines	
20.25	the amount of the annuity to which the mem	ber qualifying therefor is entitled:	
20.26 20.27	Each year of service during first ten years	the percent specified in section 356.315, subdivision 1a, per year	
20.28 20.29	Each year of service thereafter	the percent specified in section 356.315, subdivision 2b, per year	
20.30	(d) This paragraph applies to a person who has become at least 55 years old and who		
20.31	first becomes a member after June 30, 1989, and to any other member who has become		
20.32	at least 55 years old and whose annuity amount, when calculated under this paragraph		
20.33	and in conjunction with subdivision 7 is higher than it is when calculated under paragraph		
20.34	(c), in conjunction with the provisions of subdivision 6. The retirement annuity formula		
20.35	percentage for purposes of this paragraph is the percent specified in section 356.315,		
20.36	subdivision 2, for each year of coordinated service before July 1, 2011, and by the percent		

specified in section 356.315, subdivision 2c, for each year of service rendered after June 30, 2011. For a member who has 30 or more years of allowable service credit, the person's normal retirement age is age 62 and the age 55 minimum early reduced benefit retirement age does not apply to the person.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2011.

Sec. 21. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 354A.31, subdivision 4a, is amended to read:
Subd. 4a. Computation of normal coordinated retirement annuity; Duluth
fund. (a) This subdivision applies to the new law coordinated program of the Duluth

Teachers Retirement Fund Association.

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- (b) The normal coordinated retirement annuity is an amount equal to a retiring coordinated member's average salary under section 354A.011, subdivision 7a, multiplied by the retirement annuity formula percentage.
- (c) This paragraph, in conjunction with subdivision 6, applies to a person who first became a member or a member in a pension fund listed in section 356.30, subdivision 3, before July 1, 1989, unless paragraph (d), in conjunction with subdivision 7, produces a higher annuity amount, in which case paragraph (d) applies. The retirement annuity formula percentage for purposes of this paragraph is the percent specified in section 356.315, subdivision 1, per year for each year of coordinated service for the first ten years and the percent specified in section 356.315, subdivision 2, for each subsequent year of coordinated service. The average salary multiplied by the following retirement annuity formula percentage per year of allowable service determines the amount of the annuity to which the member qualifying therefor is entitled for service rendered before July 1, 2011:

Each year of service during first ten years
the percent specified in section 356.315, subdivision 1, per year

Each year of service thereafter

Each year of service thereafter
the percent specified in section 356.315, subdivision 2, per year

For service rendered on or after July 1, 2011, the average salary multiplied by the following retirement annuity formula percentage per year of allowable service determines the amount of the annuity to which the member qualifying therefor is entitled:

Each year of service during first ten years

the percent specified in section 356.315, subdivision 1a, per year

Each year of service thereafter

Each year of service thereafter

the percent specified in section 356.315, subdivision 2b, per year

(d) This paragraph applies to a person who is at least 55 years old and who first becomes a member after June 30, 1989, and to any other member who is at least 55 years old and whose annuity amount, when calculated under this paragraph and in conjunction

with subdivision 7, is higher than it is when calculated under paragraph (c) in conjunction with subdivision 6. The retirement annuity formula percentage for purposes of this paragraph is the percent specified in section 356.315, subdivision 2, for each year of coordinated service before July 1, 2011, and by the percent specified in section 356.315, subdivision 2c, for each year of service rendered after June 30, 2011. For a member who has 30 or more years of allowable service credit, the person's normal retirement age is age 62 and the age 55 minimum early reduced benefit retirement age does not apply to the person.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2011.

Sec. 22. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 354A.31, subdivision 7, is amended to read: Subd. 7. Actuarial reduction for early retirement. This subdivision applies to a person who has become at least 55 years old and first becomes a coordinated member after June 30, 1989, and to any other coordinated member who has become at least 55 years old and whose annuity is higher when calculated using the retirement annuity formula percentage in subdivision 4, paragraph (d), and subdivision 4a, paragraph (d), in conjunction with this subdivision than when calculated under subdivision 4, paragraph (c), or subdivision 4a, paragraph (c), in conjunction with subdivision 6. A coordinated member who retires before the full benefit age shall as defined by section 354A.011, subdivision 15a, must be paid the retirement annuity calculated using the retirement annuity formula percentage in subdivision 4, paragraph (d), or subdivision 4a, paragraph (d), reduced so that the reduced annuity is the actuarial equivalent of the annuity that would be payable to the member if the member deferred receipt of the annuity and the annuity amount were augmented at an annual rate of three percent compounded annually from the day the annuity begins to accrue until the normal retirement age if the employee became an employee before July 1, 2006, and at 2.5 percent compounded annually from the day the annuity begins to accrue until the normal retirement age if the person initially becomes a teacher after June 30, 2006. For a member who has 30 or more years of allowable service credit, the person's normal retirement age is age 62 and the age 55 minimum early reduced benefit retirement age does not apply to the person.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2011.

Sec. 23. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 356.315, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

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Subd. 2c. Certain coordinated members. The applicable benefit accrual rate is 2.1 percent.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2011.

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Sec. 24. Minnesota Statutes 2009 Supplement, section 356.415, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Annual postretirement adjustments**; generally. (a) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision 1a, 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 <u>amount</u> for at least one full month, an annual postretirement increase of 1/12 of 2.5 percent for each month <u>that</u> the person has been receiving an annuity or benefit must be applied, effective <u>on</u> January 1 following the <u>calendar</u> year in which the person has been retired for less than 12 months.
 - (b) The increases provided by this section 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, or 354.35 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, or age 62, 65, or normal retirement age, as selected by the member at retirement, for an annuity amount payable under section 354.35. A postretirement adjustment granted on the period certain retirement annuity must terminate when the period certain retirement annuity terminates.

Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2009 Supplement, section 356.415, is amended by adding 24.1 a subdivision to read: 24.2 Subd. 1a. Teachers Retirement Association annual postretirement adjustments. 24.3 (a) Retirement annuity, disability benefit, or survivor benefit recipients of the Teachers 24.4 Retirement Association are entitled to a postretirement adjustment annually on January 24.5 24.6 1, as follows: (1) for January 1, 2011, and January 1, 2012, no postretirement increase is payable; 24.7 (2) for January 1, 2013, and each successive January 1 until funding stability is 24.8 restored, a postretirement increase of two percent must be applied each year, effective on 24.9 January 1, to the monthly annuity or benefit amount of each annuitant or benefit recipient 24.10 who has been receiving an annuity or a benefit for at least 12 full months prior to the 24.11 24.12 January 1 increase; (3) for January 1, 2013, and each successive January 1 until funding stability is 24.13 restored, for each annuitant or benefit recipient who has been receiving an annuity or 24.14 24.15 a benefit for at least six full months, an annual postretirement increase of 1/12 of two percent for each month the person has been receiving an annuity or benefit must be 24.16 applied, effective January 1, following the year in which the person has been retired 24.17 for less than 12 months; 24.18 (4) for each January 1 following the restoration of funding stability, a postretirement 24.19 24.20 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 24.21 annuity or a benefit for at least 12 full months prior to the January 1 increase; and 24.22 24.23 (5) for each January 1 following the restoration of funding stability, for each annuitant or benefit recipient who has been receiving an annuity or a benefit for at least 24.24 six full months, an annual postretirement increase of 1/12 of 2.5 percent for each month 24.25 24.26 the person has been receiving an annuity or benefit must be applied, effective January 1, following the year in which the person has been retired for less than 12 months. 24.27 (b) Funding stability is restored when the market value of assets of the Teachers 24.28 Retirement Association equals or exceeds 90 percent of the actuarial accrued liabilities of 24.29 the Teachers Retirement Association in the most recent prior actuarial valuation prepared 24.30 under section 356.215 and the standards for actuarial work by the approved actuary 24.31 retained by the Teachers Retirement Association under section 356.214. 24.32 (c) An increase in annuity or benefit payments under this section must be made 24.33 automatically unless written notice is filed by the annuitant or benefit recipient with the 24.34 24.35 executive director of the Teachers Retirement Association requesting that the increase not be made. 24.36

(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 354.35 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, 65, or normal retirement age, as selected by the member at retirement, for an annuity amount payable under section 354.35. 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, 2010.

Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 356.47, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Payment.** (a) Beginning one year after the reemployment withholding period ends relating to the reemployment that gave rise to the limitation, and the filing of a written application, the retired member is entitled to the payment, in a lump sum, of the value of the person's amount under subdivision 2, plus <u>annual compound</u> interest-at. For the teachers retirement plan, the annual interest rate is six percent from the date on which the amount was deducted from the retirement annuity to the date of payment or until January 1, 2011, whichever is earlier, and no interest after January 1, 2011. For retirement plans governed by section 354A.31, subdivision 3, the annual interest is the compound annual rate of six percent from the date that the amount was deducted from the retirement annuity to the date of payment.

- (b) The written application must be on a form prescribed by the chief administrative officer of the applicable retirement plan.
- (c) If the retired member dies before the payment provided for in paragraph (a) is made, the amount is payable, upon written application, to the deceased person's surviving spouse, or if none, to the deceased person's designated beneficiary, or if none, to the deceased person's estate.
- (d) In lieu of the direct payment of the person's amount under subdivision 2, on or after the payment date under paragraph (a), if the federal Internal Revenue Code so permits, the retired member may elect to have all or any portion of the payment amount under this section paid in the form of a direct rollover to an eligible retirement plan as defined in section 402(c) of the federal Internal Revenue Code that is specified by the retired member. If the retired member dies with a balance remaining payable under this section, the surviving spouse of the retired member, or if none, the deceased person's

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designated beneficiary, or if none, the administrator of the deceased person's estate may

- elect a direct rollover under this paragraph.
- 26.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2010."
- 26.4 Amend the title accordingly