

**SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 4647**

A bill to amend 1980 PA 300, entitled
"The public school employees retirement act of 1979,"
by amending sections 41 and 131 (MCL 38.1341 and 38.1431), section
41 as amended by 2016 PA 136 and section 131 as amended by 2012 PA
300, and by adding section 133.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 41. (1) The annual level percentage of payroll
2 contribution rates to finance benefits being provided and to be
3 provided by the retirement system must be determined by actuarial
4 valuation under subsection (2) on the basis of the risk assumptions
5 that the retirement board and the department adopt after
6 consultation with the state treasurer and an actuary. An annual
7 actuarial valuation must be made of the retirement system to
8 determine the actuarial condition of the retirement system and the



1 required contribution to the retirement system. An annual actuarial
2 gain-loss experience study of the retirement system must be made to
3 determine the financial effect of variations of actual retirement
4 system experience from projected experience.

5 (2) Except as otherwise provided in section 41a, the annual
6 contribution rates for benefits is subject to all of the following:

7 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, the
8 contribution rate for benefits must be computed using an individual
9 projected benefit entry age normal cost method of valuation. If the
10 contributions described in section 43e are determined by a final
11 order of a court of competent jurisdiction for which all rights of
12 appeal have been exhausted to be unconstitutional and the
13 contributions are not deposited into the appropriate funding
14 account referenced in section 43e, the contribution rate for health
15 benefits provided under section 91 must be computed using a cash
16 disbursement method.

17 (b) The contribution rate for service likely to be rendered in
18 the current year, the normal cost contribution rate, for reporting
19 units must be determined as follows:

20 (i) Calculate the aggregate amount of individual projected
21 benefit entry age normal costs.

22 (ii) Divide the result of the calculation under subparagraph
23 (i) by 1% of the aggregate amount of active members' valuation
24 compensation.

25 (c) The contribution rate for unfunded service rendered before
26 the valuation date, the unfunded actuarial accrued liability
27 contribution rate, must be determined as follows:



1 (i) Calculate the aggregate amount of unfunded actuarial
2 accrued liabilities of reporting units as follows:

3 (A) Calculate the actuarial present value of benefits for
4 members attributable to reporting units.

5 (B) Calculate the actuarial present value of future normal
6 cost contributions of reporting units.

7 (C) Calculate the actuarial present value of assets on the
8 valuation date.

9 (D) Add the results of sub-subparagraphs (B) and (C).

10 (E) Subtract from the result of the calculation under sub-
11 subparagraph (A) the result from the calculation under sub-
12 subparagraph (D).

13 (ii) Divide the result of the calculation under subparagraph

14 (i) by 1% of the actuarial present value over a period not to
15 exceed 50 years of projected valuation compensation.

16 (d) Beginning with the state fiscal year ending September 30,
17 2013 and for each subsequent fiscal year, the unfunded actuarial
18 accrued liability contribution rate applied to payroll must not
19 exceed 20.96% for a reporting unit that is not a university
20 reporting unit. Any additional unfunded actuarial accrued liability
21 contributions as determined under this section for each fiscal year
22 are to be paid by appropriation from the **STATE** school aid fund
23 established by section 11 of article IX of the state constitution
24 of 1963. Except as otherwise provided in this section and section
25 41a, the unfunded actuarial accrued liability contribution rate
26 must be based on and applied to the combined payrolls of the
27 employees who are members ~~and~~**OR** qualified participants, **OR BOTH**.



1 (e) Beginning with the state fiscal year ending September 30,
2 2016 and for each subsequent state fiscal year, the unfunded
3 actuarial accrued liability contribution rate applied to the
4 combined payroll, as provided in section 41a, must not exceed
5 25.73% for a university reporting unit. Any additional unfunded
6 actuarial accrued liability contributions as determined under this
7 section for each fiscal year for university reporting units are to
8 be paid by appropriation under article III of the state school aid
9 act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1836 to ~~388.1893~~. **388.1891**.

10 (3) Before November 1 of each year, the executive secretary of
11 the retirement board shall certify to the director of the
12 department the aggregate compensation estimated to be paid public
13 school employees for the current state fiscal year.

14 (4) On the basis of the estimate under subsection (3), the
15 annual actuarial valuation, and any adjustment required under
16 subsection (6), the director of the department shall compute the
17 sum due and payable to the retirement system and shall certify this
18 amount to the reporting units.

19 (5) The reporting units shall pay the amount certified under
20 subsection (4) to the director of the department in equal payroll
21 cycle installments for unfunded actuarial accrued liability
22 contributions and payroll cycle installments for normal cost
23 contributions.

24 (6) Not later than 90 days after termination of each state
25 fiscal year, the executive secretary of the retirement board shall
26 certify to the director of the department and each reporting unit
27 the actual aggregate compensation paid to public school employees



1 during the preceding state fiscal year. On receipt of that
2 certification, the director of the department may compute any
3 adjustment required to the amount due to a difference between the
4 estimated and the actual aggregate compensation and the estimated
5 and the actual actuarial employer contribution rate. The
6 difference, if any, must be paid as provided in subsection (9).
7 This subsection does not apply in a fiscal year in which a deposit
8 occurs under subsection (14).

9 (7) The director of the department may require evidence of
10 correctness and may conduct an audit of the aggregate compensation
11 that the director of the department considers necessary to
12 establish its correctness.

13 (8) A reporting unit shall forward employee and employer
14 social security contributions and reports as required by the
15 federal old-age, survivors, disability, and hospital insurance
16 provisions of title II of the social security act, 42 USC 401 to
17 434.

18 (9) For an employer of an employee of a local public school
19 district or an intermediate school district, for differences
20 occurring in fiscal years beginning on or after October 1, 1993, a
21 minimum of 20% of the difference between the estimated and the
22 actual aggregate compensation and the estimated and the actual
23 actuarial employer contribution rate described in subsection (6),
24 if any, must be paid by that employer in the next succeeding state
25 fiscal year and a minimum of 25% of the remaining difference must
26 be paid by that employer in each of the following 4 state fiscal
27 years, or until 100% of the remaining difference is submitted,



1 whichever first occurs. For an employer of other public school
2 employees, for differences occurring in fiscal years beginning on
3 or after October 1, 1991, a minimum of 20% of the difference
4 between the estimated and the actual aggregate compensation and the
5 estimated and the actual actuarial employer contribution rate
6 described in subsection (6), if any, must be paid by that employer
7 in the next succeeding state fiscal year and a minimum of 25% of
8 the remaining difference must be paid by that employer in each of
9 the following 4 state fiscal years, or until 100% of the remaining
10 difference is submitted, whichever first occurs. In addition,
11 interest must be included for each year that a portion of the
12 remaining difference is carried forward. The interest rate must
13 equal the actuarially assumed rate of investment return for the
14 state fiscal year in which payment is made. This subsection does
15 not apply in a fiscal year in which a deposit occurs under
16 subsection (14).

17 (10) Beginning on September 30, 2006, all assets held by the
18 retirement system must be reassigned their fair market value, as
19 determined by the state treasurer, as of September 30, 2006, and in
20 calculating any unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities, any market
21 gains or losses incurred before September 30, 2006 may not be
22 considered by the retirement system's actuaries.

23 (11) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection,
24 beginning on September 30, 2006, the actuary used by the retirement
25 board shall assume a rate of return on investments of ~~8.00%~~ 8% per
26 annum, as of September 30, 2006, which rate may only be changed
27 with the approval of the retirement board and the director of the



1 department. ~~Beginning~~ **EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS**
 2 **SUBSECTION, BEGINNING** on July 1, 2010, the actuary used by the
 3 retirement board shall assume a rate of return on investments of
 4 ~~7.00%~~ **7%** per annum for investments associated with members who
 5 first became members after June 30, 2010, which rate may only be
 6 changed with the approval of the retirement board and the director
 7 of the department. **EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION,**
 8 **BEGINNING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2017, THE ACTUARY USED BY THE RETIREMENT**
 9 **BOARD SHALL ASSUME A RATE OF RETURN ON INVESTMENTS OF 7.25% PER**
 10 **ANNUM, AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2017, WHICH RATE MAY ONLY BE CHANGED**
 11 **WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE RETIREMENT BOARD AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE**
 12 **DEPARTMENT. BEGINNING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2017, THE ACTUARY USED BY**
 13 **THE RETIREMENT BOARD SHALL ASSUME A RATE OF RETURN ON INVESTMENTS**
 14 **OF 6.5% PER ANNUM FOR INVESTMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH MEMBERS WHO FIRST**
 15 **BECAME MEMBERS AFTER JUNE 30, 2010, WHICH RATE MAY ONLY BE CHANGED**
 16 **WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE RETIREMENT BOARD AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE**
 17 **DEPARTMENT.**

18 (12) Beginning on September 30, 2006, the value of assets used
 19 must be based on a method that spreads over a 5-year period the
 20 difference between actual and expected return occurring in each
 21 year after September 30, 2006, and the methodology may only be
 22 changed with the approval of the retirement board and the director
 23 of the department.

24 (13) Beginning on September 30, 2006, the actuary used by the
 25 retirement board shall use a salary increase assumption that
 26 projects annual salary increases of 4%. In addition to the 4%, the
 27 retirement board shall use an additional percentage based on an



1 age-related scale to reflect merit, longevity, and promotional
2 salary increase. The actuary shall use this assumption until a
3 change in the assumption is approved in writing by the retirement
4 board and the director of the department.

5 (14) For fiscal years that begin on or after October 1, 2001,
6 if the actuarial valuation prepared under this section demonstrates
7 that as of the beginning of a fiscal year, and after all credits
8 and transfers required by this act for the previous fiscal year
9 have been made, the sum of the actuarial value of assets and the
10 actuarial present value of future normal cost contributions exceeds
11 the actuarial present value of benefits, the amount based on the
12 annual level percent of payroll contribution rate under subsections
13 (1) and (2) may be deposited into the health advance funding
14 subaccount created by section 34.

15 (15) Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, if the
16 retirement board establishes an arrangement and fund as described
17 in section 6 of the public employee retirement benefit protection
18 act, 2002 PA 100, MCL 38.1686, the benefits that are required to be
19 paid from that fund must be paid from a portion of the employer
20 contributions described in this section or other eligible funds.
21 The retirement board shall determine the amount of the employer
22 contributions or other eligible funds that must be allocated to
23 that fund and deposit that amount in that fund before it deposits
24 any remaining employer contributions or other eligible funds in the
25 pension fund.

26 (16) As used in this section, "university reporting unit"
27 means a reporting unit that is a university listed in the



1 definition of public school employee under section 6.

2 Sec. 131. (1) This section is subject to the vesting
3 requirements of section 132.

4 (2) Unless a qualified participant who is also a member of
5 Tier 1 affirmatively elects not to contribute or elects to
6 contribute a lesser amount, the qualified participant who is also a
7 member of Tier 1 shall contribute 2% of his or her compensation to
8 his or her Tier 2 account. The qualified participant's employer
9 shall make a contribution to the qualified participant's Tier 2
10 account in an amount equal to 50% of the first 2% of compensation
11 contributed by the qualified participant under this subsection.

12 (3) A qualified participant may make contributions in addition
13 to contributions made under subsection (2) to his or her Tier 2
14 account as permitted by the department and the internal revenue
15 code.

16 (4) Upon the written determination of the director of the
17 office of retirement services, an employee of an employer that is
18 not a qualified participant may elect to make contributions to a
19 Tier 2 account as permitted by the department and the internal
20 revenue code. An employee as described in this subsection ~~shall be~~
21 **IS** treated as a qualified participant under this article for the
22 limited purposes of his or her Tier 2 account.

23 (5) ~~Upon~~ **SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (7), ON** the written
24 determination of the director of the office of retirement services,
25 an employer may annually elect to make additional matching
26 contributions, including those in addition to matching
27 contributions made under subsections (2) and (6), to an employee's



1 Tier 2 account as permitted by the plan document and the internal
 2 revenue code. ~~Matching~~ **SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (7), MATCHING**
 3 contributions under this subsection ~~shall~~ **MUST** be made in amounts
 4 equal to 50% of the contributions made by the employee not to
 5 exceed the first 4% of contributions made in whole percentages
 6 only, for any employee in addition to amounts that are already
 7 matched under this section, if any.

8 (6) ~~Except~~ **SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (7), EXCEPT** as otherwise
 9 provided in section 81d, unless a qualified participant who is only
 10 a Tier 2 qualified participant due to an election made under
 11 section 81d(1) affirmatively elects not to contribute or elects to
 12 contribute a lesser amount, the qualified participant shall
 13 contribute 6% of his or her compensation to his or her Tier 2
 14 account. ~~The~~ **SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (7), THE** qualified participant's
 15 employer shall make a contribution to the qualified participant's
 16 Tier 2 account in an amount equal to 50% of the first 6% of
 17 compensation contributed by the qualified participant under this
 18 subsection.

19 (7) **BEGINNING THE FIRST DAY OF THE PAY PERIOD THAT BEGINS**
 20 **AFTER SEPTEMBER 30, 2017, FOR A QUALIFIED PARTICIPANT WHO IS ONLY A**
 21 **TIER 2 QUALIFIED PARTICIPANT DUE TO AN ELECTION UNDER SECTION**
 22 **81D(1), ALL OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY:**

23 (A) **THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO THE QUALIFIED PARTICIPANT.**

24 (B) **THE QUALIFIED PARTICIPANT IS SUBJECT TO SECTION 133.**

25 **SEC. 133. (1) THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO THE VESTING**
 26 **REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 132.**

27 (2) **BEGINNING THE FIRST DAY OF THE PAY PERIOD THAT BEGINS**



1 AFTER SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 FOR A QUALIFIED PARTICIPANT WHO IS ONLY A
2 TIER 2 QUALIFIED PARTICIPANT DUE TO AN ELECTION UNDER SECTION
3 81D(1), ALL OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY:

4 (A) THE QUALIFIED PARTICIPANT'S EMPLOYER SHALL CONTRIBUTE TO
5 THE QUALIFIED PARTICIPANT'S ACCOUNT IN TIER 2 AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO 4%
6 OF THE QUALIFIED PARTICIPANT'S COMPENSATION.

7 (B) THE QUALIFIED PARTICIPANT MAY PERIODICALLY ELECT TO
8 CONTRIBUTE UP TO 3% OF HIS OR HER COMPENSATION TO HIS OR HER TIER 2
9 ACCOUNT. THE QUALIFIED PARTICIPANT'S EMPLOYER SHALL MAKE AN
10 ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE QUALIFIED PARTICIPANT'S TIER 2
11 ACCOUNT IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE CONTRIBUTION MADE BY THE
12 QUALIFIED PARTICIPANT UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION. ANY CONTRIBUTIONS
13 MADE BY AN EMPLOYER UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL BE PAID BY
14 APPROPRIATION FROM THE STATE SCHOOL AID FUND ESTABLISHED BY SECTION
15 11 OF ARTICLE IX OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION OF 1963.

16 (C) THE QUALIFIED PARTICIPANT MAY MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS IN
17 ADDITION TO CONTRIBUTIONS MADE UNDER SUBDIVISION (B) TO HIS OR HER
18 TIER 2 ACCOUNT AS PERMITTED BY THE STATE TREASURER AND THE INTERNAL
19 REVENUE CODE. THE QUALIFIED PARTICIPANT'S EMPLOYER SHALL NOT MATCH
20 CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY THE QUALIFIED PARTICIPANT UNDER THIS
21 SUBDIVISION.

