

411.40 Voluntary benefit programs.

The board of trustees may establish voluntary benefit programs for members subject to the following conditions:

1. The voluntary benefit programs may provide benefits including, but not limited to, retiree health benefits, long- term care, and life insurance.
2. Participation in the voluntary benefit programs by members shall be voluntary.
3. Contributions to the voluntary benefit programs shall be paid entirely by each participating member by means of payroll deduction. Cities employing members participating in voluntary benefit programs shall forward the amounts deducted to the board of trustees for deposit in the voluntary benefit fund.
4. The voluntary benefit programs and the voluntary benefit fund shall be administered under the direction of the board of trustees for the exclusive benefit of members paying contributions as provided in subsection 3.
5. The assets of the voluntary benefit programs shall be credited to the voluntary benefit fund, which is hereby created. The voluntary benefit fund shall include contributions deposited in accordance with subsection 3, and any interest and earnings on the contributions. The board of trustees shall annually establish an investment policy to govern the investment and reinvestment of the assets in the voluntary benefit fund. The voluntary benefit fund created under this section and the fire and police retirement fund created under section 411.8 shall not be used to subsidize any portion of the liabilities of the other fund.
6. The board of trustees shall include in its annual budget the amount of money necessary during the following year to provide for the expense of operation of the voluntary benefit programs. The operating expenses shall be paid from the voluntary benefit fund under the direction of the board of trustees.