

97B.17 Records maintained.

1. The system shall establish and maintain records of each member, including but not limited to the amount of wages of each member, the contributions made on behalf of each member with interest, interest dividends credited, beneficiary designations, and applications for benefits of any type. The records may be maintained in paper, magnetic, or electronic form, including optical disk storage, as set forth in [chapter 554D](#). The system may accept, but shall not require, electronic records and electronic signatures to the extent permitted under [chapter 554D](#). These records are the basis for the compilation of the retirement benefits provided under [this chapter](#).

2. The following records maintained under [this chapter](#) are not public records for the purposes of [chapter 22](#):

- a. Records containing social security numbers.
- b. Records specifying amounts accumulated in members' accounts and supplemental accounts.
- c. Records containing names or addresses of members or their beneficiaries.
- d. Records containing amounts of payments to members or their beneficiaries.
- e. Records containing financial or commercial information that relates to the investment of retirement system funds if the disclosure of such information could result in a loss to the retirement system or to the provider of the information.

3. Summary information concerning the demographics of the members and general statistical information concerning the retirement system are subject to [chapter 22](#), as well as aggregate information by category.

4. a. The system's records are evidence for the purpose of proceedings before the system or any court of the amounts of wages and the periods in which they were paid, and the absence of an entry as to a member's wages in the records for any period is evidence that wages were not paid that member in the period.

b. Notwithstanding any provisions of [chapter 22](#) to the contrary, the system's records may be released to any political subdivision, instrumentality, or other agency of the state solely for use in a civil or criminal law enforcement activity pursuant to the requirements of [this subsection](#). To obtain the records, the political subdivision, instrumentality, or agency shall, in writing, certify that the activity is authorized by law, provide a written description of the information desired, and describe the law enforcement activity for which the information is sought. The system shall not be civilly or criminally liable for the release or rerelease of records in accordance with [this subsection](#).

5. Confidential records of the system maintained for the operation of the retirement system may be released to the directors, agents, and employees of the legislative services agency, the department of revenue, the department of management, the department of administrative services, or an employer of employees covered by the retirement system pursuant to rules adopted by the system for the performance of the requestor's duties. To obtain a record under [this subsection](#), the person requesting the records shall provide a written description of the information requested and the reason for requesting the records to the system. A person receiving a record pursuant to [this subsection](#) shall maintain the confidentiality of any information otherwise required to be kept confidential and shall be subject to the same penalties as the custodian of the records for the public dissemination of such information.

[C46, 50, §97.25 – 97.27; C54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §97B.17]

88 Acts, ch 1242, §19; 92 Acts, ch 1201, §15; 96 Acts, ch 1187, §7, 8; 98 Acts, ch 1183, §14; 2000 Acts, ch 1077, §26; 2001 Acts, ch 68, §21, 24; 2002 Acts, ch 1135, §13; 2003 Acts, ch 35, §45, 49; 2003 Acts, ch 44, §30; 2003 Acts, ch 145, §286; 2004 Acts, ch 1103, §15