

**97B.7 Fund created — exclusive benefit — standing appropriations.**

1. There is hereby created as a special fund, separate and apart from all other public moneys or funds of this state, the "Iowa Public Employees' Retirement Fund", hereafter called the "*retirement fund*". The retirement fund shall consist of all moneys collected under this chapter, together with all interest, dividends, and rents thereon, and shall also include all securities or investment income and other assets acquired by and through the use of the moneys belonging to the retirement fund and any other moneys that have been paid into the retirement fund.

2. The treasurer of the state of Iowa is hereby made the custodian of the retirement fund and shall hold and disburse the retirement fund in accordance with the requirements of this chapter. As custodian, the treasurer shall be authorized to disburse moneys in the retirement fund upon warrants drawn by the director of the department of administrative services pursuant to the order of the system. The treasurer shall not select any bank or other third party for the purposes of investment asset safekeeping, other custody, or settlement services without prior consultation with the board.

3. All moneys which are paid or deposited into the fund are appropriated and made available to the system to be used for the exclusive benefit of the members and their beneficiaries or contingent annuitants as provided in this chapter:

a. To be used by the system for the payment of claims for benefits under this chapter.

b. To be used by the system to pay refunds provided for in this chapter.

c. To be used for the costs of administering the system, including up to fifty thousand dollars per fiscal year for actual and necessary expenses of the benefits advisory committee. If as a result of action under section 8.31, the governor has reduced the moneys appropriated from the retirement fund to the system for salaries, support, maintenance, and other operational purposes to pay the costs of the system for a fiscal year, it is the intent of the general assembly that the amount by which the appropriation has been reduced should be transferred from the retirement fund to the system for salaries, support, maintenance, and other operational purposes to pay the costs of the system for that fiscal year.

d. To be used to pay for investment management expenses incurred in the management of the retirement fund. Expenses incurred pursuant to this paragraph shall be charged to the investment income of the retirement fund.

[C46, 50, §97.5, 97.7; C54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §97B.7; 82 Acts, ch 1261, §10]

84 Acts, ch 1180, §9; 84 Acts, ch 1285, §3; 85 Acts, ch 190, §1; 85 Acts, ch 227, §7; 86 Acts, ch 1245, §253; 88 Acts, ch 1242, §11 – 13; 89 Acts, ch 83, §20; 92 Acts, ch 1201, §10; 94 Acts, ch 1001, §3; 96 Acts, ch 1187, §2, 3; 2001 Acts, ch 68, §10, 24; 2003 Acts, ch 145, §286; 2008 Acts, ch 1171, §23, 48