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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to public retirement systems and providing 2 effective and applicability dates.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA: 4 TLSB 5334YC 80

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DIVISION I PUBLIC SAFETY PEACE OFFICERS' RETIREMENT, ACCIDENT, AND DISABILITY SYSTEM Section 97A.4, Code 2003, is amended by adding Section 1. 5 the following new unnumbered paragraph:
6 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. Upon application by the member,
7 the board of trustees shall credit as service for a member of 1

8 the system a previous period of service as a member of a city 1 9 fire retirement system and police retirement system operating 1 10 under chapter 411 prior to January 1, 1992, for which service 1 11 was not eligible to be transferred to this system pursuant to 1 12 section 97A.17.

DIVISION II

IOWA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (IPERS) Sec. 2. Section 97B.1A, Code Supplement 2003, is amended 1 16 by adding the following new subsections:

1 17 <u>NEW SUBSECTION</u>. 10A. "Final average salary" means the 1 18 greater of the following:

1 19 a. A member's three=year average covered wage calculated 1 20 as of June 30, 2004, if applicable. 1 19

b. A member's five=year average covered wage.

1 22 NEW SUBSECTION. 11A. a. "Five=year average covered wage"
1 23 means, for a member who retires prior to July 1, 2008, a
1 24 member's covered wages averaged for the highest five years of 1 25 the member's service, except as otherwise provided in this 26 subsection. The highest five years of a member's covered 27 wages shall be determined using calendar years. However, if a 1 28 member's final quarter of a year of employment does not occur 1 29 at the end of a calendar year, the system may determine the 1 30 wages for the fifth year by computing the average quarter of 1 31 all quarters from the member's highest calendar year of 1 32 covered wages not being used in the selection of the four 33 highest years and using the computed average quarter for each 34 quarter in the fifth year in which no wages have been reported 1 35 in combination with the final quarter or quarters of the 1 member's service to create a full year. However, the system 2 shall not use the member's final quarter of wages if using 3 that quarter would reduce the member's five=year average 4 covered wage. Notwithstanding any other provision of this 5 paragraph to the contrary, a member's wages for the fifth year 6 as computed by this paragraph shall not exceed, by more than 7 three percent, the member's highest actual calendar year of

8 covered wages.
9 b. "Five=year average covered wage" means, for a member 2 10 who retires on or after July 1, 2008, the greater of the 2 11 member's covered wages averaged for a member's highest twenty 2 11 member's covered wages averaged for a member's highest twenty 2 12 consecutive quarters of service or the member's covered wages 2 13 averaged for a member's highest five calendar years of 2 14 service. The system shall adopt rules to implement this 2 15 paragraph in accordance with the requirements of this chapter 2 16 and the federal Internal Revenue Code.

2 17 Sec. 3. Section 97B.1A, subsection 22, Code Supplement 2 18 2003, is amended to read as follows:

2 19 22. "Special service" means service for an employer while 2 20 employed in a protection occupation as provided in section 2 21 97B.49B, and as a county sheriff, or deputy sheriff, or 2 22 airport fire fighter as provided in section 97B.49C. 2 23 Sec. 4. Section 97B.11, Code Supplement 2003, is amended 2 24 to read as follows: 2 25 97B.11 CONTRIBUTIONS BY EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE. Each employer shall deduct from the wages of each 2 26 2 27 member of the retirement system a contribution in the amount 28 of three and seven=tenths percent the applicable employee percentage of the covered wages paid by the employer, until 2 30 the member's termination from employment. The contributions 2 31 of the employer shall be in the amount of five and seventy-32 five hundredths percent the applicable employer percentage of 2 33 the covered wages of the member. 2. For purposes of this section, the "applicable employee percentage" is as follows: Prior to July 1, 2004, three and seven=tenths percent. Beginning on or after July 1, 2004, but before July 1, 2005,four and two=tenths percent. 4 2005, but before July 1, Beginning on or after July 1 C. 2006, four and seven=tenths percent. 6 Beginning on or after July 1, 2006, but before July 1, 2007five and two=tenths percent. 2007, but before July 1, 8 Beginning on or after July 1 five and seven=tenths percent. 2008, 2008, but before July 1, 3 10 Beginning on or after July 1, 2009,six and two=tenths percent. Beginning on or after July 3 12 2009, <u>but before July 1,</u> 2010, six and seven=tenths percent. Beginning on or after July 1, 2010, fifty percent of the total required percentage. 3 16 3. For purposes of this section, the "applicable employer percentage" is as follows: 3 18 Prior to July 1, 2008, five and seventy=five hundredths <u>a.</u> 19 percent. 3 20 Beginning on or after July 1, 2008, but before July 1, 2009, six and two=tenths percent. 3 22 Beginning on or after July 1 2009, but before July 1, 2010, six and seven=tenths percent.
d. Beginning on or after July 1, 2010, fifty percent of 24 the total required percentage. 4. For purposes of this section, the "total required 3 26 percentage" means the total of the applicable employee 28 percentage and the applicable employer percentage for the prior fiscal year unless any of the following applies: 30 a. If the system determines, based upon the most recent actuarial valuation of the retirement system, that the total required percentage for the prior fiscal year is insufficient 33 to amortize the unfunded actuarial liability of the retirement system within thirty years, the total required percentage for the next fiscal year shall be the lesser, as determined by the system's actuary, of the percentage rate needed to amortize the unfunded actuarial liability of the retirement system in thirty years or a percentage rate equal to one percentage 4 point over the total required percentage for the prior fiscal b. If the system determines, based upon the most recent actuarial valuation of the retirement system, that the total 8 required percentage for the prior fiscal year is sufficient to 9 amortize the unfunded actuarial liability of the retirement 0 system within ten years or less, the total required percentage for the next fiscal year shall be the greater, as determined by the system, of the following:

(1) One percentage point less than the total required percentage for the prior fiscal year. 4 15 (2) The percentage rate equal to the normal cost rate to pay benefits provided under this chapter plus that percentage necessary, but in no event less than seventy=five hundredths 18 of one percent, to amortize any unfunded actuarial liability 19 of the retirement system within ten years. The calculation of the total required percentage as provided by this subsection shall be done by the system based 22 upon the most recent actuarial valuation of the retirement System by the system's actuary.
Sec. 5. Section 97B.42, Code Supplement 2003, is amended 4 24 4 25 by adding the following new unnumbered paragraphs: 4 26 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. Notwithstanding any other 4 27 provision of this section, commencing July 1, 2005, a member 4 28 who is employed by a school district or area education agency 4 29 as an elementary or secondary school teacher may elect

4 30 coverage under the eligible alternative retirement benefits 4 31 system as provided in section 294.17, in lieu of continuing or 4 32 commencing contributions to the Iowa public employees' 33 retirement system. However, the employer's and employee's 34 annual contribution in dollars to the eligible alternative 35 retirement benefits system shall equal, but not exceed, the 1 annual contribution in dollars which the employer and employee 2 would contribute if the employee had elected to remain an 3 active member under this chapter, as set forth in section 5 4 97B.11. A member who elects coverage under the eligible 5 5 alternative retirement benefits system as provided by this 6 paragraph may withdraw the member's accumulated contributions 5 effective when coverage under the eligible alternative 8 retirement benefits system commences. A member who is 9 employed by a school district or area education agency as an 10 elementary or secondary school teacher prior to July 1, 2005, 11 must file an election for coverage under the eligible 12 alternative retirement benefits system described in section 5 13 294.17, with the system and the employing school district or 14 area education agency within eighteen months of the first day 15 on which coverage commences under the eligible alternative 5 16 retirement benefits system described in section 294.17, or the 5 17 employee shall remain a member under this chapter and shall 18 not be eligible to elect to participate in the eligible 19 alternative retirement benefits system at a later date. 5 20 person hired on or after July 1, 2005, by a school district or 5 21 area education agency as an elementary or secondary school 5 22 teacher must file an election for coverage under the eligible 5 23 alternative retirement benefits system with the system and the 24 employing school district or area education agency within 25 sixty days of commencing employment, or the employee shall 26 remain a member under this chapter and shall not be eligible 27 to elect to participate in the eligible alternative retirement 28 benefits system at a later date. The system shall cooperate 29 with the state board of education and with applicable school 30 districts and area education agencies to facilitate the 31 implementation of this provision.

5 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. Notwithstanding any other 33 provision of this section, commencing July 1, 2005, a member 34 who is employed by a public hospital as defined in section 35 249I.3 may elect coverage under the eligible alternative 1 retirement benefits system as provided in section 347.14 or 5 6 392.6, in lieu of continuing or commencing contributions to 6 3 the Iowa public employees' retirement system. However, the 6 employer's and employee's annual contribution in dollars to 5 the eligible alternative retirement benefits system shall 6 6 6 equal, but not exceed, the annual contribution in dollars which the employer and employee would contribute if the 6 8 employee had elected to remain an active member under this 6 9 chapter, as set forth in section 97B.11. A member who elects 10 coverage under the eligible alternative retirement benefits 11 system as provided by this paragraph may withdraw the member's 6 6 6 12 accumulated contributions effective when coverage under the 6 13 eligible alternative retirement benefits system commences. 6 14 member who is employed by a public hospital prior to July 1, 6 15 2005, must file an election for coverage under the eligible 6 16 alternative retirement benefits system described in section 6 17 347.14 or 392.6, with the system and the employing public 6 18 hospital within eighteen months of the first day on which 6 19 coverage commences under the eligible alternative retirement 6 20 benefits system described in section 347.14 or 392.6, or the 6 21 employee shall remain a member under this chapter and shall 6 22 not be eligible to elect to participate in the eligible 23 alternative retirement benefits system at a later date. 6 6 24 person hired on or after July 1, 2005, by a public hospital 6 25 must file an election for coverage under the eligible 6 26 alternative retirement benefits system with the system and the 6 27 employing public hospital within sixty days of commencing 6 28 employment, or the employee shall remain a member under this 6 29 chapter and shall not be eligible to elect to participate in 30 the eligible alternative retirement benefits system at a later In addition, an election by a member to participate in 6 32 an alternative retirement benefits system as provided by this 33 paragraph shall be irrevocable and the member shall not be 34 eligible to elect coverage under this chapter while employed 35 by a public hospital in this state that has made an 1 alternative retirement benefits system available. 2 shall cooperate with boards of trustees of public hospitals 3 authorized to offer an eligible alternative retirement 4 benefits system to facilitate the implementation of this 5 provision.

Section 97B.42A, Code Supplement 2003, is amended 7 by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 6. A person who is employed in a position 7 9 as an employee as defined in section 97B.1A, subsection 8, 7 10 paragraph "a", subparagraph (7), on July 1, 2004, and who has 7 11 elected out of coverage under this chapter prior to that date, 12 shall not become a member under the retirement system on July 13 1, 2004, unless, on or before August 31, 2004, the person 7 14 files an application with appropriate documentation to elect 7 15 coverage under this chapter. If a person elects coverage 7 16 under this chapter, the period of time from July 1, 2004, 7 17 until the date the person's election of coverage is effective 7 18 shall not constitute service for purposes of coverage under 19 this chapter. A decision to elect coverage under this chapter 7 20 under this subsection is irrevocable upon approval from the 7 21 system.

A person who becomes a member of the Iowa public employees' 23 retirement system pursuant to this subsection, and who has one 24 or more years of covered wages, may purchase credit, pursuant 25 to section 97B.80C, for one or more quarters of service prior 26 to July 1, 2004, in which the person was employed in a 27 position as described by section 97B.1A, subsection 8, 28 paragraph "a", subparagraph (7), but was not a member of the 29 retirement system.

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Section 97B.49A, subsection 3, Code Supplement Sec. 7. 2003, is amended to read as follows:

3. CALCULATION OF MONTHLY ALLOWANCE. For each active or inactive vested member retiring on or after July 1, 1994, 34 four or more complete years of service, a monthly benefit 35 shall be computed which is equal to one=twelfth of an amount 1 equal to the applicable percentage of the three-year average 2 covered wage member's final average salary multiplied by a 3 fraction of years of service. However, if benefits under this 4 section commence on an early retirement date, the amount of 5 the benefit shall be reduced in accordance with section 97B.50.

Sec. 8. Section 97B.49B, subsection 1, paragraph c, Code Supplement 2003, is amended to read as follows:

c. "Eligible service" means membership and prior service 8 10 in a protection occupation. In addition, for a member with 11 membership and prior service in a protection occupation 8 12 described in paragraph "e", subparagraph (2), eligible service 8 13 includes membership and prior service as a sheriff, or deputy 8 14 sheriff, or airport fire fighter as defined in section 8 15 97B.49C.

Section 97B.49B, subsection 1, paragraph e, Code Sec. 9. 8 17 Supplement 2003, is amended by adding the following new 18 subparagraphs:

NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. An airport fire fighter employed by (8) 8 20 the military division of the department of public defense.

NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (9) An employee covered by the merit 22 system as provided in chapter 8A, subchapter IV, whose primary 8 23 duty is providing security at Iowa national guard 8 24 installations and facilities and who carries or is licensed to 25 carry a firearm while performing those duties.

(10) A jailer or detention officer who NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. 27 performs duties as a jailer, including but not limited to the 28 transportation of inmates, is certified as having completed jailer training pursuant to chapter 80B, and is employed by a 8 29 8 30 county as a jailer.

Sec. 10. Section 97B.49B, subsection 2, Code Supplement 2003, is amended to read as follows:

2. CALCULATION OF MONTHLY ALLOWANCE. Notwithstanding 34 other provisions of this chapter, a member who is or has been 35 employed in a protection occupation who retires on or after July 1, 1994, and at the time of retirement is at least fifty= 2 five years of age may elect to receive, in lieu of the receipt of any benefits as calculated pursuant to section 97B.49A or 97B.49D, a monthly retirement allowance equal to one=twelfth 5 of an amount equal to the applicable percentage of the threeyear average covered wage member's final average salary as a member who has been employed in a protection occupation 8 multiplied by a fraction of years of service, with benefits

9 payable during the member's lifetime. Sec. 11. Section 97B.49B, subsection 3, paragraph b, Code

9 11 Supplement 2003, is amended by adding the following new 12 subparagraph: 13

NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (7) For the fiscal year commencing July 2004, and each succeeding fiscal year, there is 15 appropriated from the general fund of the state to the system,

9 16 from funds not otherwise appropriated, an amount necessary to

9 17 pay the employer share of the cost of the additional benefits 9 18 provided to airport fire fighters under this section. Sec. 12. Section 97B.49B, subsection 4, Code Supplement 9 20 2003, is amended to read as follows: 9 21 4. Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the 9 22 contrary, the three-year average covered wage final average 23 salary for a member retiring under this section whose years of 24 eligible service equals or exceeds twenty=two years of 9 25 eligible service for that member shall be determined by 9 26 calculating the member's eligible combined wage for each year 27 of eligible service. For purposes of this subsection, 9 28 "eligible combined wage" means the wages earned by the member 29 for each quarter year period from eligible service and from 30 covered employment that is not eligible service if at least 31 seventy=five percent of the wages earned was from eligible

9 32 service. Sec. 13. Section 97B.49C, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code Supplement 2003, is amended by striking the paragraph.

Sec. 14. Section 97B.49C, subsection 1, paragraph d, Code

Supplement 2003, is amended to read as follows:

d. "Eligible service" means membership and prior service as an airport fire fighter, a sheriff, and deputy sheriff under this section. In addition, eligible service includes membership and prior service as a marshal in a city not covered under chapter 400 or a fire fighter or police officer of a city not participating in the retirement systems established in chapter 410 or 411, and as an airport fire fighter prior to July 1, 1994.

Sec. 15. Section 97B.49C, subsection 2, Code Supplement

2003, is amended to read as follows:

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CALCULATION OF MONTHLY ALLOWANCE. 2.

a. Notwithstanding other provisions of this chapter, a 10 14 member who retires from employment as a sheriff, deputy 10 15 sheriff, or airport fire fighter on or after July 1, 1994, and before July 1, 2004, and at the time of retirement is at least fifty=five years of age may elect to receive, in lieu of the 10 18 receipt of any benefits as calculated pursuant to section 10 19 97B.49A or 97B.49D, a monthly retirement allowance equal to 10 20 one=twelfth of an amount equal to the applicable percentage of 10 21 the three=year average covered wage as a member who has been 10 22 employed in eligible service multiplied by a fraction of years 10 23 of service, with benefits payable during the member's 10 24 lifetime.

10 25 b. Notwithstanding other provisions of this chapter, a 26 member who retires from employment as a sheriff or deputy 10 27 sheriff on or after July 1, 2004, and at the time of 10 28 retirement is at least fifty years of age may elect to 10 29 receive, in lieu of the receipt of any benefits as calculated
10 30 pursuant to section 97B.49A or 97B.49D, a monthly retirement
10 31 allowance equal to one=twelfth of an amount equal to the 32 applicable percentage of the member's final average salary as 33 a member who has been employed in eligible service multiplied 10 34 by a fraction of years of service, with benefits payable

35 during the member's lifetime.

1 Sec. 16. Section 97B.49C, subsection 3, paragraph a, Code
2 Supplement 2003, is amended to read as follows:

a. Annually, the system shall actuarially determine the 4 cost of the additional benefits provided for members covered 5 under this section as a percentage of the covered wages of the 6 employees covered by this section. Sixty Fifty percent of the 7 cost shall be paid by the employers of employees covered under 8 this section and forty fifty percent of the cost shall be paid 9 by the employees. The employer and employee contributions 11 10 required under this paragraph are in addition to the

11 11 contributions paid under sections 97B.11 and 97B.11A. 11 12 However, the cost of including service as an airport fire 11 13 fighter prior to July 1, 1994, as eligible service under this 11 14 section shall not affect the contribution rates calculated and

-11 15 paid by the member or the employer under this section.

Sec. 17. Section 97B.49C, subsection 3, paragraph b, Code 11 17 Supplement 2003, is amended to read as follows:

11 18 b. (1) Annually, during each fiscal year commencing with 11 19 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1988, each county shall pay 11 20 to the system the amount necessary to pay the employer share 11 21 of the cost of the additional benefits provided to sheriffs 11 22 and deputy sheriffs.

11 23 (2) For the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1994, and each 11 24 succeeding fiscal year, there is appropriated from the general 25 fund of the state to the system, from funds not otherwise

11 26 appropriated, an amount necessary to pay the employer share of 11 27 the cost of the additional benefits provided to airport fire

11 28 fighters under this section. Sec. 18. Section 97B.49C, subsection 4, Code Supplement

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11 30 2003, is amended to read as follows:
11 31 4. Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the 11 32 contrary, the three-year average covered wage final average <u>33 salary</u> for a member retiring under this section whose years of 11 34 eligible service equals or exceeds twenty=two years of 11 35 eligible service for that member shall be determined by 1 calculating the member's eligible combined wage for each 2 quarter year of eligible service. For purposes of this 3 subsection, "eligible combined wage" means the wages earned by 4 the member for each quarter year period from eligible service 5 and from covered employment that is not eligible service if at least seventy=five percent of the wages earned was from eligible service.

Sec. 19. Section 97B.49D, subsection 1, paragraphs a, b, and c, Code Supplement 2003, are amended to read as follows:
 a. One=twelfth of an amount equal to the applicable

12 11 percentage of the member's three=year average covered wage 12 12 <u>final average salary</u> multiplied by a fraction of years of 12 13 service. The fraction of years of service for purposes of 12 14 this paragraph shall be the actual years of service, not to 12 15 exceed thirty, for which regular service contributions were 12 16 made, divided by thirty. However, any otherwise applicable 12 17 age reduction for early retirement shall apply to the 12 18 calculation under this paragraph.

b. One=twelfth of an amount equal to the applicable 12 20 percentage of the member's three-year average covered wage 12 21 <u>final average salary</u> multiplied by a fraction of years of 12 22 service. The fraction of years of service for purposes of 12 23 this paragraph shall be the actual years of service, not to 12 24 exceed the applicable years of service for the member as 12 25 defined in section 97B.49B, earned in a position described in 12 26 section 97B.49B, for which special service contributions were 12 27 made, divided by the applicable years of service for the 12 28 member as defined in section 97B.49B. In calculating the 12 29 fractions of years of service under the paragraph, a member 12 30 shall not receive special service credit for years of service 12 31 for which the member and the member's employer did not make 12 32 the required special service contributions to the system.

33 c. One=twelfth of an amount equal to the applicable 34 percentage of the member's three=year average covered wage 12 35 <u>final average salary</u> multiplied by a fraction of years of 13 1 service. The fraction of years of service for purposes of 2 this paragraph shall be the actual years of service, not to 3 exceed twenty=two, earned in a position described in section 4 97B.49C, for which special service contributions were made, 5 divided by twenty=two. In calculating the fractions of years 6 of service under this paragraph, a member shall not receive special service credit for years of service for which the 8 member and the member's employer did not make the required 9 special service contributions to the system.

13 10 Sec. 20. Section 97B.50, subsection 1, Code Supplement 13 11 2003, is amended to read as follows:

1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a vested 13 13 member who is at least fifty=five years of age, upon 13 14 retirement prior to the normal retirement date for that 13 15 member, is entitled to receive a monthly retirement allowance 13 16 determined in the same manner as provided for normal 13 17 retirement in sections 97B.49A, 97B.49E, and 97B.49G, reduced 13 18 as follows by the lesser of the following:

13 19 a. For a member who is less than sixty=two years of age, 13 20 by twenty=five Twenty=five hundredths of one percent per month 13 21 for each month that the early retirement date July 2004 13 22 precedes the member's normal retirement date.

b. For a member who is at least sixty=two years of age and 13 23 13 24 who has not completed twenty years of membership service and 13 25 prior service, by twenty=five hundredths of one percent per 13 26 month The actuarial cost to the system for each month that the 13 27 member's early retirement date precedes the member's normal 13 28 retirement date.

Sec. 21. Section 97B.50A, subsection 1, paragraph c, Code 13 30 Supplement 2003, is amended to read as follows:

c. "Reemployment comparison amount" means an amount equal 13 31 13 32 to the current covered wages of an active special service 13 33 member at the same position on the salary scale within the 13 34 rank or position the member held at the time the member 13 35 received a disability retirement allowance pursuant to this 14 1 section. If the rank or position held by the member at the 14 2 time of retirement pursuant to this section is abolished, the 3 amount shall be computed by the system as though the rank or

4 position had not been abolished and salary increases had been 14 5 granted on the same basis as granted to other ranks or 14 6 positions by the former employer of the member. 14 reemployment comparison amount shall not be less than the 14 8 three-year average covered wage final average salary of the 14 9 member, based on all regular and special service covered under 14 10 this chapter. Section 97B.50A, subsection 2, paragraph c, Code 14 11 Sec. 22. 14 12 Supplement 2003, is amended to read as follows: 14 13 c. Disease under this subsection shall mean means heart 14 14 disease or any disease of the lungs or respiratory tract and 14 13 shall be presumed to have been. A rebuttable presumption 14 16 arises that the disease was contracted while on active duty as 14 17 a result of strain, exposure, or the inhalation of noxious 14 18 fumes, poison, or gases. However, if a person's special 14 19 service membership in the retirement system first commenced on 14 20 or after July 1, 2000, and the heart disease or disease of the 14 21 lungs or respiratory tract would not exist, but for a medical 14 22 condition that was known to exist on the date that special 14 23 service membership commenced, the presumption established in 14 24 this paragraph shall not apply. Sec. 23. Section 97B.50A, subsection 2, paragraph d, Code 14 25 14 26 Supplement 2003, is amended to read as follows: 14 27 Upon retirement for an in=service disability as d. 14 28 provided by this subsection, a member shall have the option to 14 29 receive a monthly in=service disability retirement allowance 14 30 calculated under this subsection or a monthly retirement 14 31 allowance as provided in section 97B.49A, 97B.49B, 97B.49C 14 32 97B.49D, or 97B.49G, as applicable, that the member would 14 33 receive if the member had attained fifty=five years of age. 14 34 The monthly in=service disability allowance calculated under 14 35 this subsection shall consist of an allowance equal to one= 15 twelfth of sixty percent of the member's three=year average covered wage <u>final average salary</u> or its actuarial equivalent as provided under section 97B.51. -15 2 15 15 Sec. 24. Section 97B.50A, subsection 3, paragraph c, Code 15 Supplement 2003, is amended to read as follows: 15 Upon retirement for an ordinary disability as provided 15 7 by this subsection, a member shall receive the greater of a 15 8 monthly ordinary disability retirement allowance calculated 15 under this subsection or a monthly retirement allowance as 15 10 provided in section 97B.49A, 97B.49B, 97B.49C, 97B.49D, or 15 11 97B.49G, as applicable. The monthly ordinary disability 15 12 allowance calculated under this subsection shall consist of an 15 13 allowance equal to one=twelfth of fifty percent of the 15 14 member's three-year average covered wage final average salary or its actuarial equivalent as provided under section 97B.51. 15 15 15 16 Sec. 25. Section 97B.52, subsection 1, paragraph a, subparagraph (3), Code Supplement 2003, is amended to read as 15 17 15 18 follows: (3) For service as a sheriff, or deputy sheriff, or airport fire fighter, as provided in section 97B.49C, the 15 19 -15 20 15 21 applicable denominator is twenty=two. Section 97B.52A, subsection 1, paragraph c, Code 15 22 Sec. 26. 15 23 Supplement 2003, is amended to read as follows: 15 24 c. For a member whose first month of entitlement is July 15 25 2000 or later, the member does not return to any employment 15 26 with a covered employer until the member has qualified for at 15 27 least one calendar month of retirement benefits, and the 15 28 member does not return to covered employment until the member 15 29 has qualified for no fewer than four calendar months of 15 30 retirement benefits. For purposes of this paragraph, 15 31 effective July 1, 2000, any employment with a covered employer 15 32 does not include employment as an elective official or member 15 33 of the general assembly if the member is not covered under 15 34 this chapter for that employment. For purposes of this _15 paragraph, covered employment does not include employment by a 16 16 public hospital as defined in section 249I.3.
Sec. 27. Section 256.7, Code Supplement 2003, is amended 16 by adding the following new subsection: NEW SUBSECTION. 26. By July 1, 2005, provide for the 16 16 establishment of an eligible alternative retirement benefits 16 system for elementary and secondary school teachers employed 16 7 by a school district or area education agency consistent with the requirements of section 294.17. Sec. 28. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 294.17 16 NEW SECTION. 16 ELIGIBLE ALTERNATIVE PENSION AND ANNUITY RETIREMENT SYSTEM. 16 10 1. The state board of education shall establish an 16 11 16 12 eligible alternative pension and annuity retirement system, 16 13 hereafter called the "retirement system", effective July 1,

16 14 2005, for elementary and secondary school teachers employed by

16 15 a school district or area education agency pursuant to the 16 16 requirements of this section. The state board of education 16 17 shall be the plan sponsor of the retirement system and shall 16 18 file an application for a favorable determination letter for 16 19 the retirement system with the internal revenue service.

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2. The state board of education shall select a provider of 16 21 the retirement system that is a financial institution capable 16 22 of providing bundled services for the retirement system, 16 23 including, but not limited to, administration, investment 16 24 management, employee education, and recordkeeping. 16 25 selecting a provider, the state board of education shall place 16 26 primary emphasis on the reasonableness of services in relation 16 27 to cost, the ability and experience of the provider in 16 28 providing bundled retirement services to the educational 16 29 community, the financial stability of the provider, and the 16 30 ability of the provider to provide services as required by 16 31 this section.

3. To be an eligible alternative retirement benefits 16 33 system, the retirement system shall meet the following 16 34 requirements:

a. The retirement system shall be an employer=sponsored defined contribution plan requiring mandatory employer contributions that meet the requirements of section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

b. The employer's and employee's annual contribution in 5 dollars under an eligible alternative retirement benefits 6 system described in this section shall equal, but not exceed, the annual contribution in dollars which the employer 8 employee would contribute if the employee had elected to 9 remain an active member pursuant to the Iowa public employees' 17 10 retirement system, as set forth in section 97B.11. 17 11 Contributions under the retirement system shall be treated in 17 12 the same manner as contributions under the Iowa public 17 13 employees' retirement system are treated pursuant to section 97B.11A.

c. Employer and employee contributions under the 17 16 retirement system shall be fully vested immediately.

Upon termination of employment as an elementary or 17 18 secondary school teacher employed by a school district or area 17 19 education agency, the teacher shall be eligible to receive a 17 20 benefit payable in at least any of the following forms: 17 21 (1) Payment of all or part of the teacher's account

17 22 balance in the retirement system in a lump sum.

(2) Payment based on the teacher's account balance in the 17 24 retirement system in monthly, quarterly, or annual 17 25 installments over a fixed reasonable period of time, not 17 26 exceeding the life expectancy of the teacher and the teacher's 17 27 beneficiary, if applicable. 17 28 (3) Payment based on the teacher's account balance in the

17 29 form of a single life or joint life and survivorship annuity.

17 30 4. Persons employed by a school district or area education 17 31 agency as an elementary or secondary school teacher on or 17 32 after July 1, 2005, may elect coverage under the retirement 17 33 system established in this section in lieu of coverage under 17 34 the Iowa public employees' retirement system, pursuant to the 17 35 requirements of section 97B.42.

Section 347.14, Code 2003, is amended by adding Sec. 29.

the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 17. Provide an eligible alternative 4 retirement benefits system offered through the county hospital pursuant to this subsection which is issued by or through an insurance company authorized to issue annuity contracts in this state for persons employed by the county hospital in lieu 8 of coverage under the Iowa public employees' retirement system. For purposes of this paragraph, "eligible alternative 18 10 retirement benefits system" means an employer=sponsored 18 11 primary pension plan requiring mandatory employer contributions that meets the requirements of section 401(a), 401(k), 403(a), or 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code.

18 13 Sec. 30. Section 392.6, Code Supplement 2003, is amended

18 15 by adding the following new unnumbered paragraph:

18 16 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. The board of trustees may 18 17 provide an eligible alternative retirement benefits system 18 18 offered through the city hospital pursuant to this paragraph 18 19 which is issued by or through an insurance company authorized 18 20 to issue annuity contracts in this state for persons employed 18 21 by the city hospital in lieu of coverage under the Iowa public 18 22 employees' retirement system. For purposes of this paragraph, 18 23 "eligible alternative retirement benefits system" means an 18 24 employer=sponsored primary pension plan requiring mandatory 18 25 employer contributions that meets the requirements of section

18 26 401(a), 401(k), 403(a), or 403(b) of the Internal Revenue 18 27 Code. 18 28 18 29 Sec. 31. Section 411.6, subsection 7, paragraph c, Code 2003, is amended to read as follows: 18 30 c. Should a disability beneficiary under age fifty=five be 18 31 employed in a public safety occupation, the disability 18 32 beneficiary's retirement allowance shall cease. 18 33 Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, 34 if a disability beneficiary is employed in a public safety 35 occupation that would otherwise constitute membership service, 18 the disability beneficiary shall not become a member of the system. For purposes of this paragraph, "public safety 19 19 occupation" means a peace officer, as defined in section 19 19 97A.1; a protection occupation, as defined in section 97B.49B; 5 a sheriff, or deputy sheriff, or airport fire fighter, as 6 defined in section 97B.49C; and a police officer or fire 19 19 19 fighter as defined in section 411.1, who was not restored to active service as provided by this subsection. 19 8 Sec. 32. Section 724.6, subsection 2, Code 2003, is 19 19 10 amended to read as follows: 19 11 2. Notwithstanding subsection 1, fire fighters, as defined 19 12 in section 411.1, subsection 9, airport fire fighters included 19 13 under section 97B.49C 97B.49B, emergency rescue technicians, 19 14 and emergency medical care providers, as defined in section 19 15 147A.1, shall not, as a condition of employment, be required 19 16 to obtain a permit under this section. However, the 19 17 provisions of this subsection shall not apply to a person 19 18 designated as an arson investigator by the chief fire officer 19 19 of a political subdivision. 19 20 Sec. 33. EFFECTIVE DATE. The section of this Act amending 19 21 section 97B.52A, being deemed of immediate importance, takes 19 22 effect upon enactment. 19 23 DIVISION III 19 24 STATEWIDE FIRE AND POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM 19 25 Sec. 34. Section 411.6, subsection 5, paragraph c, Code 19 26 2003, is amended to read as follows: 19 27 c. Disease under this section shall mean means heart 19 28 disease or any disease of the lungs or respiratory tract and 19 29 shall be presumed to have been. A rebuttable presumption 19 27 19 30 arises that the disease was contracted while on active duty as 19 31 a result of strain or the inhalation of noxious fumes, poison 19 32 or gases. However, if a person's membership in the system 19 33 first commenced on or after July 1, 1992, and the heart 34 disease or disease of the lungs or respiratory tract would not 35 exist, but for a medical condition that was known to exist on 19 19 20 the date that membership commenced, the presumption 20 established in this paragraph shall not apply. Sec. 35. Section 411.6, subsection 12, paragraph d, Code 20 2.0 2003, is amended by striking the subsection. 20 5 Sec. 36. Section 411.8, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code 20 6 2003, is amended to read as follows: 20 On the basis of the rate of interest and of the 20 8 mortality, interest and other tables adopted by the system, the actuary engaged by the system to make each valuation 20 20 10 required by this chapter, shall immediately after making such 20 11 valuation, determine the "normal contribution rate". Except 20 12 as otherwise provided in this lettered paragraph, the normal 20 13 contribution rate shall be the rate percent of the earnable 20 14 compensation of all members obtained by deducting from the 20 15 total liabilities of the fund the amount of the funds in hand 16 to the credit of the fund and dividing the remainder by one 17 percent of the present value of the prospective future 20 18 compensation of all members that the actuary determines is 20 19 necessary, pursuant to the entry age normal actuarial cost 20 20 method, to amortize the unfunded actuarial liabilities of the 20 21 system within twenty=five years, as computed on the basis of 20 22 the rate of interest and of mortality and service tables 20 23 adopted, all reduced by the employee contribution made 20 24 pursuant to paragraph "f" of this subsection. However, -20 25 normal rate of contribution shall not be less than seventeen 20 26 percent. 20 27 Beginning July 1, 1996, and each fiscal year thereafter, 20 28 the normal contribution rate shall be the rate percent of the 20 29 earnable compensation of all members obtained by deducting 30 from the total liabilities of the fund the amount of the funds 20 31 in hand to the credit of the fund and dividing the remainder 20 32 by one percent of the present value of the prospective future 33 compensation of all members that the actuary determines is 20 34 necessary, pursuant to the entry age normal actuarial cost 20 35 method, to amortize the unfunded actuarial liabilities of the

1 system within twenty=five years, as computed on the basis of

2.1 2 the rate of interest and of mortality and service tables 21 3 adopted, multiplied by six=tenths, or seventeen percent, -21 whichever is greater. The normal rate of contribution shall be determined by the 21 2.1 actuary after each valuation. 6 21 Sec. 37. Section 411.15, Code 2003, is amended to read as 21 8 follows: 21 HOSPITALIZATION AND MEDICAL ATTENTION. 411.15 21 10 Cities shall provide pay, at no cost to members, for the 21 11 cost of any hospital, nursing, and medical attention for the 21 12 members of the police and fire departments of the cities, when 21 13 injured while in the performance of their duties as members of 21 14 such department, and shall continue to provide hospital, 21 15 nursing, and medical attention for injuries or diseases 21 16 incurred while in the performance of their duties for members 21 17 receiving a retirement allowance under section 411.6, 21 18 subsection 6. Cities may provide pay for the cost of the 21 19 hospital, nursing, and medical attention required by this 21 20 section through the purchase of insurance, by self=insuring 21 21 the obligation, or through payment of moneys into a local 21 22 government risk pool established for the purpose of covering 21 23 the costs associated with the requirements of this section. 21 24 The cost of providing paying for the hospital, nursing, and 21 25 medical attention required by this section shall be paid from 26 moneys held in a trust and agency fund established pursuant to 2.1 21 27 section 384.6, or out of the appropriation for the department 21 28 to which the injured person belongs or belonged; provided that
21 29 any amounts received by the injured person under the workers
21 30 compensation law of the state, or from any other source for -21 31 such specific purposes, shall be deducted from the amount paid 32 by the city under the provisions of this section. Sec. 38. Section 411.20, unnumbered paragraph 2, Code 21 33 21 34 2003, is amended by striking the unnumbered paragraph. Sec. 39. Section 411.36, subsection 1, paragraph c, Code 2003, is amended to read as follows: 21 35 22 22 c. A city treasurer, city financial officer, or city clerk 22 3 involved with the financial matters of the city from four 4 participating cities, one of whom is from a city having a 5 population of less than forty thousand, and three of 22 22 22 6 whom are from cities having a population of forty thirty thousand or more. The members authorized pursuant to this paragraph shall be appointed by the governing body of the Iowa 22 22 8 league of cities. 22 22 10 Sec. 40. Section 411.38, subsection 1, paragraph b, 22 11 unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2003, is amended to read as 22 12 follows: 22 13 Transfer from each terminated city fire or police 22 14 retirement system to the statewide system amounts sufficient 22 15 to cover the accrued liabilities of that terminated system as 22 16 determined by the actuary of the statewide system. The actuary of the statewide system shall redetermine the accrued liabilities of the terminated systems as necessary to take 22 17 22 18 22 19 into account additional amounts payable by the city which are 22 20 attributable to errors or omissions which occurred prior to 22 21 January 1, 1992, or to matters pending as of January 1, 22 22 If the actuary of the statewide system determines that the 22 23 assets transferred by a terminated system are insufficient to 22 24 fully fund the accrued liabilities of the terminated system as 22 25 determined by the actuary as of January 1, 1992, the 22 26 participating city shall pay to the statewide system an amount 22 27 equal to the unfunded liability plus interest for the period 22 28 beginning January 1, 1992, and ending with the date of payment 22 29 or the date of entry into an amortization agreement pursuant 22 30 to this section. Interest on the unfunded liability shall be 22 31 computed at a rate equal to the greater of the actuarial 22 32 interest rate assumption on investments of the moneys in the 22 33 fund or the actual investment earnings of the fund for the 22 34 applicable calendar year. <u>However, for unfunded liabilities</u> 22 35 discovered by the system on or after January 1, 2003, the 22 23 23 23 participating city shall not be charged interest but shall 2 only pay an amount equal to the unfunded liability. Th 3 participating city may enter into an agreement with the 23 4 statewide system to make additional annual contributions 23 5 sufficient to amortize the unfunded accrued liability of the terminated system. The terms of an amortization agreement shall be based upon the recommendation of the actuary of the 23 23 8 statewide system, and the agreement shall do each of the 23 9 following: Sec. 41. EFFECTIVE DATE == APPLICABILITY.
1. The sections of this Act amending Code section 411.8, 23 10

^{23 11} 23 12 subsection 1, and section 411.20, being deemed of immediate

23 13 importance, take effect upon enactment and shall be applicable 23 14 to contributions required to be made to the system on or after 23 15 July 1, 2004.
23 16 2. The section of this Act amending Code section 411.38,
23 17 subsection 1, being deemed of immediate importance, takes 23 18 effect upon enactment and is retroactively applicable to 23 19 January 1, 2003, and is applicable on and after that date.
23 20 DIVISION IV

DIVISION IV JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Sec. 42. Section 602.9104, Code Supplement 2003, is 23 22 23 23 amended to read as follows:

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602.9104 DEDUCTIONS FROM JUDGES' SALARIES == CONTRIBUTIONS 23 25 BY STATE.

23 26 1. a. A judge to whom this article applies shall be paid 23 27 an amount equal to ninety=five percent of the basic salary of A judge to whom this article applies shall be paid 23 28 the judge as set by the general assembly. An minus an amount 23 29 equal to five percent of the basic salary of the judge as set 23 30 by the general assembly is designated as the judge's required 23 31 contribution to the judicial retirement fund, and. The amount designated as the judge's required contribution shall be paid 33 by the state in the manner provided in subsection 2.

The state shall contribute annually to the judicial 23 34 retirement fund an amount equal to the state's required contribution for all judges covered under this article. The state's required contribution shall be appropriated directly 3 to the judicial retirement fund.

The amount designated in subsection 1 as the judge's 5 required contribution to the judicial retirement fund shall be 6 paid by the department of administrative services from the general fund of the state to the court administrator for 8 deposit with the treasurer of state to the credit of the 9 judicial retirement fund. Moneys in the fund are appropriated 24 10 for the payment of annuities, refunds, and allowances provided 24 11 by this article, except that the amount of the appropriations 24 12 affecting payment of annuities, refunds, and allowances to 24 13 judges of the municipal and superior court is limited to that 24 14 part of the fund accumulated for their benefit as provided in 24 15 this article. The corpus and income of the fund shall be used 24 16 only for the exclusive benefit of the judges covered under 24 17 this article, their survivors, or an alternate payee who is

- 24 18 assigned benefits pursuant to a domestic relations order.
 24 19 3. A judge covered under this article is deemed to consent to the reduction in basic salary as provided in subsection 1.
- 4. a. As used in this subsection section, unless the 24 22 context otherwise requires:

 $\frac{(1)}{a}$ "Actuarial valuation" means an actuarial valuation 24 24 of the judicial retirement system or an annual actuarial 24 25 update of an actuarial valuation, as required pursuant to 24 26 section 602.9116.

24 27 $\frac{(2)}{(2)}$ b. "Fully funded status" means that the most recent 24 28 actuarial valuation reflects that, using the projected unit "Fully funded status" means that the most recent 24 29 credit method in accordance with generally recognized and 24 30 accepted actuarial principles and practices set forth by the 24 31 American academy of actuaries, the funded status of the system 24 32 is at least one hundred percent.

24 33 "Judge's required contribution" means an amount equal 24 34 to the basic salary of the judge multiplied by the following

35 applicable percentage:
1 (1) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004, and ending

3 (2) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005, and ending 4 June 30, 2006, seven and two=tenths percent.
5 (3) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, and ending

24 34 to the basic salary of the judge multiplied by the following
24 35 applicable percentage:
25 1 (1) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004, and ending
25 2 June 30, 2005, five percent.
25 3 (2) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005, and ending
25 4 June 30, 2006, seven and two=tenths percent.
25 5 (3) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, and ending
25 6 June 30, 2007, ten percent.
25 7 (4) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and for
25 8 each subsequent fiscal year until the system attains fully
25 9 funded status based upon the benefits provided for judges
25 10 through the judicial retirement system as of July 1, 2001,
25 11 eleven and one=half percent.
25 12 (5) Commencing with the first fiscal year in which the
25 13 system attains fully funded status, based upon the benefits
25 14 provided for judges through the judicial retirement system as
25 15 of July 1, 2001, and for each subsequent fiscal year, the
25 17 contribution rate. 17 contribution rate.

(3) d. "Required contribution rate" means that percentage 25 19 of the basic salary of all judges covered under this article 25 20 which, in addition to the judge's contribution established in -21 subsection 1, the actuary of the system determines is 25 22 necessary to maintain fully funded status.

<u>"State's required contribution" means an amount equal</u>

to the basic salary of all judges covered under this article 25 25 multiplied by the following applicable percentage: (1) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004, and ending June 30, 2005, twenty=three and seven=tenths percent.

(2) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005, and ending (2) For the fiscal year beginning car.

June 30, 2006, twenty=one and one=half percent.

The fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, and ending (3) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 200 June 30, 2007, eighteen and seven=tenths percent. 25 30 25 31 25 32 (4) For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and for each subsequent fiscal year until the system attains fully 25 25 25 25 26 34 funded status based upon the benefits provided for judges 35 through the judicial retirement system as of July 1, 2001, <u>1 seventeen and two=tenths percent.</u> 26 2 (5) Commencing with the 11100 26 3 system attains fully funded status, based upon the penelics 26 4 provided for judges through the judicial retirement system as 26 5 of July 1, 2001, and for each subsequent fiscal year, the 26 6 percentage rate equal to sixty percent of the required 26 7 contribution rate. b. Effective with the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1994, -269 and for each subsequent fiscal year until the system attains 26 10 fully funded status, based upon the benefits provided for 26 11 judges through the judicial retirement system as of July 1, 26 12 2001, the state shall contribute annually to the judicial 26 13 retirement fund an amount equal to at least twenty=three and 26 14 seven-tenths percent of the basic salary of all judges covered -26 15 under this article. Commencing with the first fiscal year in -26 16 which the system attains fully funded status, based upon the -26 17 benefits provided for judges through the judicial retirement 26 18 system as of July 1, 2001, and for each subsequent fiscal -26 19 year, the state shall contribute to the judicial retirement -26 20 fund the required contribution rate. The state's contribution 26 21 shall be appropriated directly to the judicial retirement 26 22 fund. Section 602.9106, Code 2003, is amended to read 26 23 Sec. 43. 26 24 as follows: 26 25 26 26 RETIREMENT. 602.9106 Any person who shall have become separated from service as 26 27 a judge of any of the courts included in this article and who 26 28 has had an aggregate of at least $\frac{1}{1000}$ years of service as 26 29 a judge of one or more of such courts and shall have attained 26 30 the age of sixty=five years or who has had twenty=five years 26 31 of consecutive service as a judge of one or more of said 26 32 courts, and who shall have otherwise qualified as provided in 26 33 this article, shall be entitled to an annuity as hereinafter 26 34 provided. 26 35 Sec. 44. Section 602.9107, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code 2003, is amended to read as follows:
 a. (1) The annual annuity of a judge under this system is 27 27 27 3 an amount equal to three and one=half percent of the judge's 4 average annual basic salary for the judge's highest three 5 years as a judge of one or more of the courts included in this 27 27 27 6 article, multiplied by the judge's years of service as a judge 27 7 of one or more of the courts for which contributions were made 8 to the system. However, an annual annuity shall not exceed an 9 amount equal to a specified percentage of the highest basic 27 27 27 10 annual salary which the judge is receiving or had received as 27 11 of the time the judge became separated from service. 27 12 Forfeitures shall not be used to increase the annuities a 27 13 judge or survivor would otherwise receive under the system. 27 14 (2) For each judge who retires and receives an annuity on 27 15 or after July 1, 2004, and who has completed more than twenty 27 16 years of service, the annual annuity of a judge is an amount 17 equal to seventy percent of the judge's average annual basic 18 salary for the judge's highest three years as a judge of one 19 or more of the courts included in this article, plus an 27 20 additional one=fourth of one percentage point for each additional calendar quarter of eligible service beyond twenty years of service, not to exceed a total of five additional 27 23 percentage points. 27 24 Sec. 45. Secti Sec. 45. Section 602.9107, subsection 1, paragraph b, 27 25 subparagraph (4), Code 2003, is amended to read as follows: 27 26 (4) For judges who retire and receive an annuity on or 27 27 after July 1, 2001, but before July 1, 2004, the specified 27 28 percentage shall be sixty percent. 27 29 Sec. 46. Section 602.9107, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code 27 30 2003, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph: 27 31 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (5) For judges who retire and receive 27 32 an annuity on or after July 1, 2004, the specified percentage

Sec. 47. Section 602.9107C, subsection 1, Code 2003, is

27 33 shall be seventy percent.

27 35 amended to read as follows: 28 1. A judge under this system who has at least six four 28 2 years of service as a judge of any of the courts included in this article and who was a member of the Iowa public employees' retirement system as provided in chapter 97B, but 28 2.8 28 who was not retired under that system, upon submitting verification of membership and service in the Iowa public 28 6 28 employees' retirement system to the court administrator, including proof that the judge has no further claim upon a 28 retirement benefit from that public system, may make 2.8 28 10 contributions as provided by this section to the system either 28 11 for the entire period of service in the other public system, 28 12 or for partial service in the other public system in 28 13 increments of one or more calendar quarters, and receive 28 14 credit for that service under the system. 28 15 Sec. 48. Section 602.9108, Code 2003, is amended to read 28 16 as follows: 28 17 602.9108 INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTS == REFUNDING. 28 18 The amount designated as the judge's required contribution 28 19 to the judicial retirement fund in section 602.9104, 28 20 subsection 1, and all amounts paid into the fund by a judge 28 21 shall be credited to the individual account of the judge. 28 22 a judge covered under this article becomes separated from 28 23 service as a judge before the judge completes an aggregate of 28 24 six four years of service as a judge of one or more of the 28 25 courts, the total amount in the judge's individual account 28 26 shall be returned to the judge or the judge's legal 28 27 representatives within one year of the separation. 28 28 judge, who is covered under this article and who has completed 28 29 an aggregate of six four years or more of service as a judge 28 30 of one or more of the courts, dies before retirement, without 28 31 a survivor, the total amount in the judge's individual account 28 32 shall be paid in one sum to the judge's legal representatives 28 33 within one year of the judge's death. If an annuitant under 28 34 this section dies without a survivor, and without having 28 35 received in annuities an amount equal to the total amount in 2.9 1 the judge's individual account at the time of separation from service, the amount remaining to the annuitant's credit shall be paid in one sum to the annuitant's legal representatives 29 29 3 29 4 within one year of the annuitant's death. 29 Sec. 49. Section 602.9112, Code 2003, is amended to read 29 6 as follows: 29 602.9112 VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT FOR DISABILITY. 29 Any judge of the supreme, district or municipal court, 29 9 including a district associate judge, or a judge of the court 29 10 of appeals, who shall have served as a judge of one or more of 29 11 such courts for a period of $\frac{1}{2}$ years in the aggregate and who believes the judge has become permanently 29 29 13 incapacitated, physically or mentally, to perform the duties 29 14 of the judge's office may personally or by the judge's next 29 15 friend or guardian file with the court administrator a written 29 16 application for retirement. The application shall be filed in 29 17 duplicate and accompanied by an affidavit as to the duration 29 18 and particulars of the judge's service and the nature of the 29 19 The court administrator shall forthwith judge's incapacity. 29 20 transmit one copy of the application and affidavit to the 29 21 chief justice who shall request the attorney general in 29 22 writing to cause an investigation to be made relative to the 29 23 claimed incapacity and report back the results thereof in 29 24 writing. If the chief justice finds from the report of the 29 25 attorney general that the applicant is permanently 29 26 incapacitated, physically or mentally, to perform the duties 29 27 of the applicant's office the chief justice shall by 29 28 endorsement thereon declare the applicant retired, and the 29 29 office vacant, and shall file the report in the office of the 29 30 court administrator, and a copy in the office of the secretary 29 31 of state. From the date of such filing the applicant shall be 29 32 deemed retired from the applicant's office and entitled to the 29 33 benefits of this article to the same extent as if the 29 34 applicant had retired under the provisions of section 29 35 602.9106. 30 Sec. 50. Section 602.9116, subsection 1, Code 2003, is 30 amended to read as follows: 1. The court administrator shall cause an actuarial 30 30 4 valuation to be made of the assets and liabilities of the 5 judicial retirement fund at least once every four years 30 30 6 commencing with the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1981. 30 each fiscal year in which an actuarial valuation is not 30 conducted, the court administrator shall cause an annual

9 actuarial update to be prepared for the purpose of determining

30 10 the adequacy of the contribution rates specified in section

30 11 602.9104, subsection 4. The court administrator shall adopt 30 12 mortality tables and other necessary factors for use in the 30 13 actuarial calculations required for the valuation upon the 30 14 recommendation of the actuary. Following the actuarial 30 15 valuation or annual actuarial update, the court administrator 30 16 shall determine the condition of the system and shall report 30 17 its findings and recommendations to the general assembly. 30 18 Sec. 51. Section 602.11115, subsection 3, Code Supplement 2003, is amended to read as follows:
3. To commence coverage under the judicial retirement 30 20 30 21 system pursuant to article 9, part 1, retroactive to the date 30 22 the district associate judge became a district associate judge 30 23 or a full=time judicial magistrate, whichever was earlier, and 30 24 to cease to be a member of the Iowa public employees' 30 25 retirement system, effective July 1, 1984. The department of 30 26 administrative services shall transmit by January 1, 1985, to 30 27 the state court administrator for deposit in the judicial 30 28 retirement fund the district associate judge's accumulated 30 29 contributions as defined in section 97B.1A, subsection 2 for 30 30 the judge's period of membership service as a district 31 associate judge or full=time judicial magistrate, or both. 30 30 32 Before July 1, 1986, or at retirement previous to that date,

30 33 district associate judge who becomes a member of the judicial 34 retirement system pursuant to this subsection shall contribute 35 to the judicial retirement fund an amount equal to the 1 difference between four percent of the district associate judge's total basic salary for the entire period of service 3 before July 1, 1984, as a district associate judge or judicial 4 magistrate, or both, and the district associate judge's

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5 accumulated contributions transmitted by the department of 6 administrative services to the state court administrator The district associate judge's 7 pursuant to this subsection. 8 contribution shall not be limited to the amount specified in 31 9 section 602.9104, subsection 1, Code 1985. The state court 31 10 administrator shall credit a district associate judge with 31 11 service under the judicial retirement system for the period of 31 12 service for which contributions at the four percent level are 31 13 made.

Sec. 52. Section 602.11116, subsection 3, Code Supplement 31 15 2003, is amended to read as follows:

31 16 3. To commence membership under the judicial retirement 31 17 system pursuant to article 9, part 1, retroactive to the date 31 18 the associate juvenile judge or associate probate judge became 31 19 an associate juvenile judge or associate probate judge, and to 31 20 cease to be a member of the Iowa public employees' retirement 31 21 system, effective July 1, 1998. The department of 31 22 administrative services shall transmit by January 1, 1999, to 31 23 the state court administrator for deposit in the judicial 31 24 retirement fund the associate juvenile judge's or associate 31 25 probate judge's accumulated contributions as defined in 31 26 section 97B.1A, subsection 2, for the judge's period of 31 27 membership service as an associate juvenile judge or associate 31 28 probate judge. Before July 1, 2000, or at retirement previous 31 29 to that date, an associate juvenile judge or associate probate 31 30 judge who becomes a member of the judicial retirement system 31 31 pursuant to this subsection shall contribute to the judicial 31 32 retirement fund an amount equal to the difference between four 33 percent of the associate juvenile judge's or associate probate 34 judge's total salary received for the entire period of service 31 35 before July 1, 1998, as an associate juvenile judge or 1 associate probate judge, and the associate juvenile judge's or 2 associate probate judge's accumulated contributions 3 transmitted by the department of administrative services to 4 the state court administrator pursuant to this subsection. 5 The associate juvenile judge's or associate probate judge's 6 contribution shall not be limited to the amount specified in section 602.9104, subsection 1, Code 1999. The state court 8 administrator shall credit an associate juvenile judge or 32 9 associate probate judge with service under the judicial 32 10 retirement system for the period of service for which 32 11 contributions at the four percent level are made.

EXPLANATION This bill makes numerous changes to public retirement 32 14 systems, including the public safety peace officers' 32 15 retirement, accident, and disability system, the Iowa public 32 16 employees' retirement system, the statewide fire and police 32 17 retirement system, and the judicial retirement system. 32 18 bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code section 32 19 25B.3. The state mandate funding requirement in Code section 32 20 25B.2, however, does not apply to public employee retirement 32 21 systems. The changes to each public retirement system are as

32 22 follows: 32 23 PUBLIC SAFETY PEACE OFFICERS' RETIREMENT,

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32 24 ACCIDENT, AND DISABILITY SYSTEM (PORS)
32 25 Code section 97A.4 is amended to provide that a member of
32 26 PORS can have service credited under PORS for service in a 32 27 city fire and police retirement system operating under Code 32 28 chapter 411 prior to those systems' consolidation on January 32 29 1, 1992, if the person was not eligible to transfer that 32 30 service from the chapter 411 system to PORS.
32 31 IOWA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (IPERS)

The provisions of Code chapter 97B governing the 32 33 determination of a member's salary used in calculating a 32 34 retirement allowance are amended. The bill establishes that a 32 35 member's retirement allowance will be calculated based upon the greater of the member's three=year average covered wage if 2 calculated on June 30, 2004, or the member's five=year average 3 covered wage. Currently, a member's retirement allowance is calculated based upon the member's three=year average covered 5 wage.

6 Code section 97B.11, governing contributions to the 7 retirement fund, is amended. The bill increases, over a six=8 year period beginning July 1, 2004, contributions to the 9 system from the employer and employee. Currently, the 33 10 employer rate is 5.75 percent and the employee rate is 3.7 33 11 percent of a member's covered wages. The bill increases the 33 12 employer rate to 6.2 percent for the fiscal year beginning 33 13 July 1, 2008, and to 6.7 percent for the fiscal year beginning 33 14 July 1, 2009. The bill increases the employee percentage by 33 15 .5 percent each fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004, until the 33 16 rate reaches 6.7 percent beginning July 1, 2009. Beginning 33 17 July 1, 2010, contributions are calculated based upon the 33 18 total required percentage rate with employees paying 50 33 19 percent and employers 50 percent of the required rate. 33 20 bill provides that the total required percentage rate for a 33 21 fiscal year is the rate used in the prior year unless IPERS 33 22 determines that the rate should be modified. The bill 33 23 provides that if the total rate for the prior year is 33 24 insufficient to amortize the system's unfunded actuarial 33 25 liability within 30 years, the rate will increase to the 33 26 lesser of the rate needed to amortize the unfunded actuarial 33 27 liability in 30 years or one percentage point over the prior 33 28 year's total rate. On the other hand, the bill provides that 33 29 if the total rate for the prior year is sufficient to amortize 33 30 the system's unfunded actuarial liability in 10 years or less, 33 31 the rate will decrease to the greater of one percentage point 33 32 less than the prior year's total rate, or the rate equal to 33 33 the normal cost rate plus the greater of an additional .75 33 34 percent or such other percent as necessary to amortize any 33 35 unfunded liability of the system over 10 years.

1 Code sections 97B.42, 256.7, 347.14, 392.6, and new Code 2 section 294.17 provide for the establishment of alternative retirement benefits to those provided under the Iowa public 4 employees' retirement system (IPERS) for teachers and 5 employees of municipal and county hospitals. For teachers, the bill requires the state board of education to establish an alternative pension and annuity retirement system for 8 elementary and secondary school teachers employed by a school 9 district or area education agency. The bill provides, 34 10 effective July 1, 2005, that current teachers, and teachers 34 11 hired on or after July 1, 2005, have the option to elect to be 34 12 covered under IPERS or the alternative retirement system 34 13 within a specified time period. The bill establishes the 34 14 requirements for the alternative plan for teachers, including 34 15 the required payment options following a participant's 34 16 retirement. The bill requires that the plan be an employer= 34 17 sponsored defined contribution plan and that the contributions 34 18 to the plan be the same as the annual contributions that would 34 19 have been made to IPERS if the employee elected to remain in 34 20 IPERS. The bill provides that employer and employee 34 21 contributions are fully vested immediately. The bill 34 22 establishes the criteria for selecting the provider of the 34 23 alternative retirement system. The bill also authorizes the 34 24 establishment of an alternative retirement system for 34 25 employees of city and county hospitals which shall be issued 34 26 by the hospital through an insurance company authorized to 34 27 issue annuity contracts in this state. A hospital is not

34 28 required to establish an alternative retirement system under 34 29 the bill. The bill provides, effective July 1, 2005, that 34 30 current hospital employees, and employees hired on or after 34 31 July 1, 2005, have the option to elect to be covered under 34 32 IPERS or the alternative retirement system if the hospital has 34 33 established one. An election to participate in IPERS or the 34 34 alternative retirement system is irrevocable as to the The bill requires that the plan be an employer= 34 35 employee. sponsored defined contribution plan and that the contributions to the plan be the same as the annual contributions that would 3 have been made to IPERS if the employee elected to remain in 4 IPERS.

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Code section 97B.42A is amended to permit a city manager who is employed as a city manager as of July 1, 2004, and who has previously elected not to be covered under IPERS, 8 become a member of IPERS by filing an election with IPERS by 9 August 31, 2004. The change permits a city manager who elects 35 10 coverage under IPERS to purchase service for time the person 35 11 was employed as a city manager but had elected out of IPERS 35 12 coverage.

Code sections 97B.49B and 97B.49C are amended to transfer 35 14 airport fire fighters employed by the military division of the 35 15 department of public defense from the sheriffs and deputy 35 16 sheriffs' category under IPERS to the protection occupation 35 17 category. 35 18 Code s

Code section 97B.49B is also amended to add merit system 35 19 personnel whose primary duty is providing security at lowa 35 20 national guard facilities, and jailers and detention officers, 35 21 as members of a protection occupation for purposes of IPERS. 35 22 Code section 97B.49C, subsection 2, concerning the

35 22 Code section 97B.49C, subsection 2, concerning the 35 23 calculation of a retirement allowance for sheriffs and deputy 35 24 sheriffs under IPERS, is amended to provide for retirement at 35 25 age 50 instead of age 55.

Code section 97B.49C, subsection 3, concerning the 35 27 calculation of contributions payable for the sheriffs' 35 28 category under IPERS, is amended to provide that the cost of 35 29 additional benefits provided for members covered under this 35 30 section shall be paid on a 50=50 basis by employee members and 35 31 employers. Under current law, the cost of additional benefits 35 32 is paid 60 percent by the employer and 40 percent by the 35 33 employee member.

Code section 97B.50, concerning the calculation of a 35 35 member's retirement allowance for an early retirement, is also 36 1 amended. Currently, a member's retirement allowance is 2 reduced by .25 percent for each month the member retires prior 3 to the member's normal retirement date. The bill provides 4 that the reduction for an early retirement shall be the lesser 5 of .25 percent for each month that July 2004 precedes the 6 member's normal retirement date, or the actuarial cost to the system for each month that the member's early retirement date 8 precedes the member's normal retirement date.

Code section 97B.50A, concerning disability retirement for 36 10 certain special service members covered under IPERS, is 36 11 amended to provide that the presumption that heart disease or 36 12 disease of the lungs or respiratory tract is work related, 36 13 entitling the person to an accidental disability retirement 36 14 benefit, is rebuttable.

Code section 97B.52A, concerning bona fide retirement, is 36 16 amended to provide that a person who retires and receives a 36 17 retirement allowance under IPERS may return to covered 36 18 employment by a public hospital after having qualified for one 36 19 calendar month of retirement benefits and still receive 36 20 retirement benefits. Under current law, a person must wait 36 21 four months to return to employment covered by IPERS in order 36 22 to continue receiving a retirement allowance. This provision 36 23 takes effect upon enactment. 36 24 STATEWIDE FIRE ANI

STATEWIDE FIRE AND POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM Code section 411.6, subsection 5, providing for the 36 26 establishment of an accidental disability benefit, is amended. 36 27 Under current law, heart disease or disease of the lungs or 36 28 respiratory tract is presumed to be work=related, entitling 36 29 the person to an accidental disability retirement benefit. 36 30 The bill provides that the presumption created is rebuttable. 36 31 Code section 411.6, subsection 12, is amended by striking

36 32 the provision that a person receiving a pension under the 36 33 system is ineligible to receive the annual readjustment of the 34 person's pension unless the retiree had served at least 22 36 35 years and had reached at least age 55 at the time the person 1 retired. The bill provides that the annual readjustment 2 applies to all retirees under the system.

Code section 411.8, concerning the method of financing the 4 retirement system, is amended. The bill changes the method by which the system determines the normal contribution rate that is used in determining the contribution rate of cities. Current law provides that the rate shall be determined using

8 the aggregate cost actuarial method. The bill provides that

9 the system shall use the entry age normal actuarial cost 37 10 method to calculate a rate under that method that will 37 11 amortize the system's unfunded actuarial liabilities over 25 37 12 years. In addition, this section and section 411.20 are 37 13 amended to eliminate the cities' minimum 17 percent 37 14 contribution rate. The changes to this section and section 37 15 411.20 take effect upon enactment and apply to contributions 37 16 made to the system on or after July 1, 2004.

Code section 411.15, concerning hospitalization and medical 37 17 37 18 attention to members who are injured in the performance of 37 19 their duties, is amended. The bill provides that the cost of 37 20 medical attention shall be paid for by the city at no cost to 37 21 members. In addition, the bill requires that the cost of the 37 22 medical attention shall only be paid for out of the trust and 37 23 agency fund. Under current law, the cost of medical attention 37 24 can be paid from appropriations to the department to which the 37 25 injured person belongs and the cost of medical attention paid 37 26 by the city can be reduced by any amounts received from any 37 27 other source to pay for the medical attention.

Code section 411.36, concerning the membership of the board 37 28 37 29 of trustees of the four members representing cities, is 37 30 amended. Under current law, one of the four city finance 37 30 amended. 37 31 members shall come from a city under 40,000 and three shall 32 come from cities over 40,000. The bill changes this threshold 37 33 population to 30,000.

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Code section 411.38, subsection 2, concerning the 37 35 obligation of cities to pay any unfunded liabilities owned as of January 1, 1992, when the system was consolidated, is amended. The bill provides that no interest shall be 2 amended. 3 collected on any unfunded liabilities discovered on or after 4 January 1, 2003. Under current law, the city would be 5 required to pay interest on this liability. This section 6 takes effect upon enactment and is retroactively applicable to January 1, 2003.

JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Code section 602.9104, concerning contributions by judges 38 10 and the state to the judicial retirement fund, is amended. 38 11 Under current law, judges pay 5 percent of their salary and 38 12 the state pays 23.7 percent of all judges' salary to the fund 38 13 until the fund becomes fully funded based upon the benefits 38 14 provided judges as of July 1, 2001. The bill provides for a 38 15 modification in the percentages of salary paid by judges and 38 16 the state each fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004. 38 17 provides that judges will pay 5 percent of their salary for 38 18 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004, 7.2 percent of their 38 19 salary for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005, 10 percent 38 20 of their salary for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, 38 21 and 11.5 percent of their salary for the fiscal year beginning 38 22 July 1, 2007, and each fiscal year thereafter, until the fund 38 23 becomes fully funded based upon the benefits provided judges 38 24 as of July 1, 2001. Once the fund becomes fully funded, 38 25 judges will pay 40 percent of the percentage of pay necessary 38 26 to keep the fund fully funded. As for the state's 38 27 contribution, the bill provides that the state will pay 23.7 38 28 percent of total pay for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 38 29 2004, 21.5 percent of total pay for the fiscal year beginning 38 30 July 1, 2005, 18.7 percent of total pay for the fiscal year 38 31 beginning July 1, 2006, and 17.2 percent of total pay for the 38 32 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007, and each fiscal year 38 33 thereafter, until the fund becomes fully funded based upon the 38 34 benefits provided judges as of July 1, 2001. Once the fund 38 35 becomes fully funded, the state will pay 60 percent of the percentage of total pay necessary to keep the fund fully 2 funded.

3 Code section 602.9107, concerning the calculation of a 4 retirement annuity under the judicial retirement system, is 5 amended. The bill increases the percentage multiplier used in calculating a judge's retirement annuity from 3 percent to 3.5 6 percent for each year of service under the retirement system 8 and increases the maximum percentage of the judge's final 39 9 average salary used in calculating an annuity from 60 percent 39 10 to 70 percent for judges with 20 years of service or less who 39 11 retire on or after July 1, 2004. The bill also provides that 39 12 a judge with more than 20 years of service who retires on or 39 13 after July 1, 2004, can receive an additional .25 percent of 39 14 their final average salary for each quarter year of service 39 15 over 20 years, up to a maximum of five additional percentage 39 16 points.

39 17 The bill also reduces the vesting requirement for a judge 39 18 under the judicial retirement system from six years to four 39 19 years. Once a judge vests under the system, the judge is

- 39 20 eligible to obtain a retirement annuity. A judge who leaves 39 21 service prior to vesting receives only the contributions the 39 22 judge made to the system during that service. Covered judges 39 23 under the system generally include all appellate, district, 39 24 and district associate judges. The provisions of the bill 39 25 reducing the vesting requirement take effect upon enactment.

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