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# **HOUSE BILL NO. 155**

#### **102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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### AN ACT

To repeal sections 86.253, 86.254, 86.280, 86.283, 86.287, 104.130, 104.380, 104.1039, 169.070, 169.331, 169.560, and 169.596, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof twenty-four new sections relating to retirement systems.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Sections 86.253, 86.254, 86.280, 86.283, Section A. 86.287, 104.130, 104.380, 104.1039, 169.070, 169.331, 169.560, 2 3 and 169.596, RSMo, are repealed and twenty-four new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 86.253, 86.254, 4 5 86.280, 86.283, 86.287, 104.380, 104.1039, 168.082, 169.070, 169.331, 169.560, 169.596, 285.1000, 285.1005, 285.1010, 6 285.1015, 285.1020, 285.1025, 285.1030, 285.1035, 285.1040, 7 285.1045, 285.1050, and 285.1055, to read as follows: 8

86.253. 1. Upon termination of employment as a police 2 officer and actual retirement for service, a member shall receive a service retirement allowance which shall be an 3 4 amount equal to two percent of the member's average final compensation multiplied by the number of years of the 5 member's creditable service, up to twenty-five years, plus 6 7 an amount equal to four percent of the member's average final compensation for each year of creditable service in 8 excess of twenty-five years but not in excess of thirty 9 years; plus an additional five percent of the member's 10

## **EXPLANATION-Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

11 average final compensation for any creditable service in 12 excess of thirty years. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the 13 service retirement allowance of a member who does not earn any creditable service after August 11, 1999, shall not 14 15 exceed an amount equal to seventy percent of the member's average final compensation, and the service retirement 16 17 allowance of a member who earns creditable service on or 18 after August 12, 1999, shall not exceed an amount equal to 19 seventy-five percent of the member's average final 20 compensation; provided, however, that the service retirement allowance of a member who is participating in the DROP 21 pursuant to section 86.251 on August 12, 1999, who returns 22 23 to active participation in the system pursuant to section 86.251, and who terminates employment as a police officer 24 and actually retires for reasons other than death or 25 26 disability before earning at least two years of creditable 27 service after such return shall be the sum of (1) the member's service retirement allowance as of the date the 28 member entered DROP and (2) an additional service retirement 29 allowance based solely on the creditable service earned by 30 the member following the member's return to active 31 participation. The member's total years of creditable 32 service shall be taken into account for the purpose of 33 34 determining whether the additional allowance attributable to such additional creditable service is two percent, four 35 36 percent or five percent of the member's average final 37 compensation.

38 2. If, at any time since first becoming a member of 39 the retirement system, the member has served in the Armed 40 Forces of the United States, and has subsequently been 41 reinstated as a policeman within ninety days after the 42 member's discharge, the member shall be granted credit for

43 such service as if the member's service in the police department of such city had not been interrupted by the 44 45 member's induction into the Armed Forces of the United States. If earnable compensation is needed for such period 46 in computation of benefits it shall be calculated on the 47 basis of the compensation payable to the officers of the 48 49 member's rank during the period of the member's absence. 50 Notwithstanding any provision of sections 86.200 to 86.366 to the contrary, the retirement system governed by sections 51 52 86.200 to 86.366 shall be operated and administered in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Uniformed 53 Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994, as 54 55 amended.

3. The service retirement allowance of each present 56 and future retired member who terminated employment as a 57 police officer and actually retired from service after 58 59 attaining age fifty-five or after completing twenty years of creditable service shall be increased annually at a rate not 60 61 to exceed three percent as approved by the board of trustees beginning with the first increase in the second October 62 following the member's retirement and subsequent increases 63 in each October thereafter, provided that each increase is 64 subject to a determination by the board of trustees that the 65 consumer price index (United States City Average Index) as 66 published by the United States Department of Labor shows an 67 68 increase of not less than the approved rate during the latest twelve-month period for which the index is available 69 at the date of determination; and provided further, that if 70 the increase is in excess of the approved rate for any year, 71 72 such excess shall be accumulated as to any retired member and increases may be granted in subsequent years subject to 73 a maximum of three percent for each full year from October 74

75 following the member's retirement but not to exceed a total 76 percentage increase of thirty percent. In no event shall 77 the increase described under this subsection be applied to the amount, if any, paid to a member or surviving spouse of 78 a deceased member for services as a special consultant under 79 80 subsection 5 of this section [or, if applicable, subsection 6 of this section]. If the board of trustees determines 81 82 that the index has decreased for any year, the benefits of any retired member that have been increased shall be 83 84 decreased but not below the member's initial benefit. No annual increase shall be made of less than one percent and 85 no decrease of less than three percent except that any 86 87 decrease may be limited in amount by the initial benefit.

4. In addition to any other retirement allowance 88 payable under this section and section 86.250, a member, 89 90 upon termination of employment as police officer and actual 91 service retirement, may request payment of the total amount of the member's mandatory contributions to the retirement 92 system without interest. Upon receipt of such request, the 93 board shall pay the retired member such total amount of the 94 95 member's mandatory contributions to the retirement system to be paid pursuant to this subsection within sixty days after 96 97 such retired member's date of termination of employment as a 98 police officer and actual retirement.

99 5. Any person who is receiving retirement benefits 100 from the retirement system, upon application to the board of trustees, shall be made, constituted, appointed and employed 101 by the board of trustees as a special consultant on the 102 problems of retirement, aging and other matters, for the 103 104 remainder of the person's life or, in the case of a deceased 105 member's surviving spouse, until [the earlier of] the person's death [or remarriage], and upon request of the 106

107 board of trustees shall give opinions and be available to 108 give opinions in writing or orally, in response to such 109 requests, as may be required. For such services the special consultant shall be compensated monthly, in an amount which, 110 111 when added to any monthly retirement benefits being received 112 from the retirement system, including any cost-of-living increases under subsection 3 of this section, shall total 113 114 six hundred fifty dollars a month. This employment shall in no way affect any person's eligibility for retirement 115 116 benefits under this chapter, or in any way have the effect 117 of reducing retirement benefits, notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary. 118

86.254. 1. Beginning July 1, 1994, in addition to any 2 other annuity, benefits, or retirement allowance provided 3 pursuant to sections 86.200 to 86.366, each present and future retired member after attaining the age of sixty years 4 5 shall, upon application to the board of trustees, be made, constituted, appointed and employed by the board of trustees 6 as an advisor on the problems of retirement, aging and other 7 matters, for the remainder of the retired member's life, and 8 9 upon request of the board of trustees shall give opinions in writing or orally in response to such requests as may be 10 11 required.

12 2. For the performance of duties required in subsection 1 of this section, each retired member employed 13 as an advisor by the board of trustees shall be compensated 14 monthly in an amount of ten dollars per month multiplied by 15 the number of years the retired member is past the age of 16 sixty years. The compensation provided by this subsection 17 shall be adjusted annually. No funding shall be required 18 prior to the effective date of this benefit. 19

Beginning October 1, 1999, in addition to any other 20 3. 21 benefit provided to any surviving spouse pursuant to sections 86.200 to 86.366, each present and future surviving 22 spouse of a member after attaining the age of sixty years 23 shall upon application to the board of trustees, be made, 24 25 constituted, appointed and employed by the board of trustees as an advisor on the problems of retirement, aging and other 26 27 matters for the remainder of the surviving spouse's life [or 28 until the surviving spouse remarries, whichever is earlier], 29 and upon request of the board of trustees shall give opinions in writing or orally in response to such requests 30 as may be required. 31

4. For the performance of duties required in
subsection 3 of this section, each surviving spouse of a
member employed as an advisor by the board of trustees shall
be compensated monthly in an amount of ten dollars per month
multiplied by the number of years the surviving spouse is
past the age of sixty years. The compensation provided by
this subsection shall be adjusted annually.

86.280. Upon the receipt of proper proofs of the death of a member in service and provided no other benefits are payable under the retirement system, there shall be paid the following benefits:

5 (1) Effective October 1, 1999, a pension to the surviving spouse until the surviving spouse dies [or 6 remarries, whichever is earlier], of forty percent of the 7 deceased member's average final compensation plus fifteen 8 percent of such compensation to, or for the benefit of, each 9 unmarried dependent child of the deceased member, who is 10 either under the age of eighteen, or who, regardless of age, 11 is totally and permanently mentally or physically disabled 12

13 and incapacitated from engaging in gainful occupation 14 sufficient to support himself or herself;

15 (2) Any surviving spouse or unmarried dependent child receiving benefits pursuant to the provisions of this 16 section immediately prior to October 1, 1999, shall, upon 17 application to the board of trustees, be made, constituted, 18 appointed and employed by the board of trustees as a special 19 20 consultant on the problems of retirement, aging and other 21 matters while the surviving spouse or unmarried dependent 22 child is receiving such benefits, and upon request of the board of trustees shall give opinions in writing or orally 23 in response to such requests as may be required. Beginning 24 October 1, 1999, for such services as may be required, the 25 surviving spouse shall receive additional monthly 26 27 compensation in an amount equal to fifteen percent of the 28 deceased member's average final compensation, and there 29 shall be payable an additional monthly compensation of one hundred dollars or five percent of the member's average 30 31 final compensation, whichever is greater, for each unmarried dependent child of the member. The additional monthly 32 compensation payable to a surviving spouse pursuant to this 33 subdivision shall be adjusted for any cost-of-living 34 increases that apply, pursuant to subdivision (8) of this 35 36 section, to the benefit the surviving spouse was receiving 37 prior to October 1, 1999;

38 (3) If no surviving spouse benefits are payable
39 pursuant to subdivisions (1) and (2) of this section, such
40 total pension as would have been paid pursuant to
41 subdivisions (1) and (2) of this section had there been a
42 surviving spouse shall be divided among the unmarried
43 dependent children under age eighteen and such unmarried
44 dependent children, regardless of age, who are totally and

45 permanently mentally or physically disabled and incapacitated from engaging in a gainful occupation 46 sufficient to support themselves. The benefit shall be 47 divided equally among the eligible dependent children, and 48 49 the share of a child who is no longer eligible shall be 50 divided equally among the remaining eligible dependent children; provided that not more than one-half of the 51 52 surviving spouse's benefit shall be paid for one child;

(4) If there is no surviving spouse or dependent
children, the return of accumulated contributions to the
designated beneficiary as set forth in section 86.293;

(5) No benefits pursuant to this section shall be paid
to a child over eighteen years of age who is totally and
permanently disabled if such child is a patient or resident
of a public-supported institution, nor shall such benefits
be paid unless such disability occurred prior to such child
reaching the age of eighteen;

62 (6) Wherever any dependent child designated by the
63 board of trustees to receive benefits pursuant to this
64 section is in the care of the surviving spouse of the
65 deceased member, such benefits may be paid to such surviving
66 spouse for the child;

(7) Any benefit payable to, or for the benefit of, a 67 child or children under the age of eighteen years pursuant 68 to subdivisions (1) to (3) of this section shall continue to 69 70 be paid beyond the age of eighteen years through the age of twenty-two years if the child is a full-time student at a 71 regularly accredited college, business school, nursing 72 school, school for technical or vocational training, or 73 74 university, but such extended benefit shall cease whenever 75 the child ceases to be a student. A college or university shall be deemed to be regularly accredited which maintains 76

77 membership in good standing in a national or regional 78 accrediting agency recognized by any state college or 79 university;

80 (8) The benefits payable pursuant to this section to
81 the surviving spouse of a member who died in service after
82 attaining the age of fifty-five or completing twenty years
83 of creditable service shall be increased in the same
84 percentages and pursuant to the same method as is provided
85 in section 86.253 for adjustments in the service retirement
86 allowance of a retired member;

In the event a surviving spouse receiving death 87 (9) benefits as a result of a prior marriage to a deceased 88 member subsequently remarries another member who also 89 predeceases the surviving spouse, the surviving spouse shall 90 91 receive a single death benefit pension, which, upon 92 application to the board of trustees, shall be computed 93 under subdivision (1) of this section using the highest of the average final compensations of the deceased members to 94 which the surviving spouse was previously married; 95

96 (10)Beginning on August 28, 2023, any surviving spouse that had, prior to August 28, 2023, become ineligible 97 for benefits under subdivisions (1) and (2) of this section 98 99 as a result of remarrying shall, upon application to the 100 board of trustees, have reinstated all future benefits under subdivisions (1) and (2) of this section. Any such 101 reinstatement shall be as to future benefits only and shall 102 not be retroactive prior to August 28, 2023. 103

86.283. Upon receipt of proper proofs of the death of
a retired member who retired while in service, including
retirement for service, ordinary disability or accidental
disability, and provided no other benefits are payable from

5 the retirement system, there shall be paid the following 6 benefits:

Effective October 1, 1999, a pension to the 7 (1)8 surviving spouse until the surviving spouse dies [or 9 remarries, whichever is earlier], of forty percent of the 10 deceased member's average final compensation plus fifteen percent of such compensation to, or for the benefit of, each 11 12 unmarried dependent child of the deceased member, who is either under the age of eighteen, or who, regardless of age, 13 14 is totally and permanently mentally or physically disabled and incapacitated from engaging in a gainful occupation 15 sufficient to support himself or herself; 16

17 (2) Any surviving spouse or unmarried dependent child receiving benefits pursuant to this section immediately 18 prior to October 1, 1999, shall upon application to the 19 20 board of trustees be made, constituted, appointed and 21 employed by the board of trustees as a special consultant on the problems of retirement, aging and other matters while 22 the surviving spouse or unmarried dependent child is 23 receiving such benefits, and upon request of the board of 24 trustees shall give opinions in writing or orally in 25 response to such requests as may be required. Beginning 26 October 1, 1999, for such services as may be required, a 27 28 surviving spouse shall receive additional monthly 29 compensation equal to the amount which when added to the 30 benefits the surviving spouse was receiving pursuant to this section prior to October 1, 1999, determined without regard 31 to any increase applied to such benefits prior to October 1, 32 1999, pursuant to subdivision (8) of this section, will 33 increase the surviving spouse's total monthly payment 34 pursuant to this section to forty percent of the deceased 35 member's average final compensation, and there shall be 36

payable an additional monthly compensation of one hundred 37 dollars or five percent of the member's average final 38 39 compensation, whichever is greater, for each unmarried dependent child of the member. The additional monthly 40 compensation payable to a surviving spouse pursuant to this 41 42 subdivision shall be adjusted for any cost-of-living 43 increases that apply to the benefit the surviving spouse was 44 receiving prior to October 1, 1999;

45 If no surviving spouse benefits are payable (3) 46 pursuant to subdivisions (1) and (2) of this section, such total pension as would have been paid pursuant to 47 subdivisions (1) and (2) of this section had there been a 48 49 surviving spouse, determined without regard to any increase which would have applied to the surviving spouse's benefits 50 51 pursuant to subdivision (8) of this section, shall be divided among the unmarried dependent children under age 52 53 eighteen and unmarried dependent children, regardless of age, who are totally and permanently mentally or physically 54 disabled and incapacitated from engaging in a gainful 55 occupation sufficient to support themselves. 56 The benefit 57 shall be divided equally among the eligible dependent children, and the share of a child who is no longer eligible 58 59 shall be divided equally among the remaining eligible 60 dependent children; provided that not more than one-half of 61 the surviving spouse's benefits shall be paid for one child;

62 (4) No benefits pursuant to this section shall be paid
63 to a child over eighteen years of age who is totally and
64 permanently disabled if such child is a patient or resident
65 of a public-supported institution, nor shall such benefits
66 be paid unless such disability occurred prior to such child
67 reaching the age of eighteen;

68 (5) Whenever any dependent child designated by the
69 board of trustees to receive benefits pursuant to this
70 section is in the care of the surviving spouse of the
71 deceased member, such benefits may be paid to such surviving
72 spouse for the child;

(6) In the event of the death of a retired member receiving accidental disability benefits before such benefits have been paid for five years, the member's surviving spouse until the surviving spouse dies [or remarries, whichever is earlier], shall receive an additional pension of ten percent of the deceased member's final average compensation;

Any benefit payable to, or for the benefit of, a 80 (7) child or children under the age of eighteen years pursuant 81 82 to subdivisions (1) to (3) of this section shall continue to be paid beyond the age of eighteen years through the age of 83 84 twenty-two years if the child is a full-time student at a regularly accredited college, business school, nursing 85 school, school for technical or vocational training, or 86 university, but such extended benefit shall cease whenever 87 the child ceases to be a student. A college or university 88 89 shall be deemed to be regularly accredited which maintains 90 membership in good standing in a national or regional 91 accrediting agency recognized by any state college or 92 university;

93 (8) The benefits payable pursuant to this section to 94 the surviving spouse of a retired member who received or was 95 entitled to receive a service retirement allowance shall be 96 increased in the same percentages and pursuant to the same 97 method as is provided in section 86.253 for adjustments in 98 the service retirement allowance of a retired member;

In the event a surviving spouse receiving death 99 (9) 100 benefits as a result of a prior marriage to a deceased 101 member subsequently remarries another member who also predeceases the surviving spouse, the surviving spouse shall 102 103 receive a single death benefit pension, which, upon 104 application to the board of trustees, shall be computed under subdivision (1) of this section using the highest of 105 106 the average final compensations of the deceased members to 107 which the surviving spouse was previously married;

108 (10)Beginning on August 28, 2023, any surviving spouse that had, prior to August 28, 2023, become ineligible 109 for benefits under subdivisions (1), (2), and (6) of this 110 section as a result of remarrying shall, upon application to 111 the board of trustees, have reinstated all future benefits 112 113 under subdivisions (1), (2), and (6) of this section. Any 114 such reinstatement shall be as to future benefits only and 115 shall not be retroactive prior to August 28, 2023.

86.287. Upon the receipt by the board of trustees of
evidence and proof that the death of a member was the
natural and proximate result of an accident occurring at
some definite time and place while the member was in the
actual performance of duty and not caused by negligence on
the part of the member, there shall be paid in lieu of the
benefits pursuant to sections 86.280 to 86.283:

8 (1) Effective October 1, 1999, a pension to the 9 surviving spouse until the surviving spouse dies [or remarries, whichever is earlier], of seventy-five percent of 10 the deceased member's average final compensation plus 11 fifteen percent of such compensation to, or for the benefit 12 of, each unmarried dependent child of the deceased member, 13 who is either under the age of eighteen, or who, regardless 14 of age, is totally and permanently disabled and 15

16 incapacitated from engaging in a gainful occupation 17 sufficient to support himself or herself;

18 (2) Any surviving spouse or unmarried dependent child receiving benefits pursuant to this section immediately 19 prior to October 1, 1999, shall upon application to the 20 21 board of trustees be made, constituted, appointed and 22 employed by the board of trustees as a special consultant on 23 the problems of retirement, aging and other matters while 24 the surviving spouse or unmarried dependent child is 25 receiving such benefits, and upon request of the board of trustees shall give opinions in writing or orally in 26 response to such requests as may be required. Beginning 27 October 1, 1999, for such services as may be required, a 28 surviving spouse shall receive additional monthly 29 compensation equal to the amount which when added to the 30 31 benefits the surviving spouse was receiving pursuant to this 32 section prior to October 1, 1999, will increase the surviving spouse's total monthly benefit payment pursuant to 33 34 this section to seventy-five percent of the deceased member's average final compensation, and there shall be 35 payable an additional monthly compensation of one hundred 36 37 dollars or five percent of the member's average final compensation, whichever is greater, for each unmarried 38 39 dependent child of the member;

40 If no surviving spouse benefits are payable (3)41 pursuant to subdivisions (1) and (2) of this section, such 42 total pension as would have been paid pursuant to subdivisions (1) and (2) of this section had there been a 43 surviving spouse shall be divided among the unmarried 44 45 dependent children under age eighteen and such unmarried dependent children, regardless of age, who are totally and 46 permanently disabled and incapacitated from engaging in a 47

48 gainful occupation sufficient to support themselves. The 49 benefit shall be divided equally among the eligible 50 dependent children, and the share of a child who is no 51 longer eligible shall be divided equally among the remaining 52 eligible dependent children; provided that not more than one-53 half of the surviving spouse's benefit shall be paid for one 54 child;

(4) If there is no surviving spouse or unmarried dependent children of either class mentioned in subdivision (3) of this section, then an amount equal to the surviving spouse's benefit shall be paid to the member's dependent father or dependent mother to continue until remarriage or death;

61 (5) No benefits pursuant to this section shall be paid 62 to a child over eighteen years of age who is totally and 63 permanently disabled if such child is a patient or resident 64 of a public-supported institution, nor shall such benefits 65 be paid unless such disability occurred prior to such child 66 reaching the age of eighteen;

67 (6) Wherever any dependent child designated by the
68 board of trustees to receive benefits pursuant to this
69 section is in the care of the surviving spouse of the
70 deceased member, such benefits may be paid to such surviving
71 spouse for the child;

72 (7) Any benefit payable to, or for the benefit of, a 73 child or children under the age of eighteen years pursuant to subdivisions (1) to (3) of this section shall continue to 74 be paid beyond the age of eighteen years through the age of 75 twenty-two years in those cases where the child is a full-76 77 time student at a regularly accredited college, business school, nursing school, school for technical or vocational 78 training, or university, but such extended benefit shall 79

80 cease whenever the child ceases to be a student. A college 81 or university shall be deemed to be regularly accredited 82 which maintains membership in good standing in a national or 83 regional accrediting agency recognized by any state college 84 or university;

85 In the event a surviving spouse receiving death (8) benefits as a result of a prior marriage to a deceased 86 87 member subsequently remarries another member who also 88 predeceases the surviving spouse, the surviving spouse shall 89 receive a single death benefit pension, which, upon application to the board of trustees, shall be computed 90 under subdivision (1) of this section using the highest of 91 the average final compensations of the deceased members to 92 93 which the surviving spouse was previously married;

94 (9) Beginning on August 28, 2023, any surviving spouse 95 that had, prior to August 28, 2023, become ineligible for 96 benefits under subdivisions (1) and (2) of this section as a result of remarrying shall, upon application to the board of 97 trustees, have reinstated all future benefits under 98 99 subdivisions (1) and (2) of this section. Any such reinstatement shall be as to future benefits only and shall 100 101 not be retroactive prior to August 28, 2023.

104.380. 1. If a retired member is elected to any 2 state office or is appointed to any state office or is employed by a department in a position normally requiring 3 the performance by the person of duties during not less than 4 5 one thousand forty hours per year, the member shall not receive an annuity for any month or part of a month for 6 7 which the member serves as an officer or employee[, but] 8 except, notwithstanding the provisions of section 105.684 to 9 the contrary, those retired members serving as a member of

the general assembly under section 104.370 or an elected
state official under section 104.371.

12 2. Upon reemployment under subsection 1 of this section, the member shall be considered to be a new employee 13 with no previous creditable service and must accrue 14 creditable service continuously for at least one year in 15 order to receive any additional annuity. Any retired member 16 17 who again becomes an employee and who accrues additional creditable service and later retires shall receive an 18 19 additional amount of monthly annuity calculated to include only the creditable service and the average compensation 20 earned by the member since such employment or creditable 21 22 service earned as a member of the general assembly. Years of membership service and twelfths of a year are to be used 23 in calculating any additional annuity except for creditable 24 25 service earned as a member of the general assembly, and such 26 additional annuity shall be based on the type of service accrued. In either event, the original annuity and the 27 28 additional annuity, if any, shall be paid commencing with the end of the first month after the month during which the 29 member's term of office has been completed, or the member's 30 employment terminated. If a retired member is employed by a 31 department in a position that does not normally require the 32 33 person to perform duties during at least one thousand forty 34 hours per year, the member shall not be considered an 35 employee as defined pursuant to section 104.010. A retired 36 member who becomes reemployed as an employee on or after August 28, 2001, in a position covered by the Missouri 37 department of transportation and highway patrol employees' 38 39 retirement system shall not be eligible to receive retirement benefits or additional creditable service from 40 the state employees' retirement system. Annual benefit 41

42 increases paid under section 104.415 shall not accrue while a retired member is employed as described in this section 43 44 except, notwithstanding the provisions of section 105.684 to 45 the contrary, those retired members serving as a member of the general assembly under section 104.370 or an elected 46 47 state official under section 104.371. Any future annual benefit increases paid after the member terminates such 48 49 employment will be paid in the same month as the member's 50 original annual benefit increases were paid. Benefits paid 51 under subsection 3 of section 104.374 are not applicable to 52 any additional annuity paid under this section.

104.1039. If a retiree is employed as an employee by a 2 department, the retiree shall not receive an annuity payment 3 for any calendar month in which the retiree is so employed 4 except, notwithstanding the provisions of section 105.684 to 5 the contrary, those retirees serving as a member of the 6 general assembly or as a statewide elected official under section 104.1084. While reemployed the retiree shall be 7 8 considered to be a new employee with no previous credited service and must accrue credited service continuously for at 9 least one year in order to receive any additional annuity. 10 Such retiree shall receive an additional annuity in addition 11 to the original annuity, calculated based only on the 12 credited service and the pay earned by such retiree during 13 reemployment and paid in accordance with the annuity option 14 15 originally elected; provided such retiree who ceases to 16 receive an annuity pursuant to this section shall not receive such additional annuity if such retiree is employed 17 18 by a department in a position that is covered by a statesponsored defined benefit retirement plan not created 19 20 pursuant to this chapter. The original annuity and any additional annuity shall be paid commencing as of the end of 21

the first month after the month during which the retiree's reemployment terminates. Cost-of-living adjustments paid under section 104.1045 shall not accrue while a retiree is employed as described in this section except,

notwithstanding the provisions of section 105.684 to the contrary, those retirees serving as a member of the general assembly or as a statewide elected official under section 104.1084. Any future cost-of-living adjustments paid after the retiree terminates such employment will be paid in the same month as the retiree's original annual benefit increases were paid.

Any person who was employed as a speech 168.082. implementer before August 1, 2022, that is employed in a 2 3 position on or after August 28, 2023, as a speech-language 4 pathology assistant, shall be considered a speech 5 implementer for purposes of certification that the 6 department of elementary and secondary education required such person to hold before August 1, 2022, and for purposes 7 of consideration of Social Security coverage. Such person 8 9 shall not be considered a speech implementer, as described 10 in this section, when such person dies, retires, or no longer works in a speech-language pathology assistant 11 12 The term "speech-language pathology assistant" as position. 13 used in this section shall have the same meaning as such term is defined in section 345.015. 14

169.070. 1. The retirement allowance of a member whose age at retirement is sixty years or more and whose creditable service is five years or more, or whose sum of age and creditable service equals eighty years or more, or who has attained age fifty-five and whose creditable service is twenty-five years or more or whose creditable service is thirty years or more regardless of age, may be the sum of

8 the following items, not to exceed one hundred percent of 9 the member's final average salary:

10 (1) Two and five-tenths percent of the member's final
11 average salary for each year of membership service;

12 (2) Six-tenths of the amount payable for a year of
13 membership service for each year of prior service not
14 exceeding thirty years.

15 In lieu of the retirement allowance otherwise provided in 16 subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection, a member may 17 elect to receive a retirement allowance of:

18 (3) Two and four-tenths percent of the member's final 19 average salary for each year of membership service, if the 20 member's creditable service is twenty-nine years or more but 21 less than thirty years, and the member has not attained age 22 fifty-five;

(4) Two and thirty-five-hundredths percent of the member's final average salary for each year of membership service, if the member's creditable service is twenty-eight years or more but less than twenty-nine years, and the member has not attained age fifty-five;

(5) Two and three-tenths percent of the member's final average salary for each year of membership service, if the member's creditable service is twenty-seven years or more but less than twenty-eight years, and the member has not attained age fifty-five;

33 (6) Two and twenty-five-hundredths percent of the 34 member's final average salary for each year of membership 35 service, if the member's creditable service is twenty-six 36 years or more but less than twenty-seven years, and the 37 member has not attained age fifty-five;

38 (7) Two and two-tenths percent of the member's final 39 average salary for each year of membership service, if the 40 member's creditable service is twenty-five years or more but 41 less than twenty-six years, and the member has not attained 42 age fifty-five;

(8) [Between July 1, 2001, and July 1, 2014,] Two and
fifty-five hundredths percent of the member's final average
salary for each year of membership service, if the member's
creditable service is [thirty-one] thirty-two years or more
regardless of age.

In lieu of the retirement allowance provided in
subsection 1 of this section, a member whose age is sixty
years or more on September 28, 1975, may elect to have the
member's retirement allowance calculated as a sum of the
following items:

53 (1) Sixty cents plus one and five-tenths percent of 54 the member's final average salary for each year of 55 membership service;

56 (2) Six-tenths of the amount payable for a year of
57 membership service for each year of prior service not
58 exceeding thirty years;

59 (3) Three-fourths of one percent of the sum of
60 subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection for each month
61 of attained age in excess of sixty years but not in excess
62 of age sixty-five.

3. (1) In lieu of the retirement allowance provided
either in subsection 1 or 2 of this section, collectively
called "option 1", a member whose creditable service is
twenty-five years or more or who has attained the age of
fifty-five with five or more years of creditable service may
elect in the member's application for retirement to receive
the actuarial equivalent of the member's retirement

70 allowance in reduced monthly payments for life during 71 retirement with the provision that: 72 Option 2. Upon the member's death the reduced retirement 73 74 allowance shall be continued throughout the life 75 of and paid to such person as has an insurable interest in the life of the member as the member 76 shall have nominated in the member's election of 77 78 the option, and provided further that if the 79 person so nominated dies before the retired member, the retirement allowance will be 80 increased to the amount the retired member would 81 be receiving had the retired member elected 82 option 1; or 83 Option 3. 84 Upon the death of the member three-fourths of 85 86 the reduced retirement allowance shall be continued throughout the life of and paid to 87 88 such person as has an insurable interest in the life of the member and as the member shall have 89 90 nominated in an election of the option, and 91 provided further that if the person so nominated 92 dies before the retired member, the retirement 93 allowance will be increased to the amount the 94 retired member would be receiving had the member 95 elected option 1; or 96 Option 4. Upon the death of the member one-half of the 97 reduced retirement allowance shall be continued 98 99 throughout the life of, and paid to, such person 100 as has an insurable interest in the life of the 101 member and as the member shall have nominated in

102an election of the option, and provided further103that if the person so nominated dies before the104retired member, the retirement allowance shall105be increased to the amount the retired member106would be receiving had the member elected option1071; or

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#### Option 5.

109 Upon the death of the member prior to the member 110 having received one hundred twenty monthly 111 payments of the member's reduced allowance, the remainder of the one hundred twenty monthly 112 payments of the reduced allowance shall be paid 113 114 to such beneficiary as the member shall have nominated in the member's election of the option 115 or in a subsequent nomination. If there is no 116 117 beneficiary so nominated who survives the member 118 for the remainder of the one hundred twenty 119 monthly payments, the total of the remainder of 120 such one hundred twenty monthly payments shall be paid to the surviving spouse, surviving 121 children in equal shares, surviving parents in 122 equal shares, or estate of the last person, in 123 that order of precedence, to receive a monthly 124 125 allowance in a lump sum payment. If the total 126 of the one hundred twenty payments paid to the retired individual and the beneficiary of the 127 retired individual is less than the total of the 128 member's accumulated contributions, the 129 130 difference shall be paid to the beneficiary in a 131 lump sum; or

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Option 6.

133 Upon the death of the member prior to the member 134 having received sixty monthly payments of the 135 member's reduced allowance, the remainder of the sixty monthly payments of the reduced allowance 136 137 shall be paid to such beneficiary as the member 138 shall have nominated in the member's election of the option or in a subsequent nomination. 139 Τf 140 there is no beneficiary so nominated who survives the member for the remainder of the 141 142 sixty monthly payments, the total of the remainder of such sixty monthly payments shall 143 be paid to the surviving spouse, surviving 144 children in equal shares, surviving parents in 145 equal shares, or estate of the last person, in 146 147 that order of precedence, to receive a monthly 148 allowance in a lump sum payment. If the total 149 of the sixty payments paid to the retired individual and the beneficiary of the retired 150 individual is less than the total of the 151 member's accumulated contributions, the 152 difference shall be paid to the beneficiary in a 153 154 lump sum.

(2) The election of an option may be made only in the
application for retirement and such application must be
filed prior to the date on which the retirement of the
member is to be effective. If either the member or the
person nominated to receive the survivorship payments dies
before the effective date of retirement, the option shall
not be effective, provided that:

(a) If the member or a person retired on disability
retirement dies after acquiring twenty-five or more years of
creditable service or after attaining the age of fifty-five

165 years and acquiring five or more years of creditable service 166 and before retirement, except retirement with disability 167 benefits, and the person named by the member as the member's beneficiary has an insurable interest in the life of the 168 169 deceased member, the designated beneficiary may elect to 170 receive either survivorship benefits under option 2 or a payment of the accumulated contributions of the member. 171 If 172 survivorship benefits under option 2 are elected and the 173 member at the time of death would have been eligible to 174 receive an actuarial equivalent of the member's retirement 175 allowance, the designated beneficiary may further elect to 176 defer the option 2 payments until the date the member would have been eligible to receive the retirement allowance 177 178 provided in subsection 1 or 2 of this section;

179 If the member or a person retired on disability (b) 180 retirement dies before attaining age fifty-five but after 181 acquiring five but fewer than twenty-five years of creditable service, and the person named as the member's 182 beneficiary has an insurable interest in the life of the 183 deceased member, the designated beneficiary may elect to 184 receive either a payment of the member's accumulated 185 contributions, or survivorship benefits under option 2 to 186 begin on the date the member would first have been eligible 187 188 to receive an actuarial equivalent of the member's 189 retirement allowance, or to begin on the date the member 190 would first have been eligible to receive the retirement allowance provided in subsection 1 or 2 of this section. 191

4. If the total of the retirement or disability
allowance paid to an individual before the death of the
individual is less than the accumulated contributions at the
time of retirement, the difference shall be paid to the
beneficiary of the individual, or to the surviving spouse,

surviving children in equal shares, surviving parents in 197 198 equal shares, or estate of the individual in that order of 199 precedence. If an optional benefit as provided in option 2, 3 or 4 in subsection 3 of this section had been elected, and 200 201 the beneficiary dies after receiving the optional benefit, 202 and if the total retirement allowance paid to the retired individual and the beneficiary of the retired individual is 203 204 less than the total of the contributions, the difference 205 shall be paid to the surviving spouse, surviving children in 206 equal shares, surviving parents in equal shares, or estate 207 of the beneficiary, in that order of precedence, unless the retired individual designates a different recipient with the 208 board at or after retirement. 209

5. If a member dies and his or her financial 210 211 institution is unable to accept the final payment or 212 payments due to the member, the final payment or payments 213 shall be paid to the beneficiary of the member or, if there is no beneficiary, to the surviving spouse, surviving 214 children in equal shares, surviving parents in equal shares, 215 or estate of the member, in that order of precedence, unless 216 otherwise stated. If the beneficiary of a deceased member 217 dies and his or her financial institution is unable to 218 accept the final payment or payments, the final payment or 219 220 payments shall be paid to the surviving spouse, surviving children in equal shares, surviving parents in equal shares, 221 or estate of the member, in that order of precedence, unless 222 223 otherwise stated.

6. If a member dies before receiving a retirement allowance, the member's accumulated contributions at the time of the death of the member shall be paid to the beneficiary of the member or, if there is no beneficiary, to the surviving spouse, surviving children in equal shares,

surviving parents in equal shares, or to the estate of the 229 230 member, in that order of precedence; except that, no such 231 payment shall be made if the beneficiary elects option 2 in subsection 3 of this section, unless the beneficiary dies 232 before having received benefits pursuant to that subsection 233 234 equal to the accumulated contributions of the member, in which case the amount of accumulated contributions in excess 235 236 of the total benefits paid pursuant to that subsection shall 237 be paid to the surviving spouse, surviving children in equal 238 shares, surviving parents in equal shares, or estate of the 239 beneficiary, in that order of precedence.

7. If a member ceases to be a public school employee
as herein defined and certifies to the board of trustees
that such cessation is permanent, or if the membership of
the person is otherwise terminated, the member shall be paid
the member's accumulated contributions with interest.

245 8. Notwithstanding any provisions of sections 169.010 to 169.141 to the contrary, if a member ceases to be a 246 247 public school employee after acquiring five or more years of membership service in Missouri, the member may at the option 248 of the member leave the member's contributions with the 249 retirement system and claim a retirement allowance any time 250 after reaching the minimum age for voluntary retirement. 251 252 When the member's claim is presented to the board, the 253 member shall be granted an allowance as provided in sections 254 169.010 to 169.141 on the basis of the member's age, years of service, and the provisions of the law in effect at the 255 time the member requests the member's retirement to become 256 effective. 257

258 9. The retirement allowance of a member retired
259 because of disability shall be nine-tenths of the allowance
260 to which the member's creditable service would entitle the

member if the member's age were sixty, or fifty percent of 261 262 one-twelfth of the annual salary rate used in determining 263 the member's contributions during the last school year for which the member received a year of creditable service 264 265 immediately prior to the member's disability, whichever is 266 greater, except that no such allowance shall exceed the retirement allowance to which the member would have been 267 268 entitled upon retirement at age sixty if the member had 269 continued to teach from the date of disability until age 270 sixty at the same salary rate.

Notwithstanding any provisions of sections 169.010 271 10. to 169.141 to the contrary, from October 13, 1961, the 272 contribution rate pursuant to sections 169.010 to 169.141 273 274 shall be multiplied by the factor of two-thirds for any 275 member of the system for whom federal Old Age and Survivors 276 Insurance tax is paid from state or local tax funds on 277 account of the member's employment entitling the person to membership in the system. The monetary benefits for a 278 member who elected not to exercise an option to pay into the 279 system a retroactive contribution of four percent on that 280 part of the member's annual salary rate which was in excess 281 282 of four thousand eight hundred dollars but not in excess of 283 eight thousand four hundred dollars for each year of 284 employment in a position covered by this system between July 1, 1957, and July 1, 1961, as provided in subsection 10 of 285 this section as it appears in RSMo, 1969, shall be the sum 286 287 of:

(1) For years of service prior to July 1, 1946, sixtenths of the full amount payable for years of membership
service;

(2) For years of membership service after July 1,1946, in which the full contribution rate was paid, full

293 benefits under the formula in effect at the time of the 294 member's retirement;

(3) For years of membership service after July 1, 1957, and prior to July 1, 1961, the benefits provided in this section as it appears in RSMo, 1959; except that if the member has at least thirty years of creditable service at retirement the member shall receive the benefit payable pursuant to that section as though the member's age were sixty-five at retirement;

302 (4) For years of membership service after July 1,
303 1961, in which the two-thirds contribution rate was paid,
304 two-thirds of the benefits under the formula in effect at
305 the time of the member's retirement.

306 11. The monetary benefits for each other member for 307 whom federal Old Age and Survivors Insurance tax is or was 308 paid at any time from state or local funds on account of the 309 member's employment entitling the member to membership in 310 the system shall be the sum of:

311 (1) For years of service prior to July 1, 1946, six-312 tenths of the full amount payable for years of membership 313 service;

314 (2) For years of membership service after July 1, 315 1946, in which the full contribution rate was paid, full 316 benefits under the formula in effect at the time of the 317 member's retirement;

318 (3) For years of membership service after July 1,
319 1957, in which the two-thirds contribution rate was paid,
320 two-thirds of the benefits under the formula in effect at
321 the time of the member's retirement.

322 12. Any retired member of the system who was retired
323 prior to September 1, 1972, or beneficiary receiving
324 payments under option 1 or option 2 of subsection 3 of this

325 section, as such option existed prior to September 1, 1972, 326 will be eligible to receive an increase in the retirement 327 allowance of the member of two percent for each year, or major fraction of more than one-half of a year, which the 328 retired member has been retired prior to July 1, 1975. 329 This 330 increased amount shall be payable commencing with January, 1976, and shall thereafter be referred to as the member's 331 332 retirement allowance. The increase provided for in this subsection shall not affect the retired member's eligibility 333 334 for compensation provided for in section 169.580 or 169.585, nor shall the amount being paid pursuant to these sections 335 be reduced because of any increases provided for in this 336 section. 337

338 13. If the board of trustees determines that the cost of living, as measured by generally accepted standards, 339 340 increases two percent or more in the preceding fiscal year, 341 the board shall increase the retirement allowances which the retired members or beneficiaries are receiving by two 342 percent of the amount being received by the retired member 343 or the beneficiary at the time the annual increase is 344 granted by the board with the provision that the increases 345 provided for in this subsection shall not become effective 346 until the fourth January first following the member's 347 348 retirement or January 1, 1977, whichever later occurs, or in the case of any member retiring on or after July 1, 2000, 349 the increase provided for in this subsection shall not 350 become effective until the third January first following the 351 member's retirement, or in the case of any member retiring 352 on or after July 1, 2001, the increase provided for in this 353 354 subsection shall not become effective until the second 355 January first following the member's retirement. Commencing with January 1, 1992, if the board of trustees determines 356

357 that the cost of living has increased five percent or more 358 in the preceding fiscal year, the board shall increase the 359 retirement allowances by five percent. The total of the increases granted to a retired member or the beneficiary 360 after December 31, 1976, may not exceed eighty percent of 361 362 the retirement allowance established at retirement or as previously adjusted by other subsections. If the cost of 363 364 living increases less than five percent, the board of trustees may determine the percentage of increase to be made 365 366 in retirement allowances, but at no time can the increase exceed five percent per year. If the cost of living 367 decreases in a fiscal year, there will be no increase in 368 allowances for retired members on the following January 369 370 first.

371 The board of trustees may reduce the amounts which 14. 372 have been granted as increases to a member pursuant to 373 subsection 13 of this section if the cost of living, as determined by the board and as measured by generally 374 accepted standards, is less than the cost of living was at 375 the time of the first increase granted to the member; except 376 377 that, the reductions shall not exceed the amount of increases which have been made to the member's allowance 378 379 after December 31, 1976.

380 15. Any application for retirement shall include a 381 sworn statement by the member certifying that the spouse of 382 the member at the time the application was completed was 383 aware of the application and the plan of retirement elected 384 in the application.

385 16. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any 386 person retired prior to September 28, 1983, who is receiving 387 a reduced retirement allowance under option 1 or option 2 of 388 subsection 3 of this section, as such option existed prior

389 to September 28, 1983, and whose beneficiary nominated to 390 receive continued retirement allowance payments under the 391 elected option dies or has died, shall upon application to the board of trustees have his or her retirement allowance 392 increased to the amount he or she would have been receiving 393 394 had the option not been elected, actuarially adjusted to recognize any excessive benefits which would have been paid 395 to him or her up to the time of application. 396

397 17. Benefits paid pursuant to the provisions of the 398 public school retirement system of Missouri shall not exceed the limitations of Section 415 of Title 26 of the United 399 400 States Code except as provided pursuant to this subsection. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the board of 401 402 trustees may establish a benefit plan pursuant to Section 415(m) of Title 26 of the United States Code. Such plan 403 404 shall be created solely for the purpose described in Section 405 415(m)(3)(A) of Title 26 of the United States Code. The board of trustees may promulgate regulations necessary to 406 implement the provisions of this subsection and to create 407 and administer such benefit plan. 408

409 18. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any person retired before, on, or after May 26, 410 1994, shall be made, constituted, appointed and employed by 411 412 the board as a special consultant on the matters of 413 education, retirement and aging, and upon request shall give 414 written or oral opinions to the board in response to such requests. As compensation for such duties the person shall 415 receive an amount based on the person's years of service so 416 that the total amount received pursuant to sections 169.010 417 418 to 169.141 shall be at least the minimum amounts specified 419 in subdivisions (1) to (4) of this subsection. In 420 determining the minimum amount to be received, the amounts

in subdivisions (3) and (4) of this subsection shall be 421 422 adjusted in accordance with the actuarial adjustment, if 423 any, that was applied to the person's retirement allowance. In determining the minimum amount to be received, beginning 424 September 1, 1996, the amounts in subdivisions (1) and (2) 425 426 of this subsection shall be adjusted in accordance with the actuarial adjustment, if any, that was applied to the 427 428 person's retirement allowance due to election of an optional 429 form of retirement having a continued monthly payment after 430 the person's death. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, no person retired before, on, or after 431 May 26, 1994, and no beneficiary of such a person, shall 432 receive a retirement benefit pursuant to sections 169.010 to 433 434 169.141 based on the person's years of service less than the following amounts: 435

436 (1) Thirty or more years of service, one thousand two437 hundred dollars;

438 (2) At least twenty-five years but less than thirty439 years, one thousand dollars;

440 (3) At least twenty years but less than twenty-five441 years, eight hundred dollars;

442 (4) At least fifteen years but less than twenty years,443 six hundred dollars.

444 19. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, any person retired prior to May 26, 1994, and any 445 designated beneficiary of such a retired member who was 446 deceased prior to July 1, 1999, shall be made, constituted, 447 appointed and employed by the board as a special consultant 448 on the matters of education, retirement or aging and upon 449 450 request shall give written or oral opinions to the board in 451 response to such requests. Beginning September 1, 1996, as compensation for such service, the member shall have added, 452

pursuant to this subsection, to the member's monthly annuity 453 as provided by this section a dollar amount equal to the 454 455 lesser of sixty dollars or the product of two dollars 456 multiplied by the member's number of years of creditable service. Beginning September 1, 1999, the designated 457 458 beneficiary of the deceased member shall as compensation for such service have added, pursuant to this subsection, to the 459 460 monthly annuity as provided by this section a dollar amount 461 equal to the lesser of sixty dollars or the product of two 462 dollars multiplied by the member's number of years of 463 creditable service. The total compensation provided by this section including the compensation provided by this 464 subsection shall be used in calculating any future cost-of-465 466 living adjustments provided by subsection 13 of this section.

467 20. Any member who has retired prior to July 1, 1998, 468 and the designated beneficiary of a deceased retired member 469 shall be made, constituted, appointed and employed by the board as a special consultant on the matters of education, 470 471 retirement and aging, and upon request shall give written or oral opinions to the board in response to such requests. 472 As 473 compensation for such duties the person shall receive a 474 payment equivalent to eight and seven-tenths percent of the previous month's benefit, which shall be added to the 475 476 member's or beneficiary's monthly annuity and which shall not be subject to the provisions of subsections 13 and 14 of 477 478 this section for the purposes of the limit on the total amount of increases which may be received. 479

480 21. Any member who has retired shall be made,
481 constituted, appointed and employed by the board as a
482 special consultant on the matters of education, retirement
483 and aging, and upon request shall give written or oral
484 opinions to the board in response to such request. As

485 compensation for such duties, the beneficiary of the retired 486 member, or, if there is no beneficiary, the surviving 487 spouse, surviving children in equal shares, surviving 488 parents in equal shares, or estate of the retired member, in 489 that order of precedence, shall receive as a part of 490 compensation for these duties a death benefit of five 491 thousand dollars.

492 22. Any member who has retired prior to July 1, 1999, 493 and the designated beneficiary of a retired member who was deceased prior to July 1, 1999, shall be made, constituted, 494 495 appointed and employed by the board as a special consultant 496 on the matters of education, retirement and aging, and upon request shall give written or oral opinions to the board in 497 498 response to such requests. As compensation for such duties, 499 the person shall have added, pursuant to this subsection, to 500 the monthly annuity as provided by this section a dollar 501 amount equal to five dollars times the member's number of years of creditable service. 502

Any member who has retired prior to July 1, 2000, 503 23. and the designated beneficiary of a deceased retired member 504 505 shall be made, constituted, appointed and employed by the 506 board as a special consultant on the matters of education, 507 retirement and aging, and upon request shall give written or 508 oral opinions to the board in response to such requests. As compensation for such duties, the person shall receive a 509 payment equivalent to three and five-tenths percent of the 510 previous month's benefit, which shall be added to the member 511 or beneficiary's monthly annuity and which shall not be 512 subject to the provisions of subsections 13 and 14 of this 513 514 section for the purposes of the limit on the total amount of increases which may be received. 515

516 24. Any member who has retired prior to July 1, 2001, 517 and the designated beneficiary of a deceased retired member 518 shall be made, constituted, appointed and employed by the board as a special consultant on the matters of education, 519 520 retirement and aging, and upon request shall give written or 521 oral opinions to the board in response to such requests. As compensation for such duties, the person shall receive a 522 523 dollar amount equal to three dollars times the member's 524 number of years of creditable service, which shall be added 525 to the member's or beneficiary's monthly annuity and which 526 shall not be subject to the provisions of subsections 13 and 527 14 of this section for the purposes of the limit on the total amount of increases which may be received. 528

169.331. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of 2 sections 169.270 to 169.400 to the contrary, a retired 3 certificated teacher receiving a retirement benefit from the 4 retirement system established pursuant to sections 169.270 to 169.400 may, without losing his or her retirement 5 benefit, teach full time for up to [two] four years for a 6 school district covered by such retirement system; provided 7 8 that the school district has a shortage of certified 9 teachers, as determined by the school district. The total number of such retired certificated teachers shall not 10 11 exceed, at any one time, [fifteen] thirty certificated teachers. 12

13 2. The employer's contribution rate shall be paid by
14 the hiring school district and the employee's contribution
15 rate shall be paid by the employee.

16 3. Any additional actuarial costs resulting from the 17 hiring of a retired certificated teacher pursuant to the 18 provisions of this section shall be paid by the hiring 19 school district.

4. In order to hire teachers pursuant to theprovisions of this section, the school district shall:

(1) Show a good faith effort to fill positions withnonretired certificated teachers;

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(2) Post the vacancy for at least one month;

25 (3) Have not offered early retirement incentives for26 either of the previous two years;

27 (4) Solicit applications through the local newspaper,
28 other media, or teacher education programs;

29 (5) Determine there is an insufficient number of30 eligible applicants for the advertised position; and

31 (6) Declare a critical shortage of certificated32 teachers that is active for one year.

33 5. Any person hired pursuant to this section shall be
34 included in the State Director of New Hires for purposes of
35 income and eligibility verification pursuant to 42 U.S.C.
36 Section 1320b-7.

169.560. 1. Any person retired and currently 2 receiving a retirement allowance pursuant to sections 169.010 to 169.141, other than for disability, may be 3 employed in any capacity for an employer included in the 4 5 retirement system created by those sections on either a part-6 time or temporary-substitute basis not to exceed a total of 7 five hundred fifty hours in any one school year, and through 8 such employment may earn up to fifty percent of the annual 9 compensation payable under the employer's salary schedule for the position or positions filled by the retiree, given 10 such person's level of experience and education, without a 11 discontinuance of the person's retirement allowance. If the 12 employer does not utilize a salary schedule, or if the 13 position in question is not subject to the employer's salary 14 schedule, a retiree employed in accordance with the 15

16 provisions of this subsection may earn up to fifty percent of the annual compensation paid to the person or persons who 17 18 last held such position or positions. If the position or positions did not previously exist, the compensation limit 19 20 shall be determined in accordance with rules duly adopted by 21 the board of trustees of the retirement system; provided that, it shall not exceed fifty percent of the annual 22 23 compensation payable for the position by the employer that is most comparable to the position filled by the retiree. 24 25 In any case where a retiree fills more than one position during the school year, the fifty-percent limit on permitted 26 earning shall be based solely on the annual compensation of 27 28 the highest paid position occupied by the retiree for at least one-fifth of the total hours worked during the year. 29 Such a person shall not contribute to the retirement system 30 or to the public education employee retirement system 31 32 established by sections 169.600 to 169.715 because of earnings during such period of employment. If such a person 33 34 is employed in any capacity by such an employer in excess of the limitations set forth in this subsection, the person 35 shall not be eligible to receive the person's retirement 36 allowance for any month during which the person is so 37 employed. In addition, such person shall contribute to the 38 39 retirement system if the person satisfies the retirement system's membership eligibility requirements. In addition 40 to the conditions set forth above, this subsection shall 41 42 apply to any person retired and currently receiving a retirement allowance under sections 169.010 to 169.141, 43 other than for disability, who is employed by a third party 44 or is performing work as an independent contractor, if such 45 person is performing work for an employer included in the 46 retirement system as a temporary or long-term substitute 47

48 teacher or in any other position that would normally require 49 that person to be duly certificated under the laws governing 50 the certification of teachers in Missouri if such person was employed by the district. The retirement system may require 51 52 the employer, the third-party employer, the independent contractor, and the retiree subject to this subsection to 53 provide documentation showing compliance with this 54 55 subsection. If such documentation is not provided, the retirement system may deem the retiree to have exceeded the 56 57 limitations provided in this subsection.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this 58 2. section, any person retired and currently receiving a 59 retirement allowance in accordance with sections 169.010 to 60 169.141, other than for disability, may be employed by an 61 employer included in the retirement system created by those 62 sections in a position that does not normally require a 63 person employed in that position to be duly certificated 64 under the laws governing the certification of teachers in 65 Missouri, and through such employment may earn, beginning on 66 August 28, 2023, and ending on June 30, 2028, up to [sixty] 67 percent of the minimum teacher's salary as set forth in 68 69 section 163.172] one hundred thirty-three percent of the 70 annual earnings exemption amount applicable to a Social 71 Security recipient before the calendar year of attainment of full retirement age under 20 CFR 404.430, and, after June 72 30, 2028, up to the annual earnings exemption amount 73 applicable to a Social Security recipient before the 74 calendar year of attainment of full retirement age under 20 75 CFR 404.430, without a discontinuance of the person's 76 77 retirement allowance from the retirement system. The Social 78 Security annual earnings exemption amount applied shall be 79 the exemption amount in effect for the calendar year in

80 which the school year begins. Such person shall not 81 contribute to the retirement system or to the public 82 education employee retirement system established by sections 169.600 to 169.715 because of earnings during such period of 83 employment, and such person shall not earn membership 84 85 service for such employment. The employer's contribution 86 rate shall be paid by the hiring employer into the public 87 education employee retirement system established by sections 169.600 to 169.715. If such a person is employed in any 88 89 capacity by an employer in excess of the limitations set forth in this subsection, the person shall not be eligible 90 to receive the person's retirement allowance for any month 91 92 during which the person is so employed. In addition, such person shall become a member of and contribute to any 93 94 retirement system described in this subsection if the person 95 satisfies the retirement system's membership eligibility 96 requirements. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any person retired and currently receiving a 97 retirement allowance in accordance with sections 169.010 to 98 99 169.141 employed by a public community college or employer under subsection 4 of section 169.130. 100

169.596. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of 2 this chapter to the contrary, a retired certificated teacher 3 receiving a retirement benefit from the retirement system established pursuant to sections 169.010 to 169.141 may, 4 5 without losing his or her retirement benefit, teach full time for up to [two] four years for a school district 6 covered by such retirement system; provided that the school 7 district has a shortage of certified teachers, as determined 8 9 by the school district, and provided that no such retired certificated teacher shall be employed as a superintendent. 10 The total number of such retired certificated teachers shall 11

not exceed, at any one time, the [lesser of ten] greater of one percent of the total [teacher] certificated teachers and noncertificated staff for that school district, or five certificated teachers.

2. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter 16 to the contrary, a person receiving a retirement benefit 17 18 from the retirement system established pursuant to sections 169.600 to 169.715 may, without losing his or her retirement 19 20 benefit, be employed full time for up to [two] four years 21 for a school district covered by such retirement system; provided that the school district has a shortage of 22 noncertificated employees, as determined by the school 23 district. The total number of such retired noncertificated 24 employees shall not exceed, at any one time, the lesser of 25 ten percent of the total noncertificated staff for that 26 27 school district, or five employees.

28 3. The employer's contribution rate shall be paid by29 the hiring school district.

30 4. In order to hire teachers and noncertificated
31 employees pursuant to the provisions of this section, the
32 school district shall:

33 (1) Show a good faith effort to fill positions with
34 nonretired certificated teachers or nonretired
35 noncertificated employees;

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(2) Post the vacancy for at least one month;

37 (3) Have not offered early retirement incentives for38 either of the previous two years;

39 (4) Solicit applications through the local newspaper,40 other media, or teacher education programs;

41 (5) Determine there is an insufficient number of42 eligible applicants for the advertised position; and

43 (6) Declare a critical shortage of certificated teachers or noncertificated employees that is active for one 44 45 year.

Any person hired pursuant to this section shall be 46 5. included in the State Directory of New Hires for purposes of 47 income and eligibility verification pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 48 Section 1320b-7. 49

285.1000. For purposes of sections 285.1000 to 2 285.1055, the following terms shall mean:

3 (1) "Administrative fund" or "Show-Me MyRetirement Savings administrative fund", the Show-Me MyRetirement 4 Savings administrative fund described in section 285.1045; 5

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"Association", any legal association of (2) individuals, corporations, limited liability companies, 7 8 partnerships, associations, or other entities that has been in continuous existence for at least one year; 9

10 (3) "Board", the Show-Me MyRetirement Savings board established under section 285.1005; 11

"Eligible employee", an individual who is employed 12 (4) by a participating employer, who has wages or other 13 14 compensation that is allocable to the state, and who is 15 eighteen years of age or older. "Eligible employee" shall not include any of the following: 16

17 (a) Any employee covered under the federal Railway Labor Act, 45 U.S.C. Section 151; 18

Any employee on whose behalf an employer makes 19 (b) contributions to a multiemployer pension trust fund under 29 20 U.S.C. Section 186; or 21

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Any individual who is an employee of: (c)

a. The federal government;

24 Any state government in the United States; or b.

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Any county, municipal corporation, or political c. 26 subdivision of any state in the United States;

27 (5) "Eligible employer", a person or entity engaged in a business, industry, profession, trade, or other enterprise 28 in the state of Missouri, whether for profit or not for 29 30 profit, provided that such a person or entity employs no more than fifty employees. A person or entity that 31 32 qualifies as an eligible employer but that later employs 33 more than fifty employees shall be permitted to remain an 34 eligible employer for a period of five years, beginning on the date on which the person or entity first employs more 35 than fifty employees. After such five-year period has 36 ended, the person or entity shall immediately cease to 37 38 qualify as an eligible employer and shall be prohibited from 39 further participation in the plan unless the employer no longer has more than fifty employees. An employer includes 40 41 an association and its members. For purposes of this subdivision, an eligible employer shall not include: 42

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(a) The federal government;

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The state of Missouri; (b)

45 Any county, municipal corporation, or political (C) subdivision of the state of Missouri; or 46

47 Five years after the commencement of the program, (d) 48 an employer that maintains a specified tax-favored 49 retirement plan, other than the Show-Me MyRetirement Savings plan, for its employees or that has effectively done so in 50 form and operation at any time within the current or two 51 preceding calendar years. If an employer does not maintain 52 a specified tax-favored retirement plan, other than the Show-53 54 Me MyRetirement Savings plan, for a portion of a calendar year ending on or after the effective date of sections 55 285.1000 to 285.1055 and adopts such a plan effective for 56

57 the remainder of that calendar year, the employer shall not 58 be treated as an eligible employer for that remainder of the 59 year;

60 (6) "ERISA", the Employee Retirement Income Security 61 Act of 1974, as amended, 29 U.S.C. Section 1001 et seq.;

62 (7) "Internal Revenue Code", the Internal Revenue Code
63 of 1986, as amended;

64 (8) "Participant", an eligible employee or other
65 individual who has a balance credited to his or her account
66 under the plan;

67 (9) "Participating employer", an eligible employer
68 that is participating in the plan provided for by sections
69 285.1000 to 285.1055;

70 "Plan" or "Show-Me MyRetirement Savings plan", (10)71 the multiple-employer retirement savings plan established by 72 sections 285.1000 to 285.1055, which shall be treated as a 73 single plan under Title I of ERISA and is described in Sections 401(a), 401(k), and 413(c) of the Internal Revenue 74 Code of 1986, as amended, in which multiple employers may 75 choose to participate regardless of whether any relationship 76 77 exists between and among the employers other than their participation in the plan. Based on the context, the term 78 79 "plan" may also refer to multiple plans if multiple plans 80 are established under sections 285.1000 to 285.1055;

(11) "Self-employed individual", an individual who is
eighteen years of age or older, is self-employed, and has
self-employment income or other compensation from selfemployment that is allocable to the state of Missouri;

(12) "Specified tax-favored retirement plan", a
retirement plan that is tax-qualified under, or is described
in and satisfies the requirements of, Section 401(a),
401(k), 403(a), 403(b), 408(k) (Simplified Employee Pension),

89 or 408(p) (SIMPLE-IRA) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, 90 as amended;

91 (13) "Total fees and expenses", all fees, costs, and
92 expenses including, but not limited to, administrative
93 expenses, investment expenses, investment advice expenses,
94 accounting costs, actuarial costs, legal costs, marketing
95 expenses, education expenses, trading costs, insurance
96 annuitization costs, and other miscellaneous costs;

97 (14) "Trust", the trust in which the assets of the98 plan are held.

285.1005. 1. The "Show-Me MyRetirement Savings Board"2 is hereby established in the office of the state treasurer.

2. The board shall consist of the following members,
with the state treasurer, or his or her designee, serving as
chair:

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(1) The state treasurer, or his or her designee;

7 (2) An individual who has skill, knowledge, and
8 experience in the field of retirement savings and
9 investments, to be appointed by the governor with the advice
10 and consent of the senate;

(3) An individual who has skill, knowledge, and
experience relating to small business, to be appointed by
the governor with the advice and consent of the senate;

(4) Three members of the house of representatives, to
 be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives,
 to include one representative from the minority party; and

17 (5) Three members of the senate, to be appointed by
18 the president pro tempore of the senate, to include one
19 senator from the minority party.

3. The governor, the president pro tempore of the
senate, and the speaker of the house of representatives

shall make the respective initial appointments to the board
for terms of office beginning on January 1, 2024.

4. Members of the board appointed by the governor, the president pro tempore of the senate, and the speaker of the house of representatives shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

5. The term of office of each member of the board shall be four years. Any member is eligible to be reappointed. If there is a vacancy for any reason, the appropriate appointing authority shall make an appointment, to become immediately effective, for the unexpired term.

6. All members of the board shall serve without
compensation and shall be reimbursed from the administrative
fund for necessary travel expenses incurred in carrying out
the duties of the board.

37 7. A majority of the voting members of the board shall
 38 constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

285.1010. 1. The board, subject to the authority
granted under sections 285.1000 to 285.1055, shall design,
develop, and implement the plan and, to that end, may
conduct market, legal, and feasibility analyses.

5 2. The members of the board shall be fiduciaries of 6 the plan under ERISA, and the board shall have the following 7 powers, authorities, and duties:

8 (1) To establish, implement, and maintain the plan, in 9 each case acting on behalf of the state of Missouri, 10 including, in its discretion, more than one plan;

(2) To cause the plan, trust, and arrangements and
accounts established under the plan to be designed,
established, and operated:

(a) In accordance with best practices for retirement
 savings vehicles;

(e)

(b) To encourage participation, saving, sound
 investment practices, and appropriate selection of default
 investments;

19 (c) To maximize simplicity and ease of administration
 20 for eligible employers;

21 (d) To minimize costs, including by collective
22 investment and economies of scale; and

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To promote portability of benefits;

(3) To arrange for collective, common, and pooled
investment of assets of the plan and trust, including
investments in conjunction with other funds with which
assets are permitted to be collectively invested, to save
costs through efficiencies and economies of scale;

(4) To develop and disseminate educational information designed to educate participants and citizens about the benefits of planning and saving for retirement and to help participants and citizens decide the level of participation and savings strategies that may be appropriate, including information in furtherance of financial capability and financial literacy;

36 To adopt rules and regulations necessary or (5) advisable for the implementation of sections 285.1000 to 37 285.1055 and the administration and operation of the plan 38 39 consistent with the Internal Revenue Code and regulations 40 thereunder, including to ensure that the plan satisfies all criteria for favorable federal tax-qualified treatment, and 41 complies, to the extent necessary, with ERISA and any other 42 applicable federal or Missouri law. Any rule or portion of 43 a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is 44 45 created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to 46 all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, 47

48 section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are 49 nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the 50 general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay 51 the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are 52 subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of 53 rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after 54 August 28, 2023, shall be invalid and void;

55 (6) To arrange for and facilitate compliance with the 56 plan or arrangements established thereunder with all 57 applicable requirements for the plan under the Internal Revenue Code, ERISA, and any other applicable federal or 58 Missouri law and accounting requirements, and to provide or 59 arrange for assistance to eligible employers, eligible 60 61 employees, and self-employed individuals in complying with 62 applicable law and tax-related requirements in a cost-63 effective manner. The board may establish any processes 64 deemed reasonably necessary or advisable to verify whether a person or entity is an eligible employer, including 65 reference to online data and possible use of questions in 66 employer tax filings; 67

68 To employ or retain a plan administrator; (7) executive director; staff; trustee; record-keeper; 69 70 investment managers; investment advisors; and other 71 administrative, professional, and expert advisors and 72 service providers, none of whom shall be members of the board and all of whom shall serve at the pleasure of the 73 board, which shall determine their duties and compensation. 74 The board may authorize the executive director and other 75 officials to oversee requests for proposals or other public 76 77 competitions and enter into contracts on behalf of the board 78 or conduct any business necessary for the efficient 79 operation of the plan or the board;

80 (8) To establish procedures for the timely and fair
81 resolution of participant and other disputes related to
82 accounts or program operation and, if necessary, determine
83 the eligibility of an employer, employee, or other
84 individual to participate in the plan;

(9) To develop and implement an investment policy that
defines the plan's investment objectives, consistent with
the objectives of the plan, and that provides for policies
and procedures consistent with those investment objectives;

(10) (a) To designate appropriate default investments
that include a mix of asset classes, such as target date and
balanced funds;

92 (b) To seek to minimize participant fees and expenses
93 of investment and administration;

94 To strive to design and implement investment (C) 95 options available to holders of accounts established as part 96 of the plan and other plan features that are intended to achieve maximum possible income replacement balanced with an 97 appropriate level of risk, consistent with the investment 98 99 objectives under the investment policy. The investment 100 options may encompass a range of risk and return 101 opportunities and allow for a rate of return commensurate 102 with an appropriate level of risk in view of the investment 103 objectives under the policy. The menu of investment options shall be determined taking into account the nature and 104 objectives of the plan, the desirability of limiting 105 investment choices under the plan to a reasonable number, 106 107 based on behavioral research findings, and the extensive 108 investment choices available to participants in the event 109 that funds roll over to an individual retirement account 110 (IRA) outside the program; and

(d) In accordance with subdivision (7) of this subsection, the board, to the extent it deems necessary or advisable, in carrying out its responsibilities and exercising its powers under sections 285.1000 to 285.1055, shall employ or retain appropriate entities or personnel to assist or advise it or to whom to delegate the carrying out of such responsibilities and exercising of such powers;

(11) To discharge its duties and see that the members
of the board discharge their duties with respect to the plan
solely in the interests of the participants as follows:

(a) For the exclusive purpose of providing benefits to
 participants and defraying reasonable expenses of
 administering the plan; and

(b) With the care, skill, prudence, and diligence
under the circumstances then prevailing that a prudent
person acting in a like capacity and familiar with those
matters would use in the conduct of an enterprise of a like
character and with like aims;

(12) To cause expenses incurred to initiate, implement, maintain, and administer the plan to be paid from contributions to, or investment returns or assets of the plan or other moneys collected by or for the plan or pursuant to arrangements established under the plan to the extent permitted under federal and Missouri law;

(13) To collect application, account, or
administrative fees and to accept any grants, gifts,
legislative appropriations, loans, and other moneys from the
state of Missouri; any unit of federal, state, or local
government; or any other person, firm, or entity to defray
the costs of administering and operating the plan;

(14) To make and enter into competitively procured
 contracts, agreements, or arrangements with; to collaborate

and cooperate with; and to retain, employ, and contract with
or for any of the following to the extent necessary or
desirable for the effective and efficient design,
implementation, and administration of the plan consistent
with the purposes set forth in sections 285.1000 to 285.1055
and to maximize outreach to eligible employers and eligible
employees:

(a) Services of private and public financial
institutions, depositories, consultants, actuaries, counsel,
auditors, investment advisors, investment administrators,
investment management firms, other investment firms, thirdparty administrators, other professionals and service
providers, and state public retirement systems;

(b) Research, technical, financial, administrative,
 and other services; and

158 (c) Services of other state agencies to assist the
159 board in the exercise of its powers and duties;

160 (15) To develop and implement an outreach plan to gain
161 input and disseminate information regarding the plan and
162 retirement savings in general;

163 (16) To cause moneys to be held and invested and
164 reinvested under the plan;

165 (17) To ensure that all contributions under the plan
166 shall be used only to:

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(a) Pay benefits to participants under the plan;

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(b) Pay the costs of administering the plan; and

(c) Make investments for the benefit of the plan, and
ensure that no assets of the plan or trust are transferred
to the general revenue fund or to any other fund of the
state or are otherwise encumbered or used for any purpose
other than those specified in this paragraph or section
285.1045;

175 (18) To make provisions for the payment of costs of
 176 administration and operation of the program and trust;

(19) To evaluate the need for, and procure as needed,
insurance against any and all loss in connection with the
property, assets, or activities of the program, including
fiduciary liability coverage;

181 (20) To evaluate the need for, and procure as needed,
182 pooled private insurance;

(21) To indemnify, including procurement of insurance
as needed for this purpose, each member of the board from
personal loss or liability resulting from a member's action
or inaction as a member of the board and as a fiduciary;

187 (22) To collaborate with, and evaluate the role of,
188 financial advisors or other financial professionals,
189 including in assisting and providing guidance for covered
190 employees; and

191 (23) To carry out the powers and duties of the program
192 under sections 285.1000 to 285.1055 and exercise any and all
193 other powers as are appropriate to effect the purposes,
194 objectives, and provisions of such sections pertaining to
195 the program.

3. A board member, program administrator, or other
staff of the board shall not:

(1) Directly or indirectly, have any interest in the
 making of any investment under the program or in any gains
 or profits accruing from any such investment;

(2) Borrow any program-related funds or deposits, or
 use any such funds or deposits in any manner, for himself or
 herself or as an agent or partner of others; or

204 (3) Become an endorser, surety, or obligor on
 205 investments made under the program.

206	4. Each board member shall be subject to the
207	provisions of sections 105.452 and 105.454.
	285.1015. 1. The board shall, consistent with federal
2	law and regulation, adopt and implement the plan, which
3	shall remain in compliance with federal law and regulations
4	once implemented and shall be called the "Show-Me
5	MyRetirement Savings Plan".
6	2. In accordance with terms and conditions specified
7	and regulations promulgated by the board, the plan shall:
8	(1) Be set forth in documents prescribing the terms
9	and conditions of the plan;
10	(2) Be available on a voluntary basis to eligible
11	employers and self-employed individuals;
12	(3) Be available to eligible members of an association
13	who may elect to participate in the plan if the association
14	or its members do not maintain a plan or a specified tax-
15	favored retirement plan, other than the Show-Me MyRetirement
16	Savings plan;
17	(4) Enroll self-employed individuals who wish to
18	participate;
19	(5) Provide participants the option to terminate their
20	participation at any time;
21	(6) Allow voluntary pre-tax or designated Roth 401(k)
22	contributions;
23	(7) Allow voluntary employer contributions;
24	(8) Be overseen by the board and its designees;
25	(9) Be administered and managed by one or more
26	trustees, other fiduciaries, custodians, third-party
27	administrators, investment managers, record-keepers, or
28	other service providers;
29	(10) Provide on a uniform basis, if and when the board
30	so determines, in its discretion, for an increase of each

participant's contribution rate, by a minimum increment of 31 32 one percent of salary or wages per year, for each additional 33 year the participant is employed or is participating in the plan up to the maximum percentage of such participant's 34 salary or wages that may be contributed to the plan under 35 36 federal law. Any such increases shall apply to 37 participants, as determined by the board, by default or only 38 if initiated by affirmative participant election;

39 Provide for direct deposit of contributions into (11)40 investments under the plan. To the extent consistent with ERISA, the investment alternatives under the plan shall be 41 42 limited to an automatic investment for participants who do 43 not actively and affirmatively elect a particular investment option, which unless the board provides otherwise, shall be 44 a diversified target date fund, including a series of such 45 diversified funds to apply to different participants 46 47 depending on their choice or their target retirement dates, a principal-protected option, and at least four additional 48 49 investment alternatives as may be selected by the board in 50 its discretion. To the extent consistent with ERISA, the investment options may, at the discretion of the board, 51 include a principal-protection fund as a temporary "security 52 corridor" option that applies as the sole initial investment 53 54 before participants may choose other investments or as the initial default investment for a specified period of time or 55 56 up to a specified dollar amount of contributions or account 57 balance;

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(12) Be professionally managed;

(13) Provide for reports on the status of each
participant's account to be provided to each participant at
least quarterly and make best efforts to provide

participants frequent or continual online access to
 information on the status of their accounts;

64 (14) When possible and practicable, use existing
65 employer and public infrastructure to facilitate
66 contributions, record keeping, and outreach and use pooled
67 or collective investment arrangements;

(15) Provide that each account holder owns the
contributions to or earnings on amounts contributed to his
or her account under the plan and that the state and
employers have no proprietary interest in those
contributions or earnings;

73 (16) Be designed and implemented in a manner
74 consistent with federal law to the extent that it applies;

(17) Make provisions for the participation in the plan
 of individuals who are not employees, if allowed under
 federal law;

78 (18) Establish rules and procedures governing the distribution of funds from the plan, including such 79 distributions as may be permitted or required by the plan 80 and any applicable provisions of ERISA, the tax-81 82 qualification rules, and the other tax laws, with the objectives of maximizing financial security in retirement, 83 protecting spousal rights, and assisting participants to 84 85 effectively manage the decumulation of their savings and to 86 receive payment of their benefits under the plan. The board shall have the authority, in its discretion, to provide for 87 one or more reasonably priced distribution options to 88 provide a source of fixed regular retirement income, 89 90 including income for life or for the participant's life 91 expectancy, or for joint lives and life expectancies, as 92 applicable;

93 (19) Establish rules and procedures promoting
94 portability of benefits, including the ability to make roll95 overs or transfers to and from the plan that are exempt from
96 federal income tax, provided that any roll-over is initiated
97 by participants; and

98 (20) Encourage choices by employers in the state to
 99 adopt a specified tax-favored retirement plan, including the
 100 plan.

285.1020. The board shall adopt rules to implement the 2 plan that:

Establish the processes for enrollment and 3 (1) contributions under the plan, including withholding by 4 participating employers of employee payroll deduction 5 6 contributions from wages and remittance for deposit to the 7 plan; voluntary contributions by others, including self-8 employed individuals and independent contractors, through 9 payroll deduction or otherwise; the making of default contributions using default investments; and participant 10 selection of alternative contribution rates or amounts and 11 alternative investments from among the options offered under 12 the plan; 13

(2) Conduct outreach to individuals, employers, other 14 15 stakeholders, and the public regarding the plan. The rules shall specify the contents, frequency, timing, and means of 16 17 required disclosures from the plan to eligible employees, participants, and self-employed individuals, eligible 18 employers, participating employers, and other interested 19 parties. These disclosures shall include, but not be 20 21 limited to:

(a) The benefits associated with tax-favored
 retirement saving;

(b) The potential advantages and disadvantages
 associated with participating in the plan;

26 (c) Instructions for enrolling and making
 27 contributions;

(d) The potential availability of a saver's tax
credit, including the eligibility conditions for the credit
and instructions on how to claim it;

(e) A disclaimer that employees seeking tax,
investment, or other financial advice should contact
appropriate professional advisors, and that participating
employers are not in a position to provide such advice and
are not liable for decisions individuals make in relation to
the plan;

37 (f) The potential implications of account balances
38 under the plan for the application of asset limits under
39 certain public assistance programs;

40 (g) A disclaimer that the account owner is solely
41 responsible for investment performance, including market
42 gains and losses, and that plan accounts and rates of return
43 are not guaranteed by any employer, the state, the board,
44 any board member or state official, or the plan;

(h) Any additional information about retirement and
saving and other information designed to promote financial
literacy and capability, which may take the form of links
to, or explanations of how to obtain, such information; and

49 (i) Instructions on how to obtain additional
 50 information about the plan; and

(3) Ensure that the assets of the trust and plan shall at all times be preserved, invested, and expended only for the purposes set forth in sections 285.1000 to 285.1055, and that no property rights therein shall exist in favor of the state, except as provided under section 285.1045.

285.1025. An eligible employer, a participating
employer, or other employer is not and shall not be liable
for or bear responsibility for:

4 (1) An employee's decision as to which investments to 5 choose;

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(2) Participants' or the board's investment decisions;

7 (3) The administration, investment, investment 8 returns, or investment performance of the plan including, 9 but not limited to, any interest rate or other rate of 10 return on any contribution or account balance, provided that 11 the eligible employer, participating employer, or other 12 employer is not involved in the administration or investment 13 of the plan;

14 (4) The plan design or the benefits paid to15 participants; or

(5) Any loss, failure to realize any gain, or any
other adverse consequences including, but not limited to,
any adverse tax consequences or loss of favorable tax
treatment, public assistance, or other benefits, incurred by
any person solely and directly as a result of participating
in the plan.

285.1030. 1. The state of Missouri; the board; each member of the board; any other state official, state board, commission, and agency; any member, officer, and employee thereof; and the plan:

5 (1) Shall not guarantee any interest rate or other 6 rate of return on or investment performance of any 7 contribution or account balance; and

8 (2) Shall not be liable or responsible for any loss, 9 deficiency, failure to realize any gain, or any other 10 adverse consequences including, but not limited to, any 11 adverse tax consequences or loss of favorable tax treatment,

public assistance, or other benefits, incurred by any person
as a result of participating in the plan.

2. The debts, contracts, and obligations of the plan or the board are not the debts, contracts, and obligations of the state, and neither the faith and credit nor the taxing power of the state is pledged directly or indirectly to the payment of the debts, contracts, and obligations of the plan or the board.

3. Nothing in sections 285.1000 to 285.1055 shall be
construed to guarantee any interest rate or other rate of
return on or investment performance of any contribution or
account balance.

285.1035. 1. Individual account information relating 2 to accounts under the plan and relating to individual 3 participants including, but not limited to, names, 4 addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses, personal 5 identification information, investments, contributions, and earnings shall be confidential and shall be maintained as 6 7 confidential, provided that such information may be 8 disclosed:

9 (1) To the extent necessary to administer the plan in 10 a manner consistent with sections 285.1000 to 285.1055, 11 ERISA, the Internal Revenue Code, or any other federal or 12 Missouri law; or

(2) If the individual who provides the information or
who is the subject of the information expressly agrees in
writing to the disclosure of the information.

16 2. Information required to be confidential under
17 subsection 1 of this section shall be considered a "closed
18 record" as that term is defined in section 610.010,
19 regardless as to whether such information has been disclosed
20 as allowed by subsection 1 of this section.

285.1040. The board may enter into an 2 intergovernmental agreement or memorandum of understanding 3 with the state of Missouri, another state or states, and any agency thereof to receive outreach, technical assistance, 4 5 enforcement and compliance services, collection or 6 dissemination of information pertinent to the plan, subject 7 to such obligations of confidentiality as may be agreed or 8 required by law, or other services or assistance. The state 9 of Missouri, another state or states, and any agency thereof 10 that enters into such agreements or memoranda of understanding shall collaborate to provide the outreach, 11 assistance, information, and compliance or other services or 12 assistance to the board. The memoranda of understanding may 13 cover the sharing of costs incurred in gathering and 14 disseminating information and the reimbursement of costs for 15 16 any enforcement activities or assistance.

285.1045. 1. There is hereby created in the state 2 treasury the "Show-Me MyRetirement Savings Administrative 3 Fund", which shall consist of moneys collected under this 4 section. The state treasurer shall be custodian of the 5 In accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180, the fund. state treasurer may approve disbursements. Subject to 6 7 appropriation, moneys in the fund shall be distributed by 8 the state treasurer solely for the administration of 9 sections 285.1000 to 285.1055.

10 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080 to 11 the contrary, any moneys remaining in the fund at the end of 12 the biennium shall not revert to the credit of the general 13 revenue fund.

3. The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund
 in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any

interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be
 credited to the fund.

18 4. The Show-Me MyRetirement Savings administrative
 19 fund shall consist of:

20 (1) Moneys appropriated to the administrative fund by
21 the general assembly;

(2) Moneys transferred to the administrative fund from
 the federal government, other state agencies, or local
 governments;

(3) Moneys from the payment of application, account,
administrative, or other fees and the payment of other
moneys due to the board;

28 (4) Any gifts, donations, or grants made to the state
 29 of Missouri for deposit in the administrative fund;

30 (5) Moneys collected for the administrative fund from 31 contributions to, or investment returns or assets of, the 32 plan or other moneys collected by or for the plan or 33 pursuant to arrangements established under the plan to the 34 extent permitted under federal and Missouri law; and

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(6) Earnings on moneys in the administrative fund.

36 5. To the extent consistent with ERISA, the tax qualification rules, and other federal law, the board shall 37 accept any grants, gifts, appropriations, or other moneys 38 39 from the state; any unit of federal, state, or local 40 government; or any other person, firm, partnership, corporation, or other entity solely for deposit into the 41 administrative fund, whether for investment or 42 43 administrative expenses.

6. To enable or facilitate the start-up and continuing operation, maintenance, administration, and management of the program until the plan accumulates sufficient balances and can generate sufficient funding through fees assessed on

48 program accounts for the plan to become financially self-49 sustaining:

50 (1) The board may borrow from the state of Missouri; any unit of federal, state, or local government; or any 51 52 other person, firm, partnership, corporation, or other 53 entity working capital funds and other funds as may be necessary for this purpose, provided that such funds are 54 55 borrowed in the name of the plan and board only and that any 56 such borrowings shall be payable solely from the revenues of 57 the plan; and

(2) The board may enter into long-term procurement
contracts with one or more financial providers that provide
a fee structure that would assist the plan in avoiding or
minimizing the need to borrow or to rely upon general assets
of the state.

Subject to appropriation, the state of Missouri may 63 7. 64 pay administrative costs associated with the creation, maintenance, operation, and management of the plan and trust 65 until sufficient assets are available in the administrative 66 fund for that purpose. Thereafter, all administrative costs 67 of the administrative fund, including any repayment of start-68 up funds provided by the state of Missouri, shall be repaid 69 70 only out of moneys on deposit therein. However, private 71 funds or federal funding received in order to implement the 72 program until the administrative fund is self-sustaining shall not be repaid unless those funds were offered 73 contingent upon the promise of such repayment. 74

75 8. The board may use the moneys in the administrative 76 fund solely to pay the administrative costs and expenses of 77 the plan and the administrative costs and expenses the board 78 incurs in the performance of its duties under sections 79 285.1000 to 285.1055.

9. The state treasurer's office shall follow the
competitive bids procedure adopted by the office of
administration for the following:

(1) The contracting or hiring of a contractor with the
relevant skills, knowledge, and expertise determined by the
board for managing the program, every five years; and

(2) At the state treasurer's discretion, the
contracting or hiring of a contractor who has qualified
staff with the relevant skills, knowledge, and expertise as
determined by the state treasurer's office when the number
of the participants in the plan reaches fifty thousand
participants.

92 The office of administration is authorized to provide the 93 state treasurer's office with the necessary assistance and 94 services as may be needed.

285.1050. 1. The board shall keep an accurate account 2 of all the activities, operations, receipts, and expenditures of the plan, the trust, and the board. 3 Each 4 year, a full audit of the books and accounts of the board pertaining to those activities, operations, receipts and 5 6 expenditures, personnel, services, or facilities shall be 7 conducted by a certified public accountant and shall 8 include, but not be limited to, direct and indirect costs 9 attributable to the use of outside consultants, independent 10 contractors, and any other persons who are not state 11 employees for the administration of the plan. For the purposes of the audit, the auditors shall have access to the 12 13 properties and records of the plan and board and may prescribe methods of accounting and the rendering of 14 periodic reports in relation to projects undertaken by the 15 plan. 16

17 2. By August first of each year, the board shall 18 submit to the governor, the state treasurer, the president 19 pro tempore of the senate, and the speaker of the house of representatives a public report on the operation of the plan 20 and trust and activities of the board, including an audited 21 22 financial report, prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, detailing the activities, 23 24 operations, receipts, and expenditures of the plan and board 25 during the preceding calendar year. The report shall also 26 include a summary of the benefits provided by the plan, the 27 number of participants, average account balance, the number of participating employers, the contribution formulas and 28 amounts of contributions made by participants and by each 29 30 participating employer, the withdrawals, the account balances, total assets under management, investments, 31 investment returns, fees and expenses associated with the 32 33 investments and with the administration of the plan, 34 projected activities of the plan for the current calendar 35 year, and any other information regarding the plan and its operations that the board may determine to provide. 36

285.1055. 1. The board shall establish the plan so
that individuals are able to begin contributing under the
plan on or before September 1, 2025.

2. The board may, in its discretion, phase in the plan so that the ability to contribute first applies on different dates for different classes of individuals, including employees of employers of different sizes or types and individuals who are not employees; provided that, any such staged or phased-in implementation schedule shall be substantially completed on or before September 1, 2025.

[104.130. Upon the death of a retired member, the board shall pay to such member's designated beneficiaries or to his estate a

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