

## ARTICLE 1.2. PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT FUND

### Rule 1. General Provisions

#### 35 IAC 1.2-1-1 Administration

Authority: IC 5-10.3-3-8

Affected: IC 5-10.1; IC 5-10.2; IC 5-10.3-2-1

Sec. 1. The public employees' retirement fund of Indiana, created under IC 5-10.3-2-1 (hereinafter referred to as the fund or PERF) shall be administered by its board of trustees (hereinafter referred to as the board), which includes the implementation of IC 5-10.1, IC 5-10.2, and IC 5-10.3. (*Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund; 35 IAC 1.2-1-1; filed Dec 20, 1988, 1:00 p.m.: 12 IR 1078; readopted filed Oct 31, 2001, 2:18 p.m.: 25 IR 897*)

#### 35 IAC 1.2-1-2 Delegation of authority; powers and duties of executive secretary

Authority: IC 5-10.3-3-8

Affected: IC 5-10.2; IC 5-10.3-2-1

Sec. 2. The executive secretary is the executive officer of the fund's affairs and operations, makes eligibility and other determinations on applications made to the board, makes periodic reports to the board, and performs all other duties assigned by the board. The executive secretary shall cause all applicants and other necessary persons to be notified promptly of any determinations made concerning such applications. (*Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund; 35 IAC 1.2-1-2; filed Dec 20, 1988, 1:00 p.m.: 12 IR 1078; readopted filed Oct 31, 2001, 2:18 p.m.: 25 IR 897*)

#### 35 IAC 1.2-1-3 General powers

Authority: IC 5-10.3-3-8

Affected: IC 5-10.2; IC 5-10.3

Sec. 3. The board may employ all necessary employees, attorneys, and consultants to carry out the powers and duties of the fund. (*Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund; 35 IAC 1.2-1-3; filed Dec 20, 1988, 1:00 p.m.: 12 IR 1078; readopted filed Dec 2, 2001, 12:35 p.m.: 25 IR 1265*)

### Rule 2. Definitions

#### 35 IAC 1.2-2-1 Definitions

Authority: IC 5-10.3-3-8

Affected: IC 5-10.2-3-2; IC 5-10.3-2-1; IC 5-10.3-7

Sec. 1. As used in the rules [*this article*], unless the context otherwise clearly requires:

"Annuity savings account" consists of the member's contributions whether paid by the member or picked up by the employer, additional annuity contributions, and interest credits on these contributions.

"Board" means the board of trustees of the public employees' retirement fund of Indiana.

"Full-time employee" means an employee occupying a position covered by the fund as set out in IC 5-10.3-7.

"Employer" means the state for employees of the state and a participating political subdivision for its employees.

"Employer contributions" means contributions made by the state and political subdivisions to the retirement allowance account.

"Fund" means the public employees' retirement fund of Indiana.

"Gender and number" for the purpose of these rules [*this article*], the masculine gender shall include the feminine, and the singular the plural as the context may require.

"Governing body" means the county council, city council, trustees of a town, the township board, board of school commissioners, library board, or any board which by law is authorized to fix a rate of taxation on property of a political subdivision, or any other board which is empowered to administer the affairs of any department of a political subdivision, which department receives revenue independently of, or in addition to, funds obtained from taxation.

"Member" means persons qualifying for membership under IC 5-10.3-7-1.

"Member's contribution" means contribution which each member shall, as a condition of employment, contribute to the fund,

which is three percent (3%) of the member's compensation (basic salary as defined in 35 IAC 1.2-5-5), and which includes contributions paid by the employer for the member pursuant to IC 5-10.2-3-2 and IC 5-10.3-7-9, and additional annuity contributions.

"Political subdivision", as used in this article, means a county, city, town, township, political body corporate, public school corporation, public library, public utility of a county, city, town, township, and any department of, or associated with, a county, city, town or township, which department receives revenue independently of, or in addition to, funds obtained from taxation.

"Retirement allowance account" consists of employer contributions for pensions and separate accounts shall be maintained for contributions by the state and by each political subdivision.

"Vested status" means the status of having ten (10) years of creditable service. (*Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund; 35 IAC 1.2-2-1; filed Dec 20, 1988, 1:00 p.m.: 12 IR 1078; readopted filed Oct 31, 2001, 2:18 p.m.: 25 IR 897*)

### **Rule 3. Creditable Service**

#### **35 IAC 1.2-3-1 Creditable service**

Authority: IC 5-10.3-3-8

Affected: IC 5-10.2-3; IC 5-10.3

Sec. 1. All creditable service is determined by IC 5-10.2-3 and these rules [*this article*]. (*Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund; 35 IAC 1.2-3-1; filed Dec 20, 1988, 1:00 p.m.: 12 IR 1079; readopted filed Oct 31, 2001, 2:18 p.m.: 25 IR 897*)

#### **35 IAC 1.2-3-2 Reemployment after termination of employment; suspension of membership; withdrawal of contributions**

Authority: IC 5-10.3-3-8

Affected: IC 5-10.2-3-5; IC 5-10.3

Sec. 2. To cancel previous suspension, after termination of employment and withdrawal of contributions or by operation of IC 5-10.2-3-5, and qualify prior service as creditable service the individual must be reemployed in a PERF covered position for a period of not less than six (6) consecutive months; however, if the employee shows to the satisfaction of the board that there was bona fide intent to return to employment and comply with this rule and the employee was capable of performing such employment, but was prevented from working the full six (6) month period due to illness, injury, or death which occurred subsequent to the date of the reemployment, then such six (6) month requirement shall be waived. (*Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund; 35 IAC 1.2-3-2; filed Dec 20, 1988, 1:00 p.m.: 12 IR 1079; readopted filed Oct 31, 2001, 2:18 p.m.: 25 IR 897*)

#### **35 IAC 1.2-3-3 School employees**

Authority: IC 5-10.3-3-8

Affected: IC 5-10.2; IC 5-10.3

Sec. 3. A member who is employed in a PERF covered position by a school corporation, state school, university, school city or town, or school corporation shall receive one (1) year of service credit if employed during the full regular school term or contract period for that member's position. Nothing less than full compliance with this rule will give such year of creditable service. (*Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund; 35 IAC 1.2-3-3; filed Dec 20, 1988, 1:00 p.m.: 12 IR 1079; readopted filed Oct 31, 2001, 2:18 p.m.: 25 IR 897*)

#### **35 IAC 1.2-3-4 Full service credit**

Authority: IC 5-10.3-3-8

Affected: IC 5-10.2; IC 5-10.3

Sec. 4. (a) General rule – Except as otherwise specifically required by law, for all service credit calculations performed on or after January 1, 2007, service credit shall be granted in quarterly increments, with a member entitled to one (1) quarter of creditable service for each calendar quarter in which the member is employed at least one (1) full day in a full-time, PERF-covered position, and for which employer contributions have been made. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, service credit shall not be

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granted for any period of employment if such grant of service credit would result in a member receiving more than one (1) month of service credit for the same calendar month.

(b) First and last quarter of PERF-covered employment – Notwithstanding the general rule under subsection (a) immediately above, for those quarters in which a member commenced or completed employment in a PERF-covered position, service shall be granted in monthly increments, with a member entitled to one (1) month of creditable service for each month in which he was employed at least one (1) full day in a full-time, PERF-covered position, and for which employer contributions have been made.

(c) Employer contributions required to fund a member's covered service must be received by PERF prior to full service credit being granted for that member.

(d) This rule applies only to members earning service credit through their employment in PERF-covered positions, and does not apply to members of the other retirement funds administered by PERF. Such funds shall continue to perform service credit calculations in the manner such calculations were performed as of December 1, 2006, unless subsequently amended by law. (*Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund; 35 IAC 1.2-3-4; filed Dec 20, 1988, 1:00 p.m.: 12 IR 1079; readopted filed Oct 31, 2001, 2:18 p.m.: 25 IR 897; adopted Oct 20, 2006: 20061101-IR-035060500ONA*)

**35 IAC 1.2-3-5 Leave of absence**

Authority: IC 5-10.3-3-8; IC 5-10.3-7-8

Affected: IC 5-10.2; IC 5-10.3-7-6

Sec. 5. (a) As used in this section, "FMLA" refers to the Family and Medical Leave Act (29 U.S.C. 2601 et seq.) and all applicable regulations and amendments.

(b) A member shall receive service credit for the period of time during which the member is granted a leave of absence under IC 5-10.3-7-6 and for which applicable employer contributions have been made as follows:

(1) Except as otherwise required by the FMLA, the credit shall be allowed only if a copy of the grant of the leave of absence is filed with PERF within ninety (90) days from the date the leave was authorized by the employer. No leave granted retroactively by the employer will be considered as creditable service. Furthermore, except as otherwise required by the FMLA or other federal or state laws that specifically require the granting of service credit for authorized unpaid leaves of absence, service credit shall not be granted for any unpaid leaves of absence taken on or after January 1, 2007, if employer contributions are not made for such periods of leave.

(2) A leave of absence will be treated as creditable service only if the member returns to employment for a period of not less than six (6) consecutive months; however, if the member shows to the satisfaction of the board that there was a bona fide intent to return to employment and comply with this rule and the member was capable of performing such employment, but was prevented from working the full six (6) month period due to illness, injury, or death which occurred subsequent to the date of return to employment, then this six (6) month requirement shall be waived.

(c) This section and IC 5-10.3-7-6 shall be administered in a manner consistent with the FMLA.

(d) If the member is compensated while on an FMLA-covered leave, the statutory contributions must be maintained. A member may make contributions as provided in IC 5-10.3-7-6(b) during an unpaid FMLA leave, although such contributions shall not result in service credit for benefit purposes unless employer contributions are made for such period of leave. The member's employer is not required to make contributions with respect to an unpaid FMLA leave; however, if employer contributions are not made, the member shall be entitled only to the eligibility service required by the FMLA.

(e) In calculating credit for vesting and eligibility purposes, time spent on an FMLA protected leave shall be counted, including any time spent receiving disability benefits while on such leave.

(f) A member seeking credit for an FMLA leave must provide documentary evidence demonstrating that the statutory requirements have been satisfied. (*Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund; 35 IAC 1.2-3-5; filed Dec 20, 1988, 1:00 p.m.: 12 IR 1079; filed May 7, 1998, 4:15 p.m.: 21 IR 3326; readopted filed Oct 31, 2001, 2:18 p.m.: 25 IR 897; adopted Oct 20, 2006: 20061101-IR-035060500ONA*)

**35 IAC 1.2-3-6 Reinstatement**

Authority: IC 5-10.3-3-8

Affected: IC 5-10.2; IC 5-10.3

Sec. 6. A member whose service is involuntarily terminated and who is later reinstated as a result of a court determination and

order or administrative final determination and order may be eligible for PERF credit if proper supporting documents are filed with PERF and approved by the board or the executive secretary and employer contributions are made. (*Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund; 35 IAC 1.2-3-6; filed Dec 20, 1988, 1:00 p.m.: 12 IR 1080; readopted filed Oct 31, 2001, 2:18 p.m.: 25 IR 897*)

**35 IAC 1.2-3-7 Service credit for injured employees**

Authority: IC 5-10.3-3-8

Affected: IC 5-10.2; IC 5-10.3

Sec. 7. Creditable service shall be earned by a member injured during the scope of his employment and paid benefits under the Workmen's Compensation Act or the State Personnel Act; however, no service credit will be given for a period of time during which PERF disability benefits were paid. (*Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund; 35 IAC 1.2-3-7; filed Dec 20, 1988, 1:00 p.m.: 12 IR 1080; readopted filed Oct 31, 2001, 2:18 p.m.: 25 IR 897*)

**35 IAC 1.2-3-8 Unused sick leave**

Authority: IC 5-10.3-3-8

Affected: IC 5-10.2; IC 5-10.3

Sec. 8. No creditable service shall be given after a member's last physical day at work for unused sick leave time that may or may not be paid to the member, the member's beneficiary, or estate. (*Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund; 35 IAC 1.2-3-8; filed Dec 20, 1988, 1:00 p.m.: 12 IR 1080; filed Mar 1, 2000, 7:48 a.m.: 23 IR 1606; readopted filed Oct 31, 2001, 2:18 p.m.: 25 IR 897*)

**35 IAC 1.2-3-9 Optional service**

Authority: IC 5-10.3-3-8

Affected: IC 5-10.2; IC 5-10.3

Sec. 9. Employees of participating school corporations who occupy PERF covered positions normally requiring performance of service of less than one thousand (1,000), but more than six hundred (600) hours a year and who opt to become members of the fund, shall be credited only for service from the date such option was made. (*Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund; 35 IAC 1.2-3-9; filed Dec 20, 1988, 1:00 p.m.: 12 IR 1080; readopted filed Oct 31, 2001, 2:18 p.m.: 25 IR 897*)

**35 IAC 1.2-3-10 Military service**

Authority: IC 5-10.3-3-8

Affected: IC 5-10.2; IC 5-10.3-7-5

Sec. 10. In addition to the creditable service allowed by IC 5-10.3-7-5 for military service, a member is also entitled to creditable service as set forth at 38 U.S.C. 4301, et seq., the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994. (*Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund; 35 IAC 1.2-3-10; filed Dec 20, 1988, 1:00 p.m.: 12 IR 1080; readopted filed Dec 2, 2001, 12:35 p.m.: 25 IR 1265*)

**35 IAC 1.2-3-11 Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA)**

Authority: IC 5-10.3-3-8

Affected: IC 5-10.2; IC 5-10.3

Sec. 11. Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA) employees who leave CETA employment and subsequently enter employment in a PERF covered position shall not receive service credit for prior CETA employment, even if the position is essentially the same. (*Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund; 35 IAC 1.2-3-11; filed Dec 20, 1988, 1:00 p.m.: 12 IR 1080; readopted filed Oct 31, 2001, 2:18 p.m.: 25 IR 897*)

**35 IAC 1.2-3-12 Purchase of prior bureau of motor vehicles commission service**

Authority: IC 5-10.3-3-8

Affected: IC 5-10.2-3-1; IC 5-10.3-7

Sec. 12. (a) Under IC 5-10.2-3-1 and IC 5-10.3-7-2, employees of the bureau of motor vehicles commission (BMVC) are not entitled to automatic coverage or service credit prior to July 1, 1999, for service with the BMVC, because of their coverage in a retirement plan established by the BMVC. However, under IC 5-10.3-7-8, the board believes it would be reasonable to allow employees to purchase any BMVC service from the later of:

(1) January 1, 1987, the date the BMVC established its retirement plan; or

(2) the date the individual became an employee of the BMVC;

through June 30, 1999, the date the BMVC terminated its retirement plan. For purposes of this section, BMVC service does not include service in any license branch prior to becoming a BMVC employee, or service at a license branch prior to the conversion of that license branch to the BMVC. Service in a license branch that is not BMVC service shall not be eligible for service purchase under this rule nor shall it be credited to any employee without purchase.

(b) The cost to purchase such service shall be the total actuarial cost of the service. The board shall provide the employees with information with respect to the cost of such service.

(c) The employees may purchase such service subject to the following:

(1) Any such purchase may be made via a direct cash payment, a direct rollover under IC 5-10.3-7-9.5, or a combination of both.

(2) Any direct rollover may not exceed the actual cost of such service as established by the board.

(3) Any direct cash payment may be made in a lump sum or in installments for a period not to exceed five (5) years. Any installment shall bear interest at the actuarial interest rate effective on the date of the first installment. Any payments are subject to applicable Internal Revenue Service limits, and the board may limit any payments in a manner necessary to comply with these limits.

(d) This section also applies to former employees of the BMVC with BMVC service who are employed in a PERF-covered position at the time they purchase such service.

(e) In no event shall any BMVC service prior to July 1, 1999, be credited under IC 5-10.3-7-7.5 because of the exclusion under IC 5-10.3-7-2(4) unless purchased in accordance with this section.

(f) The restriction contained in IC 5-10.3-7-4.5(d) does not apply to a purchase made under this section. (*Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund; 35 IAC 1.2-3-12; filed Dec 11, 2000, 2:12 p.m.: 24 IR 946; readopted filed Oct 31, 2001, 2:18 p.m.: 25 IR 897*)

**Rule 4. Members of the Fund**

**35 IAC 1.2-4-1 Members of the fund**

Authority: IC 5-10.3-3-8

Affected: IC 5-10.2; IC 5-10.3-7

Sec. 1. Members of the fund are determined by IC 5-10.3-7-1 through IC 5-10.3-7-3, inclusive, and these rules *[this article]*. (*Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund; 35 IAC 1.2-4-1; filed Dec 20, 1988, 1:00 p.m.: 12 IR 1080; readopted filed Oct 31, 2001, 2:18 p.m.: 25 IR 897*)

**35 IAC 1.2-4-2 Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA) administrators**

Authority: IC 5-10.3-3-8

Affected: IC 5-10.2; IC 5-10.3

Sec. 2. Employees involved in the administration of CETA programs may be covered by PERF. Regular CETA employment is not such employment that may be covered by PERF. (*Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund; 35 IAC 1.2-4-2; filed Dec 20, 1988, 1:00 p.m.: 12 IR 1080; readopted filed Oct 31, 2001, 2:18 p.m.: 25 IR 897*)

**35 IAC 1.2-4-3 School bus drivers**

Authority: IC 5-10.3-3-8

Affected: IC 5-10.2; IC 5-10.3

Sec. 3. An employee who is a school bus driver is eligible at his option to participate in PERF if:

- (1) the school bus is wholly owned by the school corporation;
- (2) the school board by its resolution covers the position of school bus driver; and
- (3) the position normally requires the performance of service of more than six hundred (600) hours during the school term; however, if subdivisions (1) through (2) are met and the position normally requires performance of services of one thousand (1,000) hours or more, such employee shall be in PERF. For the member who makes such option, creditable service shall be granted only from the date such option was made and contributions received from the employer.

*(Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund; 35 IAC 1.2-4-3; filed Dec 20, 1988, 1:00 p.m.: 12 IR 1080; readopted filed Oct 31, 2001, 2:18 p.m.: 25 IR 897)*

**35 IAC 1.2-4-4 Students excluded**

Authority: IC 5-10.3-3-8

Affected: IC 5-10.2; IC 5-10.3

Sec. 4. Full-time students in a post secondary or higher educational institution are not eligible for PERF if employed under a:

- (1) work study program;
- (2) co-op program;
- (3) tuition assistance program; or
- (4) general student assistance program.

*(Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund; 35 IAC 1.2-4-4; filed Dec 20, 1988, 1:00 p.m.: 12 IR 1081; readopted filed Oct 31, 2001, 2:18 p.m.: 25 IR 897)*

**35 IAC 1.2-4-5 Prosecuting attorneys and deputy prosecuting attorneys**

Authority: IC 5-10.3-3-8

Affected: IC 5-10.2; IC 5-10.3

Sec. 5. (a) All prosecuting attorneys and deputy prosecuting attorneys whose compensation was paid from state or county funds prior to July 1, 1987, are entitled to service credit and deemed to be members of the fund as set forth in these rules (35 IAC 1.2) *[this article]* unless and until the auditor of Indiana and the designated county officials certify to PERF that such position normally required:

- (1) less than one thousand (1,000) hours of service annually on or after July 1, 1982;
- (2) between six hundred (600) hours and one thousand (1,000) hours prior to July 1, 1982, and the employee did not exercise the option to become a member of the fund; or
- (3) less than six hundred (600) hours and the employee was hired before July 1, 1982.

(b) Effective July 1, 1987, prosecuting attorneys and deputies who are paid wholly or in part by state funds shall be members of PERF. All deputy prosecuting attorneys paid solely by other than state funds are eligible to be members of PERF if their positions are covered by the resolution of the governing body of the political subdivision and the other requirements for eligibility are met as set forth in these rules (35 IAC 1.2) *[this article]* and the statutes. *(Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund; 35 IAC 1.2-4-5; filed Dec 20, 1988, 1:00 p.m.: 12 IR 1081; readopted filed Oct 31, 2001, 2:18 p.m.: 25 IR 897)*

**35 IAC 1.2-4-6 Members of the general assembly (Expired)**

Sec. 6. *(Expired under IC 4-22-2.5, effective January 1, 2002.)*

**Rule 5. Retirement and Disability Benefits**

**35 IAC 1.2-5-1 Retirement options**

Authority: IC 5-10.3-3-8

Affected: IC 5-10.2-4-2; IC 5-10.2-4-7; IC 5-10.3

Sec. 1. (a) A member who retires or becomes eligible for a disability retirement cannot change the retirement option nor may a member who chooses a lump sum payment under IC 5-10.2-4-2(a) changes *[sic.]* this choice nor may the beneficiary designation on the application for benefits be changed under joint and survivorship options 30, 40, or 50, after the first day of the month that benefit payments are scheduled to begin. It is immaterial whether or not a check has been sent, received, or negotiated. (See also section 13 of this rule.)

(b) Under IC 5-10.2-4-7, in the event that the increased retirement benefit under the integration with Social Security option prior to Social Security eligibility is calculated to be greater than an amount which is the actuarial equivalent of the retirement benefit under the normal guaranteed retirement benefit payable as a life annuity which ceases on the date of the member's death or, if later, the member's Social Security age of eligibility, then the increased retirement benefit shall be limited to such actuarial equivalent and there will be no retirement benefit payable after the age of Social Security eligibility. (In no event shall fewer than sixty (60) payments be made.)

(c) The integration with Social Security option and the cash refund annuity option may each be made only with the normal guaranteed retirement benefit.

(d) None of the retirement benefit payment options may be made in connection with any other such retirement benefit payment option. (*Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund; 35 IAC 1.2-5-1; filed Dec 20, 1988, 1:00 p.m.: 12 IR 1081; readopted filed Oct 31, 2001, 2:18 p.m.: 25 IR 897*)

**35 IAC 1.2-5-2 Disability benefits; eligibility**

Authority: IC 5-10.3-3-8

Affected: IC 5-10.2; IC 5-10.3

Sec. 2. (a) The member must be receiving salary on the date the Social Security Administration determines the member becomes disabled.

(b) A member may continue to receive PERF disability benefits so long as the member is entitled to receive Social Security benefits, including periods of trial employment or rehabilitation under Social Security guidelines. However, during any such period, no service credit under PERF shall be granted. (*Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund; 35 IAC 1.2-5-2; filed Dec 20, 1988, 1:00 p.m.: 12 IR 1082; filed May 7, 1998, 4:15 p.m.: 21 IR 3326; readopted filed Oct 31, 2001, 2:18 p.m.: 25 IR 897*)

**35 IAC 1.2-5-3 Disability without Social Security eligibility (Repealed)**

Sec. 3. (*Repealed by Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund; filed May 7, 1998, 4:15 p.m.: 21 IR 3333*)

**35 IAC 1.2-5-4 Disability alternatives**

Authority: IC 5-10.3-3-8

Affected: IC 5-10.2; IC 5-10.3

Sec. 4. (a) A member who is eligible for early retirement and who has on file with the board a copy of application to Social Security for Social Security disability benefits may file for early retirement and retain his right to disability benefits. Under such circumstances, when the member notifies the PERF board that he qualifies for Social Security disability benefits, early retirement benefits shall cease and disability benefits shall begin.

(b) A member who has five (5) years of creditable service and who is not eligible for early retirement and has on file with the board a copy of a request to Social Security for a disability determination may request a lump sum withdrawal of his annuity account without prejudice to his right to disability benefits under PERF should the Social Security Administration approve the request for disability within three (3) years from the date of the member's termination from employment. (*Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund; 35 IAC 1.2-5-4; filed Dec 20, 1988, 1:00 p.m.: 12 IR 1082; readopted filed Oct 31, 2001, 2:18 p.m.: 25 IR 897*)

**35 IAC 1.2-5-5 Basic salary defined**

Authority: IC 5-10.3-3-8

Affected: IC 5-10.2; IC 5-10.3

Sec. 5. For the purpose of computing benefits, basic salary includes regular wages and overtime pay only. The salary shall not be reduced by any salary reduction amounts contributed to Internal Revenue Code Section 125, 457, or 403(b) plans. Subsequent to July 1, 1987, prosecuting attorneys and deputy prosecuting attorneys paid with state funds shall have only those funds paid by the state considered for computing benefits. *(Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund; 35 IAC 1.2-5-5; filed Dec 20, 1988, 1:00 p.m.: 12 IR 1082; readopted filed Dec 2, 2001, 12:35 p.m.: 25 IR 1265)*

**35 IAC 1.2-5-6 Reemployment**

Authority: IC 5-10.3-3-8

Affected: IC 5-10.2-4; IC 5-10.3-2-1

Sec. 6. (a) Reemployment terms are set forth at IC 5-10.2-4-8 through IC 5-10.2-4-10.

(b) Under IC 5-10.2-4-8, if the position in which the member is reemployed has an annual salary, which is more than the "exempt amount", then retirement benefit payments shall stop beginning the first of the month following the date that the member's year-to-date earnings from the reemployed position have exceeded the exempt amount. *(Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund; 35 IAC 1.2-5-6; filed Dec 20, 1988, 1:00 p.m.: 12 IR 1082; readopted filed Dec 2, 2001, 12:35 p.m.: 25 IR 1265)*

**35 IAC 1.2-5-7 Service for disability and survivor benefits**

Authority: IC 5-10.3-3-8

Affected: IC 5-10.2-4-6; IC 5-10.3

Sec. 7. "In service", under IC 5-10.2-3-7 through IC 5-10.2-3-8, and "in active service" under IC 5-10.2-4-6, means that the member was in an employer-employee relationship as determined by the employer within established rules of the employer. Benefits for disability shall be paid beginning with the later of:

- (1) that point in time when such employer-employee relationship no longer exists as determined by the employer; or
- (2) the onset of disability as determined by the Social Security Administration.

In determining whether a member has achieved eligibility for disability benefits, periods of leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act (as defined in 35 IAC 1.2-3-5) shall be included. *(Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund; 35 IAC 1.2-5-7; filed Dec 20, 1988, 1:00 p.m.: 12 IR 1082; filed May 7, 1998, 4:15 p.m.: 21 IR 3327; readopted filed Oct 31, 2001, 2:18 p.m.: 25 IR 897)*

**35 IAC 1.2-5-8 Combined service in teachers' and public employees' retirement funds**

Authority: IC 5-10.3-3-8

Affected: IC 5-10.2; IC 5-10.3

Sec. 8. Creditable service in the Indiana state teachers retirement fund and PERF may be combined to meet the five (5) year eligibility requirements for disability benefits. *(Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund; 35 IAC 1.2-5-8; filed Dec 20, 1988, 1:00 p.m.: 12 IR 1082; readopted filed Oct 31, 2001, 2:18 p.m.: 25 IR 897)*

**35 IAC 1.2-5-9 Dependent beneficiaries**

Authority: IC 5-10.3-3-8

Affected: IC 5-10.3

Sec. 9. (a) A survivor benefit under IC 5-10.2-3-7 can be paid only to one (1) of the following three (3) categories of dependent beneficiaries:

- (1) Surviving spouse.
- (2) Child of the deceased member.
- (3) Parent of the deceased member.



PERF shall use the same dependency test used by Health and Human Service for Social Security.

(b) A child of a deceased member is eligible to receive survivor benefits until his eighteenth birthday or during a continuing period of mental or physical disability which extends beyond such birthday and which meets Social Security guidelines, subject to annual review. Persons confined in a mental institution need not be reexamined regularly, but the PERF board may rely upon statements from the administrator of the institution.

(c) If the total amount of survivor benefits paid to a dependent beneficiary does not exceed the member's total contributions plus accumulated interest, the difference shall be paid to the dependent beneficiary in a lump sum after termination of benefit payments. (*Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund; 35 IAC 1.2-5-9; filed Dec 20, 1988, 1:00 p.m.: 12 IR 1083; readopted filed Oct 31, 2001, 2:18 p.m.: 25 IR 897*)

### **35 IAC 1.2-5-10 Designated dependent beneficiary**

Authority: IC 5-10.3-3-8

Affected: IC 5-10.2; IC 5-10.3

Sec. 10. If member was married for less than three (3) years at the time of his death, the surviving spouse may qualify for monthly benefits as a "designated dependent beneficiary" if the spouse can prove dependency under Social Security guidelines and was so designated for at least six (6) months. (*Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund; 35 IAC 1.2-5-10; filed Dec 20, 1988, 1:00 p.m.: 12 IR 1083; readopted filed Oct 31, 2001, 2:18 p.m.: 25 IR 897*)

### **35 IAC 1.2-5-11 Benefits payable upon death**

Authority: IC 5-10.3-3-8

Affected: IC 5-10.2; IC 5-10.3

Sec. 11. In any instance where retirement or disability benefits cease upon the death of the payee, if the payee was alive on the first day of the month a benefit will be paid for such month. (*Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund; 35 IAC 1.2-5-11; filed Dec 20, 1988, 1:00 p.m.: 12 IR 1083; readopted filed Oct 31, 2001, 2:18 p.m.: 25 IR 897*)

### **35 IAC 1.2-5-12 Minimum disability retirement benefit**

Authority: IC 5-10.3-3-8

Affected: IC 5-10.2-4; IC 5-10.3

Sec. 12. (a) The minimum monthly disability retirement benefit specified in IC 5-10.2-4-6(b) is one hundred dollars (\$100) only if the member chooses an annuity under IC 5-10.2-4-4(b) and the retirement benefit guarantee determined under IC 5-10.2-4-2(a), subject to the provisions of IC 5-10.2-4-2(b).

(b) Should the member choose a lump sum distribution of the amount in his annuity savings account under IC 5-10.2-4-2 and/or a retirement benefit payment option under IC 5-10.2-4-7, the minimum disability retirement benefit shall be the actuarial equivalent of the one hundred dollars (\$100) under subsection (a) as determined by the rules of the board. (*Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund; 35 IAC 1.2-5-12; filed Dec 20, 1988, 1:00 p.m.: 12 IR 1083; readopted filed Oct 31, 2001, 2:18 p.m.: 25 IR 897*)

### **35 IAC 1.2-5-13 Beneficiary designation**

Authority: IC 5-10.3-3-8

Affected: IC 5-10.2; IC 5-10.3

Sec. 13. (a) Active members may designate a primary beneficiary or beneficiaries and a contingent beneficiary or beneficiaries to receive the member's annuity savings account upon the death of the member. Such designations must be on the appropriate form. Forms must be filed and accepted by the fund before they are effective. Contingent beneficiaries shall receive the member's annuity savings account if no primary beneficiaries survive the member. If no primary and no contingent beneficiaries survive the member, the beneficiary shall be the member's estate. In lieu of a named individual, a member may designate a trust, estate, or other legal entity.

(b) Members electing a joint survivor option at retirement shall designate only one (1) person as beneficiary for their joint

survivor benefits. The beneficiary must be a named individual.

(c) Retired members who choose a retirement option other than a joint and survivor option and who do not elect to withdraw the total balance of their annuity savings account may designate a primary beneficiary or beneficiaries and a contingent beneficiary or beneficiaries to receive the unpaid balance, if any, of the member's annuity savings account upon the death of the member. Such designations must be on the appropriate form. Forms must be filed and accepted by the fund before they are effective. Contingent beneficiaries shall receive the member's annuity savings account if no primary beneficiaries survive the member. If no primary and no contingent beneficiaries survive the member, the beneficiary shall be the member's estate. In lieu of a named individual, a member may designate a trust, estate, or other legal entity. (*Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund; 35 IAC 1.2-5-13; filed Dec 20, 1988, 1:00 p.m.: 12 IR 1083; readopted filed Dec 2, 2001, 12:35 p.m.: 25 IR 1266*)

**35 IAC 1.2-5-14 Five year guaranteed benefits**

Authority: IC 5-10.3-3-8

Affected: IC 5-10.2; IC 5-10.3

Sec. 14. If member elects five (5) year guaranteed benefits and does not live to exhaust them and his beneficiary does not live out the remainder of the five (5) years, then such remaining benefits accrue to the estate of the beneficiary and not to the estate of the member. (*Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund; 35 IAC 1.2-5-14; filed Dec 20, 1988, 1:00 p.m.: 12 IR 1084; readopted filed Oct 31, 2001, 2:18 p.m.: 25 IR 897*)

**35 IAC 1.2-5-15 No guarantee option**

Authority: IC 5-10.3-3-8

Affected: IC 5-10.2; IC 5-10.3

Sec. 15. Under the no guarantee option, if the member dies prior to the first day of the month that benefits are scheduled to begin, the account reverts to an active status and the beneficiary receives the account as though the member had died in active service. (*Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund; 35 IAC 1.2-5-15; filed Dec 20, 1988, 1:00 p.m.: 12 IR 1084; readopted filed Oct 31, 2001, 2:18 p.m.: 25 IR 897*)

**35 IAC 1.2-5-16 Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association-College Retirement Equities Fund (TIAA-CREF)**

Authority: IC 5-10.3-3-8

Affected: IC 5-10.2; IC 5-10.3

Sec. 16. Former PERF members who have transferred to the teachers insurance and annuity association-college retirement equities fund are not eligible for PERF disability benefits which are limited to PERF members in active service. (*Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund; 35 IAC 1.2-5-16; filed Dec 20, 1988, 1:00 p.m.: 12 IR 1084; readopted filed Oct 31, 2001, 2:18 p.m.: 25 IR 897*)

**35 IAC 1.2-5-17 Birth date; proof required**

Authority: IC 5-10.3-3-8

Affected: IC 5-10.2; IC 5-10.3

Sec. 17. No member shall receive a retirement benefit from the fund until one (1) of the following proofs of birth is submitted (This rule also covers other instances where birth dates are necessary to determinations made for other benefits.):

- (1) A birth certificate from the public health department where the birth was recorded at time of birth.
- (2) A copy of a birth certificate required at a uniform baptism, such as those required by the Lutheran and Catholic churches.
- (3) A court decree obtained pursuant to IC 34-4-3 [*IC 34-4 was repealed by P.L.1-1998, SECTION 221, effective July 1, 1998.*] and certified by the clerk of the court.
- (4) If any applicant for retirement benefits cannot obtain any of the above, said applicant shall file with the board all evidence he may have relative to this actual date of birth, and upon such evidence the board may act in fixing a birth date for computing his retirement benefits.

(*Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund; 35 IAC 1.2-5-17; filed Dec 20, 1988, 1:00 p.m.: 12 IR 1084;*)

*readopted filed Oct 31, 2001, 2:18 p.m.: 25 IR 897)*

**35 IAC 1.2-5-18 Minors and other incompetent persons**

Authority: IC 5-10.3-3-8

Affected: IC 5-10.2; IC 5-10.3; IC 29-3

Sec. 18. Minors and other incompetent beneficiaries are governed by Indiana guardianship law set forth in IC 29-3, Indiana Probate Code. However, payments may be made to minor beneficiaries pursuant to the Uniform Transfers to Minors Act. (*Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund; 35 IAC 1.2-5-18; filed Dec 20, 1988, 1:00 p.m.: 12 IR 1084; readopted filed Dec 2, 2001, 12:35 p.m.: 25 IR 1266*)

**35 IAC 1.2-5-19 Proration of retirement costs**

Authority: IC 5-10.3-3-8

Affected: IC 5-10.2; IC 5-10.3

Sec. 19. (a) A member with service credit from more than one (1) employer shall have his retirement reserve cost prorated based on months of service among all his or her employers.

(b) Any employer may object to this basis of proration by written objection made within fifteen (15) days from receipt by the employer of notification of each such proration.

(c) The board of trustees may, if evidence of substantial inequity is presented by such objecting employer, use the following basis for reaching a result.

(d) The annual compensation for each calendar year or part thereof shall be divided by the annual average consumer price index figure (1967 = \$100) of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics for each such year to determine a weighted salary for each year or part thereof.

(e) The PERF board shall prorate retirement reserve costs to participating employers on the basis of the weighted salary each has paid, or such other method that, in the judgment of the PERF board, equitably allocates the retirement reserve cost between the member's employers. (*Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund; 35 IAC 1.2-5-19; filed Dec 20, 1988, 1:00 p.m.: 12 IR 1084; readopted filed Dec 2, 2001, 12:35 p.m.: 25 IR 1266*)

**35 IAC 1.2-5-20 Early retirement reduction of benefits**

Authority: IC 5-10.3-3-8

Affected: IC 5-10.2; IC 5-10.3

Sec. 20. When computing the age for determining the reduction percentage for early retirement, any fractions of a month shall not count. (*Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund; 35 IAC 1.2-5-20; filed Dec 20, 1988, 1:00 p.m.: 12 IR 1085; readopted filed Oct 31, 2001, 2:18 p.m.: 25 IR 897*)

**Rule 6. Miscellaneous**

**35 IAC 1.2-6-1 Quarterly reports**

Authority: IC 5-10.3-3-8

Affected: IC 5-10.2; IC 5-10.3

Sec. 1. (a) A quarterly report and payment of employee contributions and employer contributions shall be due in the PERF office no later than the fifteenth day following the end of each calendar quarter. Specifically, January 15, April 15, July 15, and October 15 each year. If the fifteenth day following the end of the quarter falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or a legal holiday, the due date becomes the next working day. It shall be the responsibility of the local official to employ such method of delivery to insure that the report and payment will reach the PERF office, Suite 800, Harrison Building, 143 West Market Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204, on or before the due date.

(b) Any employer who fails to make payments by the dates specified may be assessed a penalty. The penalty will be determined by the board of trustees. (*Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund; 35 IAC 1.2-6-1; filed Dec 20, 1988, 1:00*

*p.m.: 12 IR 1085; readopted filed Oct 31, 2001, 2:18 p.m.: 25 IR 897)*

**35 IAC 1.2-6-2 Admission to the fund**

Authority: IC 5-10.3-3-8

Affected: IC 5-10.2; IC 5-10.3-2-1; IC 5-10.3-6-1

Sec. 2. (a) Admission to the fund by a political subdivision shall be governed by IC 5-10.3-6-1(b).

(b) In addition, any political subdivision whose existence is subject to termination or whose funding is dependent upon sources external to it must demonstrate to the board's satisfaction that any problems which might arise are fully addressed and resolved or it will not be admitted. The board's consideration and determination will be guided in part by the political subdivision's demonstrated ability to meet all obligations to the fund, both current and ongoing.

(c) A township trustee will not be considered as the governing body of a township for purposes of the fund and the board will not approve any ordinance or resolution coming solely from such township trustees. *(Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund; 35 IAC 1.2-6-2; filed Dec 20, 1988, 1:00 p.m.: 12 IR 1085; readopted filed Oct 31, 2001, 2:18 p.m.: 25 IR 897)*

**35 IAC 1.2-6-3 Enlargement of PERF coverage**

Authority: IC 5-10.3-3-8

Affected: IC 5-10.2; IC 5-10.3-6-2

Sec. 3. (a) A political subdivision admitted to the fund or desiring to enlarge its participation in PERF to cover additional positions may do so by the following:

(1) A preliminary survey shall be requested and completed unless a survey is not required pursuant to IC 5-10.3-6-2.

(2) Ordinance or resolution of the governing body specifying by departmental, occupational, or other definable classifications the employees who will be added.

(3) Such ordinance or resolution must be filed with, and approved by, the board of trustees.

(4) The effective date of enlargement or admission is either January 1, or July 1, after the date of approval.

(5) The ordinance or resolution must be filed with the board prior to the effective date.

(b) No retirement benefit resulting from positions included in the enlargement or admission may be paid until six (6) months after the effective date of enlargement or admission. *(Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund; 35 IAC 1.2-6-3; filed Dec 20, 1988, 1:00 p.m.: 12 IR 1085; readopted filed Dec 2, 2001, 12:35 p.m.: 25 IR 1267)*

**35 IAC 1.2-6-4 Deductions for health insurance and taxes; minimum amount**

Authority: IC 5-10.3-3-8

Affected: IC 5-10.2; IC 5-10.3

Sec. 4. An eligible member may request deductions for health insurance or taxes if the deductions do not reduce the check amount below ten dollars (\$10) a month. Tax withholdings may be made in any whole dollar increment greater than five dollars (\$5). *(Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund; 35 IAC 1.2-6-4; filed Dec 20, 1988, 1:00 p.m.: 12 IR 1085; readopted filed Oct 31, 2001, 2:18 p.m.: 25 IR 897)*

**35 IAC 1.2-6-5 Interest on employer's accounts**

Authority: IC 5-10.3-3-8

Affected: IC 5-10.2; IC 5-10.3

Sec. 5. All political subdivisions having a negative year-end account balance may be charged an appropriate interest rate as determined by the board. *(Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund; 35 IAC 1.2-6-5; filed Dec 20, 1988, 1:00 p.m.: 12 IR 1085; readopted filed Oct 31, 2001, 2:18 p.m.: 25 IR 897)*

**35 IAC 1.2-6-6 Refund of contributions**

Authority: IC 5-10.3-3-8

Affected: IC 5-10.2; IC 5-10.3

Sec. 6. A member who is on an approved leave of absence is not eligible for a refund of contributions and accumulated interest unless the reason for the leave is a layoff. In order for a member to receive a refund of his PERF contributions and accumulated interest, the member must have terminated his employment and be certified by his employer as being off the payroll and the date of termination. Refunds will be made on the fifteenth day of the month next following the month of termination, if such termination is on or prior to the fifteenth day of the month and the application for refund is received prior to the end of the month of termination. If the member becomes reemployed in a PERF covered position within thirty (30) days from the date of such termination then the effective date of the suspension of membership shall be automatically deferred and the member shall not be eligible for such refund. The member shall notify PERF immediately if the member becomes reemployed within such thirty (30) day period. (*Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund; 35 IAC 1.2-6-6; filed Dec 20, 1988, 1:00 p.m.: 12 IR 1086; readopted filed Oct 31, 2001, 2:18 p.m.: 25 IR 897*)

**35 IAC 1.2-6-7 Legislators' defined contribution plan loans**

Authority: IC 2-3.5-5-11; IC 5-10.3-3-8

Affected: IC 2-3.5-5-11

Sec. 7. (a) Any participant in the legislators' defined contribution plan may apply on the applicable form to the fund for a loan from the legislators' defined contribution plan pursuant to this rule and such other procedures as may be established by the fund. Such loans will be available to all such participants on a uniform and nondiscriminatory basis. All loans are subject to the approval of the fund, or its designee.

(b) The maximum amount of such loan, when added to the outstanding balance of all other loans from the fund, shall not exceed the lesser of:

(1) fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), reduced by the excess, if any, of the highest outstanding balance of loans from the fund during the one (1) year period ending on the day before the date on which the loan is made, over the outstanding balance of loans from the fund on the date on which such loan is made; or

(2) one-half (½) of the employee's accounts within the defined contribution plan of the participant under the fund.

(c) Subject to subsection (b), the minimum amount of a loan shall be one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

(d) The loan program described in this rule shall be administered by the fund. All loans shall comply with the following terms and conditions:

(1) All loans shall be subject to the approval of the fund and subject to applicable Internal Revenue Service restrictions.

(2) A participant may apply for a loan by completing the applicable forms.

(3) Each loan shall be amortized on a substantially level basis with monthly payments. Payments shall be made on the first of a month for that month. The period of repayment shall be a minimum of twelve (12) months and shall not exceed five (5) years from the loan origination date. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, the term of the loan shall not extend beyond the earlier of:

(A) in the case of a distribution which begins after the date of the loan, the date such distribution of the employee's accounts within the defined contribution plan of the participant under the fund begins; or

(B) the date of a default on the loan.

(e) The participant receiving the loan shall make the required repayments in accordance with the loan agreement.

(f) The rate of interest shall be the prime rate per annum, as published in The Wall Street Journal on the first day of the quarter (or the earliest publication day of the quarter in the event of a publication holiday) in which a completed loan application is submitted, plus one percent (1%). A loan will carry the same interest rate throughout its term.

(g) The fund shall declare a default on a loan as of:

(1) the last day of the calendar quarter following the calendar quarter in which the participant fails to make a payment, unless the participant pays the amount due plus accrued interest prior to such date; or

(2) the date thirty (30) days after the fund in good faith deems the plan insecure with respect to the repayment of the loan and notifies the participant of this deemed insecurity.

(h) On default, the entire amount outstanding on the participant's loan will be due and payable.

(i) On default, the fund shall report to the Internal Revenue Service the outstanding loan balance (principal and interest) as a taxable distribution to the participant, which may also be subject to an additional ten percent (10%) excise tax under the Internal Revenue Code.

(j) Each loan shall be adequately secured. The plan shall have a security interest in the employee's accounts within the defined

contribution plan of the participant under the fund.

(k) Any loan to a participant shall be considered to be a separate asset of the legislators' defined contribution plan segregated for the benefit of such participant. The interest paid on the loan shall be credited to the employee's accounts within the defined contribution plan of the participant. Such portion of the employee's accounts within the defined contribution plan on loan to the participant shall not share in the allocation of gains or losses. The principal and interest paid on the loan shall be credited to such employee's accounts within the defined contribution plan as determined by the fund.

(l) A participant may not take more than two (2) loans in any calendar year.

(m) A participant may have any number of loans outstanding as long as all of the requirements of this rule are met.

(n) Any loan processing fee charged by a third party will be paid by the participant from the employee's accounts within the defined contribution plan of the participant.

(o) The loan proceeds will come from the employee's accounts within the defined contribution plan of the participant on a pro rata basis, and from the directed investment options of the participant on a pro rata basis.

(p) The participant may prepay, without penalty, the entire (or any part of the) outstanding principal balance of the loan and accrued interest to date of repayment. Prepayments should be made by check or other negotiable instrument (excluding cash) made payable to the fund and delivered to the fund. No reamortization will apply. (*Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund; 35 IAC 1.2-6-7; filed Dec 18, 2001, 9:09 a.m.: 25 IR 1488*)

## **Rule 7. Administrative Proceedings**

### **35 IAC 1.2-7-1 Administrative orders; proceedings; reviews**

Authority: IC 5-10.3-3-8

Affected: IC 4-21.5; IC 5-10.2; IC 5-10.3

Sec. 1. All administrative orders, proceedings, and reviews shall be made pursuant to IC 4-21.5. (*Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund; 35 IAC 1.2-7-1; filed Dec 20, 1988, 1:00 p.m.: 12 IR 1086; readopted filed Oct 31, 2001, 2:18 p.m.: 25 IR 897*)

### **35 IAC 1.2-7-2 Pre-trial procedures**

Authority: IC 5-10.3-3-8

Affected: IC 5-10.2; IC 5-10.3

Sec. 2. After any matter has been assigned to an administrative law judge, a pre-trial type conference shall be held upon the motion of any party following which conference shall follow Indiana Trial Rule 16 to the extent applicable. At this time the administrative law judge shall encourage any informal proceedings to settle the matter to the extent allowed by law. No person shall be required to make settlement under these informal proceedings. (*Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund; 35 IAC 1.2-7-2; filed Dec 20, 1988, 1:00 p.m.: 12 IR 1086; readopted filed Oct 31, 2001, 2:18 p.m.: 25 IR 897*)

## **Rule 8. Cost-of-Living Adjustment**

### **35 IAC 1.2-8-1 Calculation**

Authority: IC 5-10.3-3-8

Affected: IC 5-10.2-5-29; IC 5-10.2-5-30

Sec. 1. A cost-of-living adjustment based on purchasing power replacement shall be calculated using the following elements for determinations made as of July 1:

(1) The Consumer Price Index-W from the prior March 31 shall be used.

(2) For comparative purposes, the appropriate prior years' March 31 Consumer Price Index-W numbers shall be used.

(3) Retirees will be grouped (based on their latest retirement or disability date) by twelve (12) month periods running from July 2 through the following July 1. A single net adjustment percentage shall be calculated for each such group.

(4) Minimum and maximum amounts in prior postretirement adjustments shall not be taken into account.

(5) So-called "13<sup>th</sup> checks" shall not be taken into account.

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*(Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund; 35 IAC 1.2-8-1; filed May 18, 2001, 10:38 a.m.: 24 IR 3014)*

**35 IAC 1.2-8-2 Formula**

Authority: IC 5-10.3-3-8

Affected: IC 5-10.2-5-29; IC 5-10.2-5-30

Sec. 2. (a) The elements established in section 1 of this rule shall be used in the formula in subsection (b).

(b) Compare the cumulative Consumer Price Index increase for an affected group to the cumulative postretirement cost-of-living adjustments for that group, as determined under section 1 of this rule, and increase that group's pension portion by the percentage (if any) determined by the fund actuary, as necessary to reach the minimum purchasing power established by the Indiana general assembly, for example:

(1) fifty percent (50%) for 1999; and

(2) fifty-seven and four-tenths percent (57.4%) for 2000.

*(Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund; 35 IAC 1.2-8-2; filed May 18, 2001, 10:38 a.m.: 24 IR 3014)*

**35 IAC 1.2-8-3 Increases**

Authority: IC 5-10.3-3-8

Affected: IC 5-10.2-5-29; IC 5-10.2-5-30

Sec. 3. The increase shall be applied as of July of any year established by the general assembly, the first such year beginning July 1, 1999. *(Board of Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement Fund; 35 IAC 1.2-8-3; filed May 18, 2001, 10:38 a.m.: 24 IR 3014)*

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