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Explanation of Changes

House Bill 83

PERS/TRS

Version N to Version T

Version T includes the following changes to HB 83 version N:

- Broadened the title to refer to more than the new tiers, use the more precise title “Public Employees’ Retirement System of Alaska.”
- Added a new Sec. 1 at the department’s request, making it easier for teachers to return to work after recovering from a disability. The section will allow TRS to accept a certification of rehabilitation from other states’ vocational rehabilitation offices.
- Changed Sec. 6 at the department’s request to ease potentially burdensome exams for teachers getting a disability pension.
- Changed Sec. 7 at the department’s request to allow TRS to accept vocational rehabilitation services in other states for teachers on a disability pension.
- Adjusted Sec. 9 at the department’s request to clarify which retiree medical plan applies to teachers who retire in the new DB tier. Also updates the first risk adjustment to health care premiums to 2024, five years after the effective date.
- Removed from Sec. 12, at the Department of Law’s request, the requirement that a teacher’s spouse agree to the initial choice between the DB and DC plans.
- Adds a new Sec. 13 at the department’s request so teachers appointed to disability in the DC plan can receive vocational rehabilitation in other states.
- Conforms Sec. 15 to the new effective date.
- Clarified Sec. 18 language covering non-occupational disability benefits, as requested by the department.
- Changed Sec. 19 at the department’s request to allow PERS to accept vocational rehabilitation services in other states for those on a disability pension.
- Adjusted Sec. 20 at the department’s request to clarify which retiree medical plan applies to employees who retire in the new DB tier. Also updates the first risk adjustment to health care premiums to 2024, five years after the effective date.

- Removed from Sec. 25, at the Department of Law's request, the requirement that a teacher's spouse agree to the initial choice between the DB and DC plans.
- Adds a new Sec. 26 at the department's request so teachers appointed to disability in the DC plan can receive vocational rehabilitation in other states.
- Sec. 29 has a conforming change to a section number within the bill.
- Sec. 30 has been changed so it does not alter the department's existing regulations process for the retirement systems.
- Section 31 has conforming changes to reflect the appropriate section numbers in the CS.
- Section 32 changes the effective date to July 1, 2019.