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Subject: AS 14.30.650

Tim:

Thank you for bringing AS 14.30.650 to our attention. As you noted, the last sentence of this statute reads as follows:

“The amount allocated to the agency shall be reduced each fiscal year by the amount contributed by the department to the Teachers' Retirement System (AS 14.25) or the Public Employees' Retirement System (AS 39.35) on behalf of employees of the agency.”

I checked with the Division of School Finance at EED, and the Division of Retirement and Benefits at DOA. They agree with you that this sentence serves no purpose because SESA pays its own retirement contributions. EED does not make the contributions on behalf of SESA. Therefore, this sentence is extraneous and it would be appropriate to repeal it.

Please let us know if you need further assistance.

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Subject: RE: AS 14.30.650

Tim-

Thank you for your follow up email. The division of school finance concurs that the final sentence at 14.30.650-

“The amount allocated to the agency shall be reduced each fiscal year by the amount contributed by the department to the Teachers' Retirement System (AS 14.25) or the Public Employees' Retirement System (AS 39.35) on behalf of employees of the agency.”

is not necessary because the department does not make the PERS/TRS payment for SESA.

SESA, as a participant in the PERS and TRS plans makes payment to the department of administration and reports these financial transactions in the budget and audit documents in the same manner as other employers.

Thank you,

Elizabeth Nudelman
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