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A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the teachers' and public employees' retirement systems and creating
2 defined contribution and health reimbursement plans for members of the teachers'
3 retirement system and the public employees' retirement system who are first hired after
4 July 1, 2006; relating to university retirement programs; establishing the Alaska
5 Retirement Management Board to replace the Alaska State Pension Investment Board,
6 the Alaska Teachers' Retirement Board, and the Public Employees' Retirement Board;
7 adding appeals of the decisions of the administrator of the teachers' and public
8 employees' retirement systems to the jurisdiction of the office of administrative
9 hearings; providing for nonvested members of the teachers' retirement system defined
10 benefit plans to transfer into the teachers' retirement system defined contribution plan
11 and for nonvested members of the public employees' retirement system defined benefit
12 plans to transfer into the public employees' retirement system defined contribution

1 **plan; providing for political subdivisions and public organizations to request to**
 2 **participate in the public employees' defined contribution retirement plan; and providing**
 3 **for an effective date."**

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5 * **Section 1.** AS 14.25 is amended by adding new sections to read:

6 **Article 1. Administration of the Teachers' Retirement System.**

7 **Sec. 14.25.001. Purpose.** The purpose of this chapter is to encourage
 8 qualified teachers to enter and remain in service with participating employers by
 9 establishing plans for the payment of retirement and death benefits to or on behalf of
 10 the members.

11 **Sec. 14.25.002. Attorney general.** The attorney general of the state is the
 12 legal counsel for the system and shall advise the administrator and represent the
 13 system in a legal proceeding.

14 **Sec. 14.25.003. Administrator.** (a) The commissioner of administration or
 15 the commissioner's designee is the administrator of the system.

16 (b) The commissioner of administration shall adopt regulations to govern the
 17 operation of the system.

18 **Sec. 14.25.004. Powers and duties of the administrator.** (a) The
 19 administrator shall

- 20 (1) establish and maintain an adequate system of accounts;
 21 (2) transmit the funds deposited in the system to the retirement fund
 22 established and maintained by the Alaska Retirement Management Board;
 23 (3) approve or disapprove claims for retirement benefits;
 24 (4) make payments for the various purposes specified;
 25 (5) submit periodic reports or statements of account that are needed;
 26 (6) issue a statement of account to an employee not less than once each
 27 year showing the amount of the employee's contributions to the applicable plan in the
 28 system;
 29 (7) formulate and recommend to the commissioner of administration
 30 regulations to govern the operation of the system;

1 (8) as soon as possible after the close of each fiscal year, and not later
 2 than six months after the close of each fiscal year, send to the governor and the
 3 legislature an annual statement on the operations of each of the plans in the system
 4 containing

5 (A) a balance sheet;

6 (B) a statement of income and expenditures for the previous
 7 fiscal year;

8 (C) a report on valuation of trust fund assets;

9 (D) a summary of assets held in the trust fund listed by the
 10 categories of investment, as provided by the Alaska Retirement Management
 11 Board;

12 (E) other statistical financial data that are necessary for proper
 13 understanding of the financial condition of the system as a whole and each plan
 14 in the system and the result of its operations;

15 (9) engage an independent certified public accountant to conduct an
 16 annual audit of each plan's accounts and the annual report of the system's financial
 17 condition and activity;

18 (10) report to the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee concerning
 19 the condition and administration of each plan and distribute the report to the members
 20 of each plan in the system;

21 (11) publish an information handbook for each plan in the system at
 22 intervals that the administrator considers appropriate;

23 (12) meet at least annually with the board to review the condition and
 24 management of the retirement systems and to review significant changes to policies,
 25 regulations, or benefits; and

26 (13) do whatever else may be necessary to carry out the purposes of
 27 each plan in the system.

28 (b) The administrator is authorized to charge fees necessary to members'
 29 accounts to cover the ongoing cost of operating each plan in the system.

30 (c) The administrator is authorized to contract with public and private entities
 31 to provide record keeping, benefits payments, and other functions necessary for the

1 administration of each plan in the system.

2 **Sec. 14.25.005. Regulations.** (a) Regulations adopted by the commissioner
3 of administration under this chapter relate to the internal management of a state
4 agency, and the adoption of the regulations is not subject to AS 44.62 (Administrative
5 Procedure Act).

6 (b) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, a regulation adopted under this chapter
7 shall be published in the Alaska Administrative Register and Code for informational
8 purposes.

9 (c) Each regulation adopted under this chapter must conform to the style and
10 format requirements of the drafting manual for administrative regulations that is
11 published under AS 44.62.050.

12 (d) At least 30 days before the adoption, amendment, or repeal of a regulation
13 under this chapter, the commissioner of administration shall provide notice of the
14 action that is being considered. The notice shall be

15 (1) posted in public buildings throughout the state;

16 (2) published in one or more newspapers of general circulation in each
17 judicial district of the state;

18 (3) mailed to each person or group that has filed a request for notice of
19 proposed action with the commissioner of administration; and

20 (4) furnished to each member of the legislature and to the Legislative
21 Affairs Agency.

22 (e) Failure to mail notice to a person as required under (d)(3) of this section
23 does not invalidate an action taken by the commissioner of administration.

24 (f) The commissioner of administration may hold a hearing on a proposed
25 regulation.

26 (g) A regulation adopted under this chapter takes effect 30 days after adoption
27 by the commissioner of administration.

28 (h) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, a regulation may be
29 adopted, amended, or repealed, effective immediately, as an emergency regulation by
30 the commissioner of administration. For an emergency regulation to be effective the
31 commissioner must find that the adoption, amendment, or repeal of the regulation is

1 necessary for the immediate preservation of the orderly operation of the system. The
 2 commissioner shall, within 10 days after adoption of an emergency regulation, give
 3 notice of the adoption under (d) of this section.

4 (i) In this section, "regulation" has the meaning given in AS 44.62.640(a).

5 **Sec. 14.25.006. Appeals.** An employer, member, annuitant, or beneficiary
 6 may appeal a decision made by the administrator to the office of administrative
 7 hearings established under AS 44.64. An aggrieved party may appeal a final decision
 8 to the superior court.

9 **Sec. 14.25.007. Investment management of retirement system funds.** The
 10 Alaska Retirement Management Board established under AS 37.10.210 is the
 11 fiduciary of the system funds.

12 **Sec. 14.25.008. Definitions.** In AS 14.25.001 - 14.24.008,

13 (1) "plan" means a retirement plan established in this chapter;

14 (2) "system" means all retirement plans established under the teachers'
 15 retirement system.

16 **Article 2. Teachers' Defined Benefit Retirement Plan.**

17 **Sec. 14.25.009. Applicability of AS 14.25.009 - 14.25.220.** The provisions of
 18 AS 14.25.009 - 14.25.220 apply only to members first hired before July 1, 2006.

19 * **Sec. 2.** AS 14.25.010 is amended to read:

20 **Sec. 14.25.010. Retirement plan [SYSTEM] established; federal**
 21 **qualification requirements.** (a) A joint-contributory retirement plan [SYSTEM] for
 22 teachers of the state is created.

23 (b) The retirement plan [SYSTEM] established by AS 14.25.009 - 14.25.220
 24 [THIS CHAPTER] is intended to qualify under 26 U.S.C. 401(a) and 414(d) (Internal
 25 Revenue Code) as a qualified retirement plan established and maintained by the state
 26 for its employees, for the employees of school districts and regional educational
 27 attendance areas in the state, and for the employees of other employers whose
 28 participation is authorized by AS 14.25.009 - 14.25.220 [THIS CHAPTER] and who
 29 participate in this plan [SYSTEM].

30 (c) An amendment to AS 14.25.009 - 14.25.220 [THIS CHAPTER] does not
 31 provide a person with a vested right to a benefit if the Internal Revenue Service

1 determines that the amendment will result in disqualification of the plan under the
2 Internal Revenue Code.

3 * **Sec. 3.** AS 14.25.012(b) is amended to read:

4 (b) The **plan** [SYSTEM] created **in AS 14.25.009 - 14.25.220** became
5 effective as of July 1, 1955, at which time contributions by the participating employers
6 and members began.

7 * **Sec. 4.** AS 14.25.012 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

8 (c) Employees first hired after June 30, 2006, are not eligible to participate in
9 the plan established in AS 14.25.009 - 14.25.220.

10 * **Sec. 5.** AS 14.25.040(a) is amended to read:

11 (a) Unless a teacher or member **participates in a** [HAS ELECTED TO
12 PARTICIPATE IN THE OPTIONAL] university retirement program under
13 AS 14.40.661 - 14.40.799 or has filed an election under AS 14.25.043(b), a teacher or
14 member contracting for service with a participating employer is subject to
15 **AS 14.25.009 - 14.25.220** [THIS CHAPTER].

16 * **Sec. 6.** AS 14.25.040(a) is amended to read:

17 (a) Unless a teacher or member participates in a university retirement program
18 under AS 14.40.661 - 14.40.799, [OR] has filed an election under AS 14.25.043(b), **or**
19 **has elected to participate in the plan established in AS 14.25.310 - 14.25.590,** a
20 teacher or member contracting for service with a participating employer is subject to
21 AS 14.25.009 - 14.25.220.

22 * **Sec. 7.** AS 14.25.040(d) is amended to read:

23 (d) A person who is employed at least half-time in the **plan** [SYSTEM] during
24 the same period that the person is employed at least half-time in a position in the
25 public employees' retirement **plan** [SYSTEM] under **AS 39.35.095 - 39.35.680**
26 [AS 39.35] shall receive credited service under each **plan** [SYSTEM] for half-time
27 employment. However, the amount of credited service a person receives under the
28 public employees' retirement **plan** [SYSTEM] during a school year may not exceed
29 the amount necessary, when added to the amount of credited service earned during the
30 school year under the **plan** [SYSTEM], to equal one year of credited service. A
31 person who was employed at least half-time in a position in the public employees'

1 retirement **plan** [SYSTEM] under **AS 39.35.095 - 39.35.680** [AS 39.35] in the same
 2 period that the person was employed at least half-time in a position in this **plan**
 3 [SYSTEM] may claim credited service in both **plans** [SYSTEMS] for employment
 4 before May 31, 1989. To obtain this credited service, the person shall claim the
 5 service and verify the period of half-time employment. When eligibility for half-time
 6 service credit has been established, an indebtedness shall be determined to the
 7 retirement **plan** [SYSTEM] in which the person did not participate. The amount of
 8 the indebtedness is the full actuarial cost of providing benefits for the credited service
 9 claimed. Interest as prescribed by regulation accrues on that indebtedness beginning
 10 on the later of July 1, 1989, or the date on which the member is first eligible to claim
 11 the service. Any outstanding indebtedness existing at the time the person retires will
 12 require an actuarial adjustment to the benefits payable based on that service.

13 * **Sec. 8.** AS 14.25.070 is repealed and reenacted to read:

14 **Sec. 14.25.070. Contributions by employer.** An employer shall make
 15 contributions to the plan in an amount sufficient, after subtracting member
 16 contributions, to provide the benefits of AS 14.25.009 - 14.25.220. The amount shall
 17 be calculated by applying an employer contribution rate, certified by the board, against
 18 the sum total of the base salaries paid to members, including any adjustments to
 19 contributions required by AS 14.25.173(a).

20 * **Sec. 9.** AS 14.25.070 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

21 (b) The employer contribution rate may not be less than the rate required, after
 22 subtracting the member contribution rate, to fully fund the actuarially calculated
 23 benefits expected to be earned by active members during a fiscal year.

24 * **Sec. 10.** AS 14.25.075(a) is amended to read:

25 (a) An employee who is eligible to purchase credited service under
 26 AS 14.25.047 or 14.25.048, a member who is eligible to purchase credited service
 27 under AS 14.25.048, 14.25.050, 14.25.060, 14.25.061, [14.25.062,] 14.25.100, or
 28 14.25.107, or a teacher who is eligible to purchase credited service under
 29 AS 14.20.345, AS 14.25.050, [14.25.062,] or 14.25.105, in lieu of making payments
 30 directly to the plan, may elect to have the member's employer make payments as
 31 provided in this section.

1 * **Sec. 11.** AS 14.25.075(b) is amended to read:

2 (b) A member may elect to have the employer make payments for all or any
3 portion of the amounts payable for the member's purchase of credited service through
4 a salary reduction program as follows:

5 (1) the amounts paid under a salary reduction program are in lieu of
6 contributions by the member making the election; the electing member's salary or
7 other compensation shall be reduced by the amount paid by the employer under this
8 subsection;

9 (2) the member shall make an irrevocable election under this
10 subsection to purchase credited service as permitted in AS 14.20.345, AS 14.25.047,
11 14.25.048, 14.25.050, 14.25.060, 14.25.061, [14.25.062,] 14.25.100, 14.25.105, or
12 14.25.107 before the member's termination of employment; the irrevocable election
13 must specify the number of payroll periods that deductions will be made from the
14 member's compensation and the dollar amount of deductions for each payroll period
15 during the specified number of payroll periods; the deductions made under this
16 paragraph cease upon the earlier of the member's termination of employment with the
17 employer or the member's death; amounts paid by an employer under (f) of this
18 section may not be applied toward the payment of the dollar amount of the deductions
19 representing the portion of the credited service that is being purchased by the member
20 through payroll deduction in accordance with the member's irrevocable election under
21 this paragraph;

22 (3) amounts paid by an employer under this subsection shall be treated
23 as employer contributions for the purpose of determining tax treatment under 26
24 U.S.C. (Internal Revenue Code); the amounts paid by the employer under this section
25 may not be included in the member's gross income for income tax purposes until those
26 amounts are distributed by refund or retirement benefit payments.

27 * **Sec. 12.** AS 14.25.075(e) is amended to read:

28 (e) Contributions to the plan [SYSTEM] to purchase credited service under
29 this section do not qualify for treatment under this section if recognition of that service
30 would cause a member to receive a retirement benefit for the same service from the
31 plan [SYSTEM] and from one or more other retirement plans or systems of the state.

1 * **Sec. 13.** AS 14.25.075(f) is amended to read:

2 (f) The administrator may accept rollover contributions from a member [,
3 AND DIRECT TRANSFERS AS DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION, FOR THE
4 PURCHASE, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, OF FORFEITED CREDITED SERVICE
5 UNDER THIS SECTION FOR THE REINSTATEMENT, IN WHOLE OR IN PART,
6 OF FORFEITED CREDITED SERVICE UNDER AS 14.25.062]. Contributions
7 made under this subsection may not be applied to purchase service being paid under
8 (b) of this section. A rollover contribution [OR TRANSFER] as described in this
9 subsection shall be treated as employer contributions for the purpose of determining
10 tax treatment under the Internal Revenue Code and may be made by any one or a
11 combination of the following methods:

12 (1) subject to the limitations prescribed in 26 U.S.C. 402(c), accepting
13 eligible rollover distributions directly from one or more retirement programs of
14 another employer that are qualified under 26 U.S.C. 401(a) or accepting rollovers
15 directly from a member;

16 (2) subject to the limitations prescribed in 26 U.S.C. 408(d)(3)(A)(ii),
17 accepting from a member conduit rollover contributions that are received by the
18 member from one or more conduit rollover individual retirement accounts previously
19 established by the member;

20 (3) subject to the limitations prescribed in 26 U.S.C. 403(b)(13),
21 accepting direct trustee-to-trustee transfers of all or a portion of the accounts of the
22 member, on or after January 1, 2002, from a tax sheltered annuity described in 26
23 U.S.C. 403(b);

24 (4) subject to the limitations prescribed in 26 U.S.C. 457(e)(17),
25 accepting direct trustee-to-trustee transfers of all or a portion of the accounts of the
26 member, on or after January 1, 2002, from an eligible deferred compensation plan of a
27 tax-exempt organization or a state or local government described in 26 U.S.C. 457(b);

28 (5) accepting direct trustee-to-trustee transfer from an account
29 established for the benefit of the member in AS 39.30.150 - 39.30.180 (Alaska
30 Supplemental Annuity Plan).

31 * **Sec. 14.** AS 14.25.075(i) is amended to read:

1 (i) On satisfaction of the eligibility requirements of AS 14.20.345,
 2 AS 14.25.047, 14.25.048, 14.25.050, 14.25.060, 14.25.061, [14.25.062,] 14.25.100,
 3 14.25.105, or 14.25.107, the requirements of this section, and the administrative filing
 4 requirements specified by the administrator, the plan shall adjust the member's
 5 credited service history and add any additional service credits acquired.

6 * **Sec. 15.** AS 14.25.115(a) is amended to read:

7 (a) A teacher in membership service on or after July 1, 1977, who is appointed
 8 to retirement on or after July 1, 1978, may elect to apply unused sick leave credit in
 9 computing the total number of years of credited service under AS 14.25.110(d) except
 10 for sick leave earned while participating in a [THE OPTIONAL] university retirement
 11 program under AS 14.40.661 - 14.40.799. To obtain service credit for unused sick
 12 leave, a teacher must apply to the administrator **not** [NO] later than one year after
 13 appointment to retirement. Unused sick leave shall be credited on a day-for-day basis
 14 in accordance with the table for service after July 1, 1969, contained in
 15 AS 14.25.220(45). Teacher contributions may not be required for credited unused sick
 16 leave.

17 * **Sec. 16.** AS 14.25.143(a), as that subsection read following amendment by sec. 3, ch.
 18 146, SLA 1980, until amended by sec. 12, ch. 106, SLA 1988, is amended to read:

19 (a) When the administrator determines that the cost of living has increased and
 20 that the financial condition of the retirement fund permits, the administrator shall
 21 increase benefit payments to persons receiving benefits under this **plan. For**
 22 **purposes of this subsection, the financial condition of the fund would only permit**
 23 **an increase in benefits when the ratio of total fund assets to the accrued liability**
 24 **meets or exceeds 105 percent. In this subsection, "accrued liability" means the**
 25 **present value of all member benefits accrued by member service in this plan**
 26 [SYSTEM].

27 * **Sec. 17.** AS 14.25.143(a), as that subsection read following amendment by sec. 12, ch.
 28 106, SLA 1988, until amended by sec. 12, ch. 97, SLA 1990, is amended to read:

29 (a) When the administrator determines that the cost of living has increased and
 30 that the financial condition of the **retirement fund** [SYSTEM] permits, the
 31 administrator shall increase benefit payments to persons receiving benefits under this

1 **plan. For purposes of this subsection, the financial condition of the fund would**
 2 **only permit an increase in benefits when the ratio of total fund assets to the**
 3 **accrued liability meets or exceeds 105 percent. In this subsection, "accrued**
 4 **liability" means the present value of all member benefits accrued by member**
 5 **service in this plan** [SYSTEM].

6 * **Sec. 18.** AS 14.25.145 is amended to read:

7 **Sec. 14.25.145. Interest on individual accounts.** Interest shall be credited to
 8 each teacher's account at the end of each school year at the rate prescribed by **the**
 9 **board** [REGULATION] for that year.

10 * **Sec. 19.** AS 14.25.150 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

11 (c) A member who has received a refund of contributions in accordance with
 12 this section forfeits corresponding credited service under AS 14.25.009 - 14.25.220.

13 * **Sec. 20.** AS 14.25.168(a) is repealed and reenacted to read:

14 (a) Except as provided in (c) of this section, the following persons are entitled
 15 to major medical insurance coverage under this section:

16 (1) for teachers first hired before July 1, 1990,

17 (A) a teacher who is receiving a monthly benefit from the plan
 18 and who has elected coverage;

19 (B) the spouse and dependent children of the teacher described
 20 in (A) of this paragraph;

21 (C) the surviving spouse of a deceased teacher who is receiving
 22 a monthly benefit from the plan and who has elected coverage;

23 (D) the dependent children of a deceased teacher who are
 24 dependent on the surviving spouse described in (C) of this paragraph;

25 (2) for teachers first hired on or after July 1, 1990,

26 (A) a teacher who is receiving a monthly benefit from the plan
 27 and who has elected coverage for the teacher;

28 (B) the spouse of the teacher described in (A) of this paragraph
 29 if the teacher elected coverage for the spouse;

30 (C) the dependent children of the teacher described in (A) of
 31 this paragraph if the teacher elected coverage for the dependent children;

1 (D) the surviving spouse of a deceased teacher who is receiving
2 a monthly benefit from the plan and who has elected coverage;

3 (E) the dependent children of a deceased teacher who are
4 dependent on the surviving spouse described in (D) of this paragraph if the
5 surviving spouse has elected coverage for the dependent children.

6 * **Sec. 21.** AS 14.25.173(c) is amended to read:

7 (c) **At least quarterly,** [AT EACH REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING
8 OF THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT BOARD,] the administrator shall report to the
9 **commissioner of administration** [BOARD] on all situations since the administrator's
10 last report in which an adjustment has been prohibited under (b) of this section. If the
11 **commissioner of administration** [BOARD] finds that there is reason to believe that
12 one or more of the conditions set out in (b) of this section have not been met, the
13 administrator shall notify the member or beneficiary that an adjustment will be made
14 to recover the overpayment. A member or beneficiary who receives notice of
15 adjustment under this subsection may **file a request with the commissioner of**
16 **administration** [APPEAL TO THE BOARD] for a waiver of the adjustment under
17 AS 14.25.175. An adjustment that requires the repayment of benefits may not be
18 required while the **waiver request** [APPEAL] is pending.

19 * **Sec. 22.** AS 14.25.175(a) is amended to read:

20 (a) Upon **request** [APPEAL] by an affected member or beneficiary under (b)
21 of this section, the **commissioner of administration** [BOARD] may waive an
22 adjustment or a portion of an adjustment made under AS 14.25.173 if, in the opinion
23 of the **commissioner of administration** [BOARD],

24 (1) the adjustment or portion of the adjustment will cause undue
25 hardship to the member or beneficiary;

26 (2) the adjustment was not the result of erroneous information supplied
27 by the member or beneficiary;

28 (3) before the adjustment was made, the member or beneficiary
29 received confirmation from the administrator that the member's or beneficiary's
30 records were correct; and

31 (4) the member or beneficiary had no reasonable grounds to believe

1 the records were incorrect before the adjustment was made.

2 * **Sec. 23.** AS 14.25.175(b) is amended to read:

3 (b) In order to obtain consideration of a waiver under this section, the affected
4 member or beneficiary **shall file a request with** [MUST APPEAL TO] the
5 **commissioner of administration** [BOARD] in writing within 30 days after receipt of
6 notice that the records have been adjusted. The ruling of the **commissioner of**
7 **administration** [BOARD] shall be in writing.

8 * **Sec. 24.** AS 14.25.175(c) is repealed and reenacted to read:

9 (c) A ruling of the commissioner of administration to deny a waiver under (b)
10 of this section may be appealed to the office of administrative hearings.

11 * **Sec. 25.** AS 14.25.175(d) is amended to read:

12 (d) The **office of administrative hearings** [BOARD] may **reverse the**
13 **commissioner of administration's decision to deny a waiver and may** impose
14 conditions on granting a waiver that it considers equitable. These conditions may
15 include requiring the member or beneficiary to make additional contributions to the
16 **plan** [SYSTEM].

17 * **Sec. 26.** AS 14.25.210(a) is amended to read:

18 (a) A person who knowingly makes a false statement, or falsifies or permits to
19 be falsified any record of this **plan** [SYSTEM], in an attempt to defraud this **plan**
20 [SYSTEM], is guilty of a class A misdemeanor [AND FORFEITS ALL RIGHTS
21 UNDER THIS CHAPTER].

22 * **Sec. 27.** AS 14.25.220(2) is amended to read:

23 (2) "actuarial adjustment" means the adjustment necessary to obtain
24 equality in value of the aggregate expected payments under two different forms of
25 pension payments, considering expected mortality and interest earnings on the basis of
26 assumptions, factors, and methods specified in regulations issued under the **plan**
27 [SYSTEM] that are formally adopted [UNDER AS 14.25.022] by the board and that
28 clearly preclude employer discretion in the determination of the amount of any
29 member's benefit;

30 * **Sec. 28.** AS 14.25.220(3) is amended to read:

31 (3) "administrator" means the [PERSON APPOINTED BY THE]

1 commissioner of administration or the commissioner's designee under AS 14.25.003
 2 [AS 14.25.015];

3 * **Sec. 29.** AS 14.25.220(9) is amended to read:

4 (9) "board" means the Alaska Retirement Management [ALASKA
 5 TEACHERS' RETIREMENT] Board established under AS 37.10.210 [AS 14.25.035];

6 * **Sec. 30.** AS 14.25.220(40) is amended to read:

7 (40) "supplemental contribution account" means the account
 8 maintained by the plan [SYSTEM] to record the supplemental contributions of each
 9 member, including interest and adjustments to the account [IN ACCORDANCE
 10 WITH AS 14.25.170];

11 * **Sec. 31.** AS 14.25.220(42) is amended to read:

12 (42) "teacher" and "member" are used interchangeably under this
 13 chapter and mean a person eligible to participate in the system and who is covered by
 14 the system, limited to

15 (A) a certificated full-time or part-time elementary or
 16 secondary teacher, a certificated school nurse, or a certificated person in a
 17 position requiring a teaching certificate as a condition of employment in a
 18 public school of the state, the Department of Education and Early
 19 Development, or the Department of Labor and Workforce Development;

20 (B) a full-time or part-time teacher of the University of Alaska
 21 or a person occupying a full-time administrative position at the University of
 22 Alaska that requires academic standing; the approval of the administrator must
 23 be obtained before an administrative position qualifies for membership in the
 24 system; however, a teacher or administrative person at the university who is
 25 participating in a [THE OPTIONAL] university retirement program under
 26 AS 14.40.661 - 14.40.799 is not a member under this system;

27 (C) a state legislator who elects membership under
 28 AS 14.25.040(b);

29 * **Sec. 32.** AS 14.25.220 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

30 (46) "plan" means the retirement benefit plan established under
 31 AS 14.25.009 - 14.25.220.

1 * **Sec. 33.** AS 14.25 is amended by adding new sections to read:

2 **Article 3. Teachers First Hired on or after July 1, 2006.**

3 **Sec. 14.25.310. Applicability of AS 14.25.310 - 14.25.590.** The provisions of
4 AS 14.25.310 - 14.25.590 apply only to teachers who first become members on or
5 after July 1, 2006, or to members who transfer into the defined contribution plan under
6 AS 14.25.540.

7 **Sec. 14.25.320. Defined contribution retirement plan established.** (a) A
8 defined contribution retirement plan for teachers of the state is created.

9 (b) The defined contribution retirement plan includes a plan in which savings
10 are accumulated in an individual account for the exclusive benefit of the member or
11 beneficiaries. The plan is established effective July 1, 2006, at which time
12 contributions by employers and members begin.

13 (c) The defined contribution retirement plan is intended to qualify under 26
14 U.S.C. 401(a) and 414(d) (Internal Revenue Code) as a qualified retirement plan
15 established and maintained by the state for its employees and for the employees of
16 school districts and regional educational attendance areas in the state.

17 (d) An amendment to the defined contribution retirement plan does not
18 provide a person with a vested right to a benefit if the Internal Revenue Service
19 determines that the amendment will result in disqualification of the plan under the
20 Internal Revenue Code.

21 **Sec. 14.25.330. Membership.** (a) A teacher who first becomes a member on
22 or after July 1, 2006, shall participate in the plan as a member of the defined
23 contribution retirement plan.

24 (b) A teacher who is participating in a university retirement program under
25 AS 14.40.661 - 14.40.799 may not participate as a member of the defined contribution
26 retirement plan.

27 **Sec. 14.25.340. Contributions by members.** (a) Each member shall
28 contribute to the member's individual account an amount equal to eight percent of the
29 member's compensation from July 1 to the following June 30.

30 (b) Subject to the limitations on contributions under AS 14.25.380, a member
31 may elect to make additional contributions to the member's individual account.

1 (c) The employer shall deduct the contribution from the member's
 2 compensation at the end of each payroll period, and the contribution shall be credited
 3 by the administrator to the member's individual account. The contributions shall be
 4 deducted from member's compensation before the computation of applicable federal
 5 taxes and shall be treated as employer contributions under 26 U.S.C. 414(h)(2). A
 6 member may not have the option of making the payroll deduction directly in cash
 7 instead of having the contribution picked up by the employer.

8 **Sec. 14.25.345. Employment contributions mandatory.** (a) Contributions
 9 of members shall be made by payroll deductions. Each member shall be considered to
 10 consent to payroll deductions. It is of no consequence that a payroll deduction may
 11 cause the compensation paid in cash to a member to be reduced below the minimum
 12 required by law.

13 (b) Payment of a member's compensation, less payroll deductions, is a full and
 14 complete discharge and satisfaction of all claims and demands by the member relating
 15 to remuneration of services during the period covered by the payment, except with
 16 respect to the benefits provided under the plan.

17 **Sec. 14.25.350. Contributions by employers.** (a) An employer shall
 18 contribute to each member's individual account an amount equal to five percent of the
 19 member's compensation from July 1 to the following June 30.

20 (b) An employer shall also contribute an amount equal to a percentage, as
 21 certified by the board, of each member's compensation from July 1 to the following
 22 June 30 to pay for retiree major medical insurance. This contribution shall be paid
 23 into the group health and life benefits fund established by the commissioner of
 24 administration under AS 39.30.095 and shall be accounted for in accordance with
 25 regulations established by the commissioner.

26 (c) Notwithstanding (b) of this section, the employer contribution for retiree
 27 major medical insurance for fiscal year 2006 shall be 1.75 percent of each member's
 28 compensation from July 1 to the following June 30.

29 (d) An employer shall also make contributions to the health reimbursement
 30 arrangement plan under AS 39.30.300.

31 **Sec. 14.25.360. Rollover contributions and distributions.** (a) A teacher

1 entering the plan may elect, at the time and in the manner prescribed by the
 2 administrator, to have all or part of a direct rollover distribution from an eligible
 3 retirement plan owned by the member paid directly into the member's individual
 4 account.

5 (b) Rollover contributions do not count as a purchase of membership service
 6 for the purpose of determining years of service.

7 (c) A distributee may elect, at the time and in the manner prescribed by the
 8 administrator, to have all or part of a direct rollover distribution paid directly to an
 9 eligible retirement plan specified by the distributee in the direct rollover.

10 (d) In this section,

11 (1) "direct rollover" means the payment of an eligible rollover
 12 distribution by the plan to an eligible retirement plan specified by a distributee who is
 13 eligible to elect a direct rollover;

14 (2) "distributee" means a member, or a beneficiary who is the
 15 surviving spouse of the member, or an alternate payee;

16 (3) "eligible retirement plan" means

17 (A) a conduit individual retirement account described in 26
 18 U.S.C. 408(d)(3)(A);

19 (B) an annuity plan described in 26 U.S.C. 403(a);

20 (C) a qualified trust described in 26 U.S.C. 401(a);

21 (D) an annuity plan described in 26 U.S.C. 403(b); or

22 (E) a governmental plan described in 26 U.S.C. 457(b);

23 (4) "eligible rollover distribution" means a distribution of all or part of
 24 a total account to a distributee, except for

25 (A) a distribution that is one of a series of substantially equal
 26 installments payable not less frequently than annually over the life expectancy
 27 of the distributee or the joint and last survivor life expectancy of the distributee
 28 and the distributee's designated beneficiary, as defined in 26 U.S.C. 401(a)(9);

29 (B) a distribution that is one of a series of substantially equal
 30 installments payable not less frequently than annually over a specified period
 31 of 10 years or more;

- 1 (C) a distribution that is required under 26 U.S.C. 401(a)(9);
 2 (D) the portion of any distribution that is not includable in
 3 gross income;
 4 (E) a distribution that is on account of hardship; and
 5 (F) other distributions that are reasonably expected to total less
 6 than \$200 during a year.

7 **Sec. 14.25.370. Transmittal of contributions.** All contributions deducted in
 8 accordance with AS 14.25.310 - 14.25.590 shall be transmitted to the plan for deposit
 9 in the trust fund as soon as administratively feasible, but in no event later than 15 days
 10 following the close of the payroll period.

11 **Sec. 14.25.380. Limitations on contributions.** Notwithstanding any other
 12 provisions of this plan, the annual additions to each member's individual account
 13 under this plan and under all defined contribution plans of the employer required to be
 14 aggregated with the contributions from this plan under the provisions of 26 U.S.C. 415
 15 may not exceed, for any limitation year, the amount permitted under 26 U.S.C. 415 at
 16 any time. If the amount of a member's defined contribution plan contributions exceeds
 17 the limitation of 26 U.S.C. 415(c) for any limitation year, the administrator shall take
 18 any necessary remedial action to correct an excess contribution. The provisions of 26
 19 U.S.C. 415, and the regulations adopted under that statute, as applied to qualified
 20 defined contribution plans of governmental employees are incorporated as part of the
 21 terms and conditions of the plan.

22 **Sec. 14.25.390. Vesting.** (a) A participating member is immediately and
 23 fully vested in that member's contributions and related earnings.

24 (b) A member is fully vested in the employer contributions made on that
 25 member's behalf, and related earnings, after five years of service. A member is
 26 partially vested in the employer contributions made on that member's behalf, and the
 27 related earnings, in the ratio of

- 28 (1) 25 percent with two years of service;
 29 (2) 50 percent with three years of service; and
 30 (3) 75 percent with four years of service.

31 **Sec. 14.25.400. Investment of individual accounts.** (a) The board shall

1 provide a range of investment options and permit a participant to exercise investment
2 control over the participant's assets in the member's individual account as provided in
3 this section. If a participant exercises control over the assets in the individual account,
4 the participant is not considered a fiduciary for any reason on the basis of exercising
5 that control.

6 (b) A participant may direct investment of plan funds held in an account
7 among available investment funds in accordance with rules established by the board.

8 (c) A participant may elect to change or transfer all or a portion of the
9 participant's existing account balance among available investment funds not more
10 often than once each day in accordance with the rules established by the administrator.
11 Only the last election received by the administrator before the transmittal of
12 contributions to the trust fund for allocation to the individual account will be used to
13 direct the investment of the contributions received.

14 (d) Except to the extent clearly set out in the terms of the investment plans
15 offered by the employer to the employee, the employer is not liable to the participant
16 for investment losses if the prudent investment standard has been met.

17 (e) The employer, administrator, state, board, or a person or entity who is
18 otherwise a fiduciary is not liable by reason for any participant's investment loss that
19 results from the participant's directing the investment of plan assets allocated to the
20 participant's account.

21 (f) To the extent that a member's individual account has been divided as
22 provided in a qualified domestic relations order between participants, each participant
23 shall be treated as the holder of a separate individual account for purposes of
24 investment yields, decisions, transfers, and time limitations imposed by this section.

25 **Sec. 14.25.410. Distribution election at termination.** (a) A member is
26 eligible to elect distribution of the member's account in accordance with this section
27 60 days after termination of employment.

28 (b) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, distribution of all or a portion of the
29 individual account of a member may take place before the 60th day after the
30 termination of employment with the approval of the administrator if the member
31 makes a written request for a distribution under this subsection. The member's spouse

1 must consent to the request in writing if the member is married. Distribution of an
 2 individual account may only be made on account of an immediate and heavy financial
 3 need of the member for the following reasons and in the amount the need is
 4 demonstrated for

5 (1) medical care described in 26 U.S.C. 213(d) incurred by the
 6 member, the member's spouse, or the member's dependent, or necessary to obtain that
 7 medical care;

8 (2) the purchase of a principal residence for the member;

9 (3) postsecondary education tuition and related educational fees for the
 10 next 12-month period for the member, the member's spouse, or a dependent of the
 11 member; in this paragraph, "dependent" has the meaning given in 26 U.S.C. 152;

12 (4) prevention of the eviction of the member from the member's
 13 principal residence or foreclosure on the mortgage of the member's principal
 14 residence; or

15 (5) any need prescribed by the United States Department of the
 16 Treasury, Internal Revenue Service, in a revenue ruling, notice, or other document of
 17 general applicability that satisfies the safe harbor definition of hardship under
 18 regulations adopted under 26 U.S.C. 401(k).

19 (c) If a member dies before benefits commence, the member's beneficiary is
 20 immediately eligible to elect distribution of the member's share of the member's
 21 individual account.

22 (d) Distributions are payable to an alternate payee in accordance with the
 23 terms and conditions of a qualified domestic relations order that is received and
 24 approved by the administrator as specified in AS 14.25.460.

25 (e) Distributions that are being paid to a member may not be affected by the
 26 member's subsequent reemployment with the employer. Upon reemployment, a new
 27 individual account shall be established for the member to which any future
 28 contributions shall be allocated. Upon subsequent termination of employment, the
 29 member's new individual account shall be distributed in accordance with this section.

30 **Sec. 14.25.420. Forms of distribution.** (a) A participant may elect to receive
 31 distribution of the participant's share of the individual account in a

1 (1) lump sum payment, which is a single payment of the entire balance
2 in the account;

3 (2) periodic lump sum payment, which is a payment of a portion of the
4 balance in the account, not more than twice each year;

5 (3) period certain annuity payment, which is an annuity payable in a
6 fixed number of monthly installments for a duration of 60, 120, or 180 months;

7 (4) life annuity with a period certain payment, which is an annuity
8 payable until the later of the first day of the month in which the annuitant's death
9 occurs, or the date on which the payment of a fixed number of monthly installments is
10 completed; the period certain for installments is 120 or 180 months;

11 (5) single life annuity payment, which is an annuity payable monthly
12 until the first of the month in which the annuitant's death occurs; or

13 (6) joint and survivor annuity payment, which is an annuity payable
14 monthly to the member until the first of the month in which the member's death
15 occurs; after the member's death, a survivor annuity equal to 50 percent or 100 percent
16 of the member's benefit, as previously elected by the member, shall be paid monthly to
17 the joint annuitant for the remainder of the survivor's lifetime.

18 (b) Upon the death of an annuitant whose payments have commenced, an
19 annuitant's beneficiary shall receive further payments only to the extent provided in
20 accordance with the form of payment that was being made to the annuitant. The
21 remaining portion of the interest shall continue to be distributed at least as rapidly as
22 under the method of distribution being used before the annuitant's death.

23 (c) If a participant dies before the distribution commencement date,
24 distribution of the participant's entire interest to a beneficiary shall be payable in any
25 form other than a joint and survivor annuity.

26 (d) If an unmarried member or other participant fails to elect a form of
27 payment before the distribution commencement date, the account shall be paid to a
28 beneficiary in the form of a lump sum to the extent required by the minimum
29 distribution requirements set out in the Internal Revenue Code. If a married member
30 fails to elect a form of payment before the distribution commencement date, the
31 account shall be paid in the form of a 50 percent joint and survivor annuity, with the

1 member's spouse as the joint annuitant.

2 **Sec. 14.25.430. Manner of electing distributions.** (a) Any election or any
3 alteration or revocation of a prior election by a participant for any purpose under this
4 plan shall be on forms or made in a manner prescribed for that purpose by the plan
5 administrator. To be effective, the forms required or the required action for any
6 purpose under this plan must be completed and received in accordance with
7 regulations adopted by the commissioner of administration.

8 (b) At any time, but not less than seven days before the distribution
9 commencement date, a member, alternate payee, or beneficiary may change

10 (1) the form of payment election;

11 (2) an election to commence benefits; or

12 (3) the joint annuitant designation.

13 (c) Changes in elections are not allowed on or after seven days before the
14 distribution commencement date.

15 **Sec. 14.25.440. Distribution requirements.** (a) Payments to a participant
16 shall commence as soon as administratively feasible following the distribution
17 commencement date. The distribution commencement date is the first date on which
18 one of the following occurs:

19 (1) a member meets the requirements of AS 14.25.410 and has made a
20 complete application for payment under AS 14.25.430;

21 (2) a participant has elected to defer receipt of the account to a date
22 specified, the date has been attained, and the participant has made a complete
23 application for payment;

24 (3) a member attains normal retirement age and has not made an
25 application for payment or elected to defer receipt of the account to a date later than
26 normal retirement age;

27 (4) a member's beneficiary does not make an application for benefits
28 and five years have elapsed since the member's death;

29 (5) notwithstanding (a) of this section, a participant whose account has
30 a balance of \$1,000 or less meets the requirements of AS 14.25.410, at which time the
31 participant must take payment of the participant's account.

1 (b) The entire interest of a participant must be distributed or must begin to be
2 distributed not later than the member's required beginning date.

3 (c) If a member dies after the distribution of the member's interest has begun
4 but before the distribution has been completed, the remaining portion of the interest
5 shall continue to be distributed at least as rapidly as under the method of distribution
6 being used before the member's death.

7 (d) If a member has made a distribution election and dies before the
8 distribution of the member's interest begins, distribution of the member's entire interest
9 shall be completed by December 31 of the calendar year containing the fifth
10 anniversary of the member's death. However, if any portion of the member's interest
11 is payable to a designated beneficiary, distributions may be made over the life of the
12 designated beneficiary or over a period certain not greater than the life expectancy of
13 the designated beneficiary, commencing on or before December 31 of the calendar
14 year immediately following the calendar year in which the member died, and, if the
15 designated beneficiary is the member's surviving spouse, the date distributions are
16 required to begin may not be earlier than the later of December 31 of the calendar year
17 (1) immediately following the calendar year in which the member died, or (2) in which
18 the member would have attained 70 1/2 years of age, whichever is earlier. If the
19 surviving spouse dies after the member but before payments to the spouse have begun,
20 the provisions of this subsection apply as if the surviving spouse were the member.
21 An amount paid to a child of the member shall be treated as if it were paid to the
22 surviving spouse if the amount becomes payable to the surviving spouse when the
23 child reaches the age of majority.

24 (e) If a member has not made a distribution election before the member's
25 death, the member's designated beneficiary must elect the method of distribution not
26 later than December 31 of the calendar year (1) in which distributions would be
27 required to begin under this section, or (2) that contains the fifth anniversary of the
28 date of death of the member, whichever is earlier. If the member does not have a
29 designated beneficiary or if the designated beneficiary does not elect a method of
30 distribution, distribution of the member's entire interest must be completed by
31 December 31 of the calendar year containing the fifth anniversary of the member's

1 death.

2 (f) For purposes of (b) of this section, distribution of a member's interest is
 3 considered to begin (1) on the member's required beginning date, or (2) if the
 4 designated beneficiary is the member's surviving spouse and the surviving spouse dies
 5 after the member but before payments to the spouse have begun, on the date
 6 distribution is required to begin to the surviving spouse. If distribution in the form of
 7 an annuity irrevocably commences to the member before the required beginning date,
 8 the date distribution is considered to begin is the date that the distribution actually
 9 commences.

10 (g) Notwithstanding any contrary provisions of AS 14.25.310 - 14.25.590, the
 11 requirements of this section apply to all distributions of a member's interest and take
 12 precedence over any inconsistent provisions of AS 14.25.310 - 14.25.590.

13 (h) All distributions required under this section are determined and made in
 14 accordance with 26 U.S.C. 401(a)(9) and regulations adopted under that statute,
 15 including any minimum distribution incidental benefit requirement.

16 (i) In this section,

17 (1) "designated beneficiary" means the individual who is designated as
 18 the beneficiary under the plan in accordance with 26 U.S.C. 401(a)(9) and regulations
 19 adopted under that statute;

20 (2) "required beginning date" means the first day of April of the
 21 calendar year following the calendar year in which the member either attains 70 1/2
 22 years of age or actually terminates employment, whichever is later.

23 **Sec. 14.25.450. Designation of beneficiary.** (a) Each participant shall have
 24 the right to designate a beneficiary and shall have the right, at any time, to revoke the
 25 designation or to substitute another beneficiary, subject to the following limitation: if
 26 a married member elects a nonspouse beneficiary, the value of the benefit payable to
 27 the beneficiary may not exceed 50 percent of the member's portion of the account
 28 balance, and the member's spouse shall automatically be considered the beneficiary for
 29 the remaining 50 percent of the account balance, unless the spouse consents to the
 30 beneficiary designation in a writing that is notarized or witnessed by the administrator.
 31 If the spouse consents in this manner, a married member may designate a nonspouse

1 beneficiary for the entire benefit or any portion of the benefit as part of an available
2 form of payment contained in this plan,

3 (1) except to the extent a qualified domestic relations order filed with
4 the administrator provides for payment to a former spouse or other dependent of the
5 member; or

6 (2) unless the member filed a revocation of beneficiary accompanied
7 by a written consent to the revocation from the present spouse and each person entitled
8 under the order; however, consent of the present spouse is not required if the member
9 and the present spouse had been married for less than one year on the date of the
10 member's death and if the member established when filing the revocation that the
11 member and the present spouse were not cohabiting.

12 (b) Except as provided in (a) of this section, the member may change or
13 revoke the designation without notice to the beneficiary or beneficiaries at any time.
14 If a member designates more than one beneficiary, each shares equally unless the
15 member specifies a different allocation or preference. The designation of a
16 beneficiary, a change or revocation of a beneficiary, and a consent to revocation of a
17 beneficiary shall be made on a form provided by the administrator and is not effective
18 until filed with the administrator.

19 (c) If a member fails to designate a beneficiary, or if no designated beneficiary
20 survives the member, the death benefit shall be paid

21 (1) to the surviving spouse or, if there is none surviving;

22 (2) to the surviving children of the member in equal parts or, if there
23 are none surviving;

24 (3) to the surviving parents in equal parts or, if there are none
25 surviving;

26 (4) to the estate.

27 (d) A person claiming entitlement to benefits payable under AS 14.25.310 -
28 14.25.590 as a consequence of a member's death shall provide the administrator with a
29 marriage certificate, divorce or dissolution judgment, or other evidence of entitlement.
30 Documents establishing entitlement may be filed with the administrator immediately
31 after a change in the member's marital status. If the administrator does not receive

1 notification of a claim before the date 10 days after the member's death, the person
 2 claiming entitlement is not entitled to receive from the division of retirement and
 3 benefits any benefit already paid by the administrator.

4 **Sec. 14.25.460. Rights under qualified domestic relations order.** (a)
 5 Notwithstanding the nonalienation provisions in AS 14.25.500(a), the administrator
 6 may direct that benefits be paid to someone other than a member or beneficiary under
 7 a valid qualified domestic relations order that is executed by the judge of a competent
 8 court in accordance with applicable state law and that has been accepted by the
 9 administrator.

10 (b) The administrator shall determine whether an order meets the requirements
 11 of this section within a reasonable period after receiving an order. The administrator
 12 shall notify the member and any alternate payee that an order has been received and
 13 indicate to the member and any alternate payee when the order is accepted. A separate
 14 account for the alternate payee portion shall be established as soon as administratively
 15 feasible after the order has been accepted by the administrator.

16 **Sec. 14.25.470. Retirement.** (a) In order to obtain medical benefits under
 17 AS 14.25.480 a member must retire directly from the plan. A member is eligible to
 18 retire from the plan if the member has been an active member for at least 12 months
 19 before application for retirement and

20 (1) the member has at least 30 years of service; or

21 (2) the member reaches the normal retirement age and has at least 10
 22 years of service.

23 (b) The normal retirement age is the age set for Medicare eligibility at the time
 24 the member retires.

25 (c) A member's surviving spouse is eligible to elect medical benefits under
 26 AS 14.25.480 if the member had retired, or was eligible for appointment to retirement
 27 at the time of the member's death.

28 (d) A member shall apply for appointment to retirement on the forms and in
 29 the manner prescribed by the administrator.

30 (e) Election of the retiree major medical insurance plan is not required in order
 31 to elect participation in the health reimbursement arrangement.

1 (f) A person eligible to elect medical benefits is not required to participate in
 2 the health reimbursement arrangement in order to elect participation in the retiree
 3 major medical insurance plan.

4 (g) An eligible person shall make the irrevocable election to participate or not
 5 participate in the retiree major medical insurance plan by reaching 70 1/2 years of age,
 6 or upon termination of the member's employment, whichever is later.

7 **Sec. 14.25.480. Medical benefits.** (a) The medical benefits available to
 8 eligible persons are access to the retiree major medical insurance plan and to the
 9 health reimbursement arrangement under AS 39.30.300. Access to the retiree major
 10 medical insurance plan means that an eligible person may not be denied insurance
 11 coverage except for failure to pay the required premium.

12 (b) Retiree major medical insurance plan coverage elected by an eligible
 13 member under this section covers the eligible member, the spouse of the eligible
 14 member, and the dependent children of the eligible member.

15 (c) Retiree major medical insurance plan coverage elected by a surviving
 16 spouse of an eligible member under this section covers the surviving spouse and the
 17 dependent children of the eligible member who are dependent on the surviving spouse.

18 (d) Major medical insurance coverage takes effect on the first day of the
 19 month following the date of the administrator's approval of the election and stops
 20 when the person who elects coverage dies or fails to make a required premium
 21 payment.

22 (e) The coverage for persons 65 years of age or older is the same as that
 23 available for persons under 65 years of age. The benefits payable to those persons 65
 24 years of age or older supplement any benefits provided under the federal old age,
 25 survivors and disability insurance program.

26 (f) The medical and optional insurance premiums owed by the person who
 27 elects coverage may be deducted from the health reimbursement arrangement. If the
 28 amount of the health reimbursement arrangement becomes insufficient to pay the
 29 premiums, the person who elects coverage under (a) of this section shall pay the
 30 premiums directly.

31 (g) The cost of premiums for retiree major medical insurance coverage for an

1 eligible member or surviving spouse who is

2 (1) not eligible for Medicare is an amount equal to the full monthly
3 group premiums for retiree major medical insurance coverage;

4 (2) eligible for Medicare, is the following percentage of the premium
5 amounts established for retirees who are eligible for Medicare:

6 (A) 30 percent if the member had 10 or more, but less than 15,
7 years of service;

8 (B) 25 percent if the member had 15 or more, but less than 20,
9 years of service;

10 (C) 20 percent if the member had 20 or more, but less than 25,
11 years of service;

12 (D) 15 percent if the member had 25 or more, but less than 30,
13 years of service;

14 (E) 10 percent if the member had 30 or more years of service.

15 (h) The eligibility for retiree major medical insurance coverage for an
16 alternate payee under a qualified domestic relations order shall be determined based
17 on the eligibility of the member to elect coverage. The alternate payee shall pay the
18 full monthly premium for retiree major medical insurance coverage.

19 (i) A person who is entitled to retiree major medical insurance coverage shall

20 (1) be informed by the administrator in writing

21 (A) that the health insurance coverage available to retired
22 members may be different from the health insurance coverage provided to
23 employees;

24 (B) of time limits for selecting optional health insurance
25 coverage and whether the election is irrevocable; and

26 (2) indicate in writing on a form provided by the administrator that the
27 person has received the information required by this subsection and whether the
28 person has chosen to receive optional health insurance coverage.

29 (j) The monthly group premiums for retiree major medical insurance coverage
30 are established by the administrator in accordance with AS 39.30.095. Nothing in
31 AS 14.25.310 - 14.25.590 guarantees a person who elects coverage under (a) of this

1 section a monthly group premium rate for retiree major medical insurance coverage
 2 other than the premium in effect for the month in which the premium is due for
 3 coverage for that month.

4 (k) In this section, "health reimbursement arrangement" means the plan
 5 established in AS 39.30.300.

6 **Sec. 14.25.490. Amendment and termination of plan.** (a) The state has the
 7 right to amend the plan at any time and from time to time, in whole or in part,
 8 including the right to make retroactive amendments referred to in 26 U.S.C. 401(b).

9 (b) The plan administrator may not modify or amend the plan retroactively in
 10 such a manner as to reduce the benefits of any member accrued to date under the plan
 11 by reason of contributions made before the modification or amendment except to the
 12 extent that the reduction is permitted by the Internal Revenue Code.

13 (c) The state may, in its discretion, terminate the plan in whole or part at any
 14 time without liability for the termination. If the plan is terminated, all investments
 15 remain in force until all individual accounts have been completely distributed under
 16 the plan, and, after all plan liabilities are satisfied, excess assets revert to the employer.

17 (d) Any contribution made by an employer to the plan because of a mistake of
 18 fact must be returned to the employer by the administrator within one year after the
 19 contribution or discovery, whichever is later.

20 **Sec. 14.25.500. Exclusive benefit.** (a) The corpus or income of the assets
 21 held in trust as required by the plan may not be diverted or used for other than the
 22 exclusive benefit of the participants.

23 (b) If plan benefits are provided through the distribution of annuity or
 24 insurance contracts, any refunds or credits in excess of plan benefits due to dividends,
 25 earnings, or other experience rating credits, or surrender or cancellation credits, shall
 26 be paid to the trust fund.

27 (c) The assets of the plan may not be used to pay premiums or contributions of
 28 the employer under another plan maintained by the employer.

29 **Sec. 14.25.510. Nonguarantee of returns, rates, or benefit amounts.** The
 30 plan created by AS 14.25.310 - 14.25.590 is a defined contribution plan, not a defined
 31 benefit plan. The amount of money in the account of a participant depends on the

1 amount of contributions and the rate of return from investments of the account that
 2 varies over time. If benefits are paid in the form of an annuity, the benefit amount
 3 payable is dependent on the amount of money in the account and the interest rates
 4 applied and service fees charged by the annuity payor at the time benefits are first
 5 paid. Nothing in this plan guarantees a participant

6 (1) a rate of return or interest rate other than that actually earned by the
 7 account of the participant, less applicable administrative expenses; or

8 (2) an annuity based on interest rates or service charges other than
 9 interest rates available from and service charges by the annuity payor in effect at the
 10 time the annuity is paid.

11 **Sec. 14.25.520. Nonguarantee of employment.** The provisions of
 12 AS 14.25.310 - 14.25.590 are not a contract of employment between an employer and
 13 an employee, nor do they confer a right of an employee to be continued in the
 14 employment of an employer, nor are they a limitation of the right of an employer to
 15 discharge an employee with or without cause.

16 **Sec. 14.25.530. Fraud.** (a) A person who knowingly makes a false statement
 17 or falsifies or permits to be falsified a record of this plan in an attempt to defraud the
 18 plan is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

19 (b) In this section, "knowingly" has the meaning given in AS 11.81.900(a).

20 **Sec. 14.25.540. Transfer into defined contribution retirement plan by**
 21 **nonvested members of defined benefit retirement plan.** (a) Subject to (i) of this
 22 section, an active member of the defined benefit retirement plan of the teachers'
 23 retirement system is eligible to participate in the defined contribution retirement plan
 24 established under AS 14.25.310 - 14.25.590 if that member has not vested.
 25 Participation in the defined contribution retirement plan is in lieu of participation in
 26 the defined benefit retirement plan established under AS 14.25.009 - 14.25.220.

27 (b) A member who has vested in a defined benefit retirement plan is not
 28 eligible to transfer under this section.

29 (c) Each eligible member who elects to participate in the defined contribution
 30 retirement plan shall have transferred to a new account the present value of the
 31 member contribution account balance held in trust for the member under the defined

1 benefit retirement plan of the teachers' retirement system. A matching employer
2 contribution shall be made on behalf of that employee to the new account.

3 (d) Upon a transfer, all membership service previously earned under the
4 defined benefit retirement plan shall be nullified for purposes of entitlement to a future
5 benefit under the defined benefit retirement plan but shall be credited for purposes of
6 eligibility to elect medical benefits under AS 14.25.470. Membership service allowed
7 for credit toward medical benefits does not include any service credit purchased under
8 AS 14.25.075 for employment by an employer who is not a participating employer in
9 this chapter.

10 (e) An eligible member whose accounts are subject to a qualified domestic
11 relations order may not make an election to participate in the defined contribution
12 retirement plan under this subsection unless the qualified domestic relations order is
13 amended or vacated and court-certified copies of the order are received by the
14 administrator.

15 (f) As directed by the participant, the board shall transfer or cause to be
16 transferred the appropriate amounts to the designated account. The board shall
17 establish transfer procedures by regulation, but the actual transfer may not be later
18 than 30 days after the effective date of the member's participation in the defined
19 contribution retirement plan unless the major financial markets for securities available
20 for a transfer are seriously disrupted by an unforeseen event that also causes the
21 suspension of trading on any national securities exchange in the country where the
22 securities were issued. In that event, the 30-day period of time may be extended by a
23 resolution of the board of trustees. Transfers are not commissionable or subject to
24 other fees and may be in the form of securities or cash as determined by the board.
25 Securities shall be valued as of the date of receipt in the participant's account.

26 (g) If the board or the administrator receives notification from the United
27 States Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service, that this section or a
28 portion of this section will cause the retirement system under this chapter, or a portion
29 of the retirement system under this chapter, to be disqualified for tax purposes under
30 the Internal Revenue Code, the portion that will cause the disqualification does not
31 apply, and the board and the administrator shall notify the presiding officers of the

1 legislature.

2 (h) The election to participate in the defined contribution retirement plan must
 3 be made in writing on forms and in the manner prescribed by the administrator.
 4 Before accepting an election to participate in the defined contribution retirement plan,
 5 the administrator must provide the employee planning on making an election to
 6 participate in the defined contribution retirement plan with information, including
 7 calculations to illustrate the effect of moving the employee's retirement plan from the
 8 defined benefit retirement plan to the defined contribution retirement plan as well as
 9 other information to clearly inform the employee of the potential consequences of the
 10 employee's election. An election made under this subsection to participate in the
 11 defined contribution retirement plan is irrevocable. Upon making the election, the
 12 participant shall be enrolled as a member of the defined contribution retirement plan,
 13 the member's participation in the plan shall be governed by the provisions of
 14 AS 14.25.310 - 14.25.590, and the member's participation in the defined benefit
 15 retirement plan under AS 14.25.009 - 14.25.220 shall terminate. The participant's
 16 enrollment in the defined contribution retirement plan shall be effective the first day of
 17 the month after the administrator receives the completed enrollment forms. An
 18 election made by an eligible member who is married is not effective unless the
 19 election is signed by the individual's spouse.

20 (i) A member may make an election under this section only if the member's
 21 employer participates in both the defined benefits retirement plan and the defined
 22 contribution retirement plan and consents to transfers under this section. The
 23 employer shall notify the administrator if the employer consents to allowing the
 24 employer's members to choose to transfer from the defined benefits retirement plan to
 25 the defined contribution retirement plan under this section. An employer's notice to
 26 allow transfers is irrevocable and applicable to all eligible employees of the employer.

27 (j) In this section,

28 (1) "defined benefit retirement plan" means the retirement plan
 29 established in AS 14.25.009 - 14.25.220;

30 (2) "defined contribution retirement plan" means the retirement plan
 31 established in AS 14.25.310 - 14.25.590.

1 **Sec. 14.25.550. Membership in teachers' and public employees'**
 2 **retirement systems.** A person who is employed at least half-time in the public
 3 employees' defined contribution retirement plan (AS 39.35.700 - 39.35.990) during the
 4 same period that the person is employed at least half-time in a position in the teachers'
 5 defined contribution retirement plan (AS 14.25.310 - 14.25.590) shall receive credited
 6 service under each plan for half-time employment. However, the amount of credited
 7 service a person receives under the public employees' defined contribution retirement
 8 plan during a school year may not exceed the amount necessary, when added to the
 9 amount of credited service earned during the school year under the teachers' defined
 10 contribution retirement plan, to equal one year of credited service.

11 **Sec. 14.25.560. Legislators who have been teachers.** (a) A state legislator
 12 who was an active member of the defined contribution plan under other sections of
 13 AS 14.25.310 - 14.25.590 within the 12 months immediately preceding election to
 14 office may, subject to the requirements of (b) of this section, elect to be an active
 15 member of the teachers' defined contribution retirement plan for as long as the state
 16 legislator serves continuously as a state legislator if, within 90 days after taking the
 17 oath of office,

18 (1) the state legislator directs the employer in writing to

19 (A) pay into this plan the employer contributions required for a
 20 member under AS 14.25.310 - 14.25.590; and

21 (B) deduct from the state legislator's salary and pay into this
 22 plan

23 (i) the employee contributions required for a member
 24 under AS 14.25.310 - 14.25.590; and

25 (ii) an amount equal to the difference between the total
 26 employer and state contributions required for a member under
 27 AS 14.25.310 - 14.25.590 and the employer contributions that would be
 28 required under the public employees' defined contribution retirement
 29 plan (AS 39.35.700 - 39.35.990) if the legislator were covered under
 30 that plan; and

31 (2) notice is given the administrator in writing.

1 (b) A state legislator is not entitled to elect membership under (a) of this
 2 section if the state legislator is covered for the same period of service under the public
 3 employees' defined contribution retirement plan (AS 39.35.700 - 39.35.990). An
 4 election of membership under (a) of this section is retroactive to the date the state
 5 legislator took the oath of office. A state legislator may not receive membership credit
 6 under (a) of this section for legislative service performed before the legislative session
 7 during which the state legislator elected membership under (a) of this section. In order
 8 to continue in membership service under (a) of this section, the state legislator must
 9 earn at least 0.3 years of membership service under other sections of AS 14.25.310 -
 10 14.25.590 during each five-year period.

11 **Sec. 14.25.570. Participation by National Education Association**
 12 **employees.** An employee or former employee of the National Education Association
 13 of Alaska may participate in the teachers' defined contribution retirement plan under
 14 AS 14.25.310 - 14.25.590 if the employee or former employee possesses or is eligible
 15 to possess a teacher certificate under AS 14.20.020.

16 **Sec. 14.25.580. Participation by Special Education Service Agency**
 17 **employees.** An employee of the Special Education Service Agency may participate in
 18 the system under this chapter if the employee possesses or is eligible to possess a
 19 teacher certificate under AS 14.20.020.

20 **Sec. 14.25.590. Definitions.** In AS 14.25.310 - 14.25.590, unless the context
 21 requires otherwise,

22 (1) "administrator" has the meaning given in AS 14.25.220;

23 (2) "alternate payee" means a person entitled to a portion of the
 24 distribution from an individual account under a qualified domestic relations order;

25 (3) "annuitant" means a member, beneficiary or alternate payee who is
 26 receiving a benefit under this plan;

27 (4) "beneficiary" means the person or persons entitled to receive
 28 benefits that may be due from the plan upon the death of the member or alternate
 29 payee;

30 (5) "board" has the meaning given in AS 14.25.220;

31 (6) "calendar year" has the meaning given in AS 39.35.680;

1 (7) "compensation"

2 (A) means

3 (i) the total remuneration earned by an employee for
4 personal services rendered, including cost-of-living differentials, as
5 reported on the employee's Federal Income Tax Withholding Statement
6 (Form W-2) from the employer for the calendar year;

7 (ii) the member contribution to the teachers' retirement
8 system under AS 14.25.340;

9 (B) does not include retirement benefits, severance pay or other
10 separation bonuses, welfare benefits, per diem, expense allowances, workers'
11 compensation payments, payments for leave not used whether those leave
12 payments are scheduled payments, lump-sum payments, donations, or cash-ins,
13 any remuneration contributed by the employer for or on account of the
14 employee under this plan or under any other qualified or nonqualified
15 employee benefit plan, any remuneration not specifically included above
16 which would have been excluded under 26 U.S.C. 3121(a) (Internal Revenue
17 Code) if the employer had remained in the Federal Social Security System, or
18 any remuneration paid by the employer in excess of the Social Security
19 Taxable Wage Base for the calendar year;

20 (C) notwithstanding (B) of this paragraph, includes any amount
21 that is contributed by the employer under a salary reduction agreement and that
22 is not includible in the gross income of the employee under 26 U.S.C. 125,
23 132(f)(4), 402(e)(3), 402(h)(1)(B) or 403(b) (Internal Revenue Code); the
24 annual compensation limitation for the member, which is so taken into account
25 for those purposes, may not exceed \$200,000, as adjusted for the cost of living
26 in accordance with 26 U.S.C. 401(a)(17)(B) (Internal Revenue Code), with the
27 limitation for a fiscal year being the limitation in effect for the calendar year
28 within which the fiscal year begins;

29 (8) "dependent child" has the meaning given in AS 14.25.220;

30 (9) "distribution commencement date" has the meaning given in
31 AS 14.25.440(a);

1 (10) "employer" means a public school district, the Board of Regents
2 of the University of Alaska, the Department of Education and Early Development, or
3 the regional resource centers;

4 (11) "fund" means the assets of the plan;

5 (12) "individual account" means the total maintained by the plan in an
6 investment account within the trust fund, established for each member for the purposes
7 of allocation of the member's contributions, employer contributions on behalf of the
8 member, and earnings credited to each of those contributions, investment gains and
9 losses, and expenses, as well as reporting of the member's benefit under the plan;

10 (13) "Internal Revenue Code" has the meaning given in AS 14.25.220;

11 (14) "investment funds" means those separate funds that are provided
12 within and that make up the trust fund and that are established for the purpose of
13 directing investment through the exercise of the sole control of a member, beneficiary,
14 or alternate payee under the terms of the plan and trust agreement;

15 (15) "limitation year" means the year for which contributions are made
16 to a member's individual account as reported to the Internal Revenue Service under the
17 limits described in 26 U.S.C. 415(c);

18 (16) "member" means an employee of an employer or a former
19 employee of an employer who retains a right to benefits under the plan;

20 (17) "membership service" means full-time or part-time employment
21 with an employer in the plan;

22 (18) "normal retirement age" means the age set for Medicare eligibility
23 at the time the member retires;

24 (19) "participant" means the person who has a vested right to an
25 individual account, such as a member, an alternate payee if the account is subject to a
26 qualified domestic relations order, the member's beneficiary if the member is
27 deceased, or an alternate payee's beneficiary if the alternate payee is deceased;

28 (20) "plan" means the retirement benefit plan established under
29 AS 14.25.310 - 14.25.590;

30 (21) "prudent investment standard" means the degree of care, skill,
31 prudence, and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing that a prudent person

1 acting in a like capacity and familiar with such matters would use in the conduct of an
2 enterprise of a like character and with like aims;

3 (22) "qualified domestic relations order" means a divorce or
4 dissolution judgment under AS 25.24, including an order approving a property
5 settlement, that

6 (A) creates or recognizes the existence of an alternate payee's
7 right to, or assigns to an alternate payee the right to, receive all or a portion of
8 the individual account, or the benefits payable with respect to a member;

9 (B) sets out the name and last known mailing address, if any, of
10 the member and of each alternate payee covered by the order;

11 (C) sets out the amount or percentage of the member's benefit,
12 or of any survivor's benefit, to be paid to the alternate payee, or sets out the
13 manner in which that amount or percentage is to be determined;

14 (D) sets out the number of payments or period to which the
15 order applies;

16 (E) sets out the retirement plan to which the order applies;

17 (F) does not require any type or form of benefit or any option
18 not otherwise provided by AS 14.25.310 - 14.25.590;

19 (G) does not require an increase of benefits in excess of the
20 amount provided by AS 14.25.310 - 14.25.590; and

21 (H) does not require the payment, to an alternate payee, of
22 benefits that are required to be paid to another alternate payee under another
23 order previously determined to be a qualified domestic relations order;

24 (23) "retiree" means an eligible person who has elected to receive the
25 medical benefits under AS 14.25.480;

26 (24) "retirement fund" or "fund" means the fund in which the assets of
27 the plan, including income and interest derived from the investment of money, are
28 deposited and held;

29 (25) "school year" has the meaning given in AS 14.25.220;

30 (26) "system" has the meaning given in AS 14.25.220;

31 (27) "teacher" and "member" are used interchangeably under

1 AS 14.25.310 - 14.25.590 and mean a person eligible to participate in the plan and
2 who is covered by the plan, limited to

3 (A) a certificated full-time or part-time elementary or
4 secondary teacher, a certificated school nurse, or a certificated person in a
5 position requiring a teaching certificate as a condition of employment in a
6 public school of the state, the Department of Education and Early
7 Development, or the Department of Labor and Workforce Development;

8 (B) a full-time or part-time teacher of the University of Alaska
9 or a person occupying a full-time administrative position at the University of
10 Alaska that requires academic standing; the approval of the administrator must
11 be obtained before an administrative position qualifies for membership in the
12 plan; however, a teacher or administrative person at the university who is
13 participating in a university retirement program under AS 14.40.661 -
14 14.40.799 is not a member under this plan;

15 (C) a full-time or part-time instructor of the Department of
16 Labor and Workforce Development who has

17 (i) a teaching certificate regardless of whether the
18 position as instructor requires a teaching certificate as a condition of
19 employment; and

20 (ii) earlier credited service in the plan;

21 (28) "year of service" means service during the dates set for the school
22 year; partial-year service credit is given for membership service as follows:

23 (A) during any school year,

24 (i) less than nine days, no credit;

25 (ii) nine days or more but less than 27 days, 0.1 years;

26 (iii) 27 days or more but less than 45 days, 0.2 years;

27 (iv) 45 days or more but less than 63 days, 0.3 years;

28 (v) 63 days or more but less than 81 days, 0.4 years;

29 (vi) 81 days or more but less than 100 days, 0.5 years;

30 (vii) 100 days or more but less than 118 days, 0.6 years;

31 (viii) 118 days or more but less than 136 days, 0.7

1 years;

2 (ix) 136 days or more but less than 154 days, 0.8 years;

3 (x) 154 days or more but less than 172 days, 0.9 years;

4 (xi) 172 days or more, 1.0 years;

5 (B) service performed on a part-time basis of half time or more
6 shall be credited in proportion to the amount of credit that would have been
7 received for service performed on a full-time basis.

8 * **Sec. 34.** AS 14.40.280(c) is amended to read:

9 (c) Except as provided by (b) of this section, the monetary gifts, bequests, or
10 endowments that are made to the University of Alaska shall be managed and invested
11 by the Board of Regents. In carrying out its management and investment
12 responsibilities under this subsection, the Board of Regents has the same power and
13 obligations to carry out duties with respect to the endowments of the University of
14 Alaska as are provided to and required of the Alaska **Retirement Management**
15 [STATE PENSION INVESTMENT] Board under **AS 37.10.210** [AS 14.25.180].

16 * **Sec. 35.** AS 14.40.400(b) is amended to read:

17 (b) The Board of Regents is the fiduciary of the fund. The Board of Regents
18 shall account for and invest the fund. In carrying out its investment responsibilities
19 under this subsection, the Board of Regents has the same powers and duties with
20 respect to the fund as are provided to and required of the Alaska **Retirement**
21 **Management** [STATE PENSION INVESTMENT] Board under **AS 37.10.210**
22 [AS 14.25.180].

23 * **Sec. 36.** AS 14.40.661 is amended to read:

24 **Sec. 14.40.661. Authority of board.** (a) The board may establish **and**
25 **maintain** [AN OPTIONAL] university retirement **programs** [PROGRAM] for
26 eligible employees in which retirement and death benefits are provided through the
27 purchase of annuity contracts, either fixed, variable, or a combination of fixed and
28 variable. Participation in **a university retirement** [THE] program is in place of
29 participation in a state retirement system. **The university may establish retirement**
30 **programs for new employees in a participating position at any time. Retirement**
31 **programs must be optional.**

1 (b) The board shall

2 (1) provide for the administration of the retirement programs
3 [PROGRAM], including procedures for resolving complaints from participating
4 employees;

5 (2) designate the company or companies to which payment of the
6 contributions required under AS 14.40.691 may be made, after considering the

7 (A) nature and extent of the rights and benefits that the
8 contracts will provide to employees who elect to participate and to their
9 beneficiaries;

10 (B) relation of the contractual rights and benefits to the
11 contributions to be made under AS 14.40.661 - 14.40.799;

12 (C) suitability of the contractual rights and benefits to the needs
13 and interests of employees who [ELECTING TO] participate and to the
14 interest of the university in the employment and retention of employees;

15 (D) ability of the designated company or companies to provide
16 rights and benefits under the contracts; and

17 (E) efficacy of the contracts in the recruitment and retention of
18 faculty and administrators;

19 (3) take other actions required to ensure that the retirement programs
20 comply with applicable provisions of 26 U.S.C. 401 - 417 [PROGRAM
21 QUALIFIES AS A QUALIFIED TRUST UNDER 26 U.S.C. 401(a)] (Internal
22 Revenue Code).

23 * **Sec. 37.** AS 14.40.671(a) is amended to read:

24 (a) An employee in a participating position may elect to participate in a [THE
25 OPTIONAL] university retirement program or to participate in the appropriate state
26 retirement system. Eligibility to participate in a [THE] program begins on an
27 employee's appointment to a participating position.

28 * **Sec. 38.** AS 14.40.671(b) is amended to read:

29 (b) An election under (a) of this section to participate in a university
30 retirement [THE] program is irrevocable. The election shall be made in writing on a
31 form provided by the board and approved for the state by the commissioner of

1 administration. The form must be filed with the **university not** [BOARD NO] later
 2 than 30 days after the date on which the employee **is notified by the university that**
 3 **the employee is** [FIRST BECOMES] eligible to participate in the program. A copy of
 4 the form shall be delivered to the appropriate state retirement system. The election
 5 becomes irrevocable on the date it is received by the board.

6 * **Sec. 39.** AS 14.40.671(c) is amended to read:

7 (c) **Participation in a university retirement** [THE ELECTION TO
 8 PARTICIPATE IN THE] program constitutes a waiver of all rights and benefits under
 9 the state retirement systems earned on or after the effective date of the election while
 10 the employee is participating in **a university retirement** [THE] program.

11 * **Sec. 40.** AS 14.40.671(d) is amended to read:

12 (d) Except as provided in (e) of this section, if a nonvested member of a state
 13 retirement system **participates** [ELECTS TO PARTICIPATE] in **a university**
 14 **retirement** [THE] program, the employee may choose to transfer the amount in the
 15 employee's contribution account to **a university retirement** [THE] program. If the
 16 employee chooses to transfer the account, the appropriate state retirement system shall
 17 pay to the university on behalf of the employee an amount equal to the balance in the
 18 account. The payment must be made within 45 days after **notice of the employee's**
 19 **decision to transfer the employee's contribution account to a university**
 20 **retirement program** [THE ELECTION] is received by the state retirement system.
 21 The financial officer of the university shall immediately pay the amount received to
 22 the designated company or companies for the benefit of the employee. An employee
 23 who transfers assets under this subsection may not reclaim the corresponding service
 24 in the state retirement system if the employee is reemployed under the state retirement
 25 system.

26 * **Sec. 41.** AS 14.40.671(e) is amended to read:

27 (e) An employee whose rights to transfer assets out of a state retirement
 28 system are subject to a qualified domestic relations order is entitled to transfer assets
 29 from the state retirement system to **a university retirement** [THE] program only if
 30 the requirements for receiving a refund under AS 14.25.150(b) or AS 39.35.200(c), as
 31 appropriate, are met.

1 * **Sec. 42.** AS 14.40.671(e) is amended to read:

2 (e) An employee whose rights to transfer assets out of a state retirement
3 system are subject to a qualified domestic relations order is entitled to transfer assets
4 from the state retirement system to a university retirement program only if the
5 requirements for receiving a refund under AS 14.25.150(b), 14.25.360, [OR]
6 AS 39.35.200(c), or 39.35.760, as appropriate, are met.

7 * **Sec. 43.** AS 14.40.671(f) is amended to read:

8 (f) If a vested member of a state retirement system elects to participate in **a**
9 **university retirement** [THE] program, the employee ceases to be an active member
10 of the **state** retirement system on the effective date of the participation in **a university**
11 **retirement** [THE] program. The employee retains all benefits accrued in the state
12 retirement system.

13 * **Sec. 44.** AS 14.40.671(g) is amended to read:

14 (g) An employee who does not [ELECT TO] participate in **a university**
15 **retirement** [THE] program under this section becomes or remains a member of the
16 appropriate state retirement system.

17 * **Sec. 45.** AS 14.40.671 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

18 (h) Notwithstanding (b) of this section, the university may offer an employee
19 who made an election not to participate in an optional university retirement program at
20 the time the employee was eligible to participate in the program an option to enroll in
21 a different university retirement program.

22 * **Sec. 46.** AS 14.40.681 is amended to read:

23 **Sec. 14.40.681. Retirement system membership.** An [ELIGIBLE] employee
24 **participating** [ELECTING TO PARTICIPATE] in **a university retirement** [THE]
25 program may not participate in a state retirement system during the time the employee
26 is employed in a participating position. If the employee is later employed in a position
27 covered by a state retirement system that is not a participating position, the employee
28 may not continue to participate in **a university retirement** [THE] program and shall
29 begin to participate in the state retirement system.

30 * **Sec. 47.** AS 14.40.691(c) is amended to read:

31 (c) The board may specify that contributions required by this section are made

1 by a reduction in salary under 26 U.S.C. 403(b) or 26 U.S.C. 414(h)(2) (Internal
2 Revenue Code).

3 * **Sec. 48.** AS 14.40.701 is amended to read:

4 **Sec. 14.40.701. Benefits.** Payment of benefits to participants of the program
5 is the responsibility of the company or companies designated by the board and is not
6 the responsibility of the board, the university, or the state. The benefits are payable to
7 participants or their beneficiaries in accordance with the terms of the applicable
8 retirement plan document [ANNUITY CONTRACT OR CONTRACTS.
9 HOWEVER, RETIREMENT BENEFITS MUST BE PAID IN THE FORM OF A
10 LIFETIME INCOME. EXCEPT FOR DEATH BENEFITS, A SINGLE-SUM CASH
11 PAYMENT IS NOT PERMITTED UNDER THIS SECTION].

12 * **Sec. 49.** AS 14.40.799(3) is amended to read:

13 (3) "contribution account" means the member contribution account
14 under AS 14.25.009 - 14.25.220 [AS 14.25] or the employee contribution account
15 under AS 39.35.095 - 39.35.680 [AS 39.35], whichever is appropriate;

16 * **Sec. 50.** AS 14.40.799(3) is amended to read:

17 (3) "contribution account" means the member contribution account
18 under AS 14.25.009 - 14.25.220, the individual account under AS 14.25.310 -
19 14.25.590, [OR] the employee contribution account under AS 39.35.095 - 39.35.680,
20 or the individual account under AS 39.35.700 - 39.35.990, whichever is appropriate;

21 * **Sec. 51.** AS 14.40.799(5) is amended to read:

22 (5) "participating position" means a position that is a permanent
23 position that is at least a .5 full-time appointment and is included in the applicable
24 retirement plan document [AS

25 (A) A FACULTY APPOINTMENT; OR

26 (B) AN ADMINISTRATOR AND THE POSITION HAS
27 BEEN DESIGNATED BY THE BOARD FOR INCLUSION IN THE
28 PROGRAM];

29 * **Sec. 52.** AS 14.40.799(6) is amended to read:

30 (6) "program" means a [THE OPTIONAL] university retirement
31 program;

1 * **Sec. 53.** AS 14.40.799 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

2 (8) "university" means the University of Alaska.

3 * **Sec. 54.** AS 22.25.048(c) is amended to read:

4 (c) The Alaska **Retirement Management** [STATE PENSION
5 INVESTMENT] Board is the fiduciary of the fund and has the same powers and
6 duties under this section in regard to the judicial retirement trust fund as are provided
7 in **AS 37.10.210** [AS 14.25.180].

8 * **Sec. 55.** AS 22.25.900(1) is amended to read:

9 (1) "actuarial equivalent" means the adjustment necessary to obtain
10 equality in value of the aggregate expected payments under two different forms of
11 pension payments, considering expected mortality and interest earnings on the basis of
12 assumptions, factors, and methods specified in regulations issued under the system
13 that are formally adopted [UNDER AS 22.25.027] by the **Alaska Retirement**
14 **Management Board** [COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATION] that clearly
15 preclude employer discretion in the determination of the amount of any justice's,
16 judge's, or member's benefit;

17 * **Sec. 56.** AS 26.05.226(a) is amended to read:

18 (a) The Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs shall contribute to the
19 Alaska National Guard and Alaska Naval Militia retirement system the amounts
20 determined by the **Alaska Retirement Management Board** [COMMISSIONER OF
21 ADMINISTRATION] as necessary to

22 (1) fund the system based on the actuarial requirements of the system
23 as established by the **Alaska Retirement Management Board** [COMMISSIONER
24 OF ADMINISTRATION]; and

25 (2) administer the system.

26 * **Sec. 57.** AS 26.05.228(c) is amended to read:

27 (c) The Alaska **Retirement Management** [STATE PENSION
28 INVESTMENT] Board is the fiduciary of the fund and has the same powers and
29 duties under this section in regard to the fund as are provided under **AS 37.10.220**
30 [AS 14.25.180].

31 * **Sec. 58.** AS 36.30.015(f) is amended to read:

1 (f) The board of directors of the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation,
 2 notwithstanding AS 18.56.088, and the board of directors of the Knik Arm Bridge and
 3 Toll Authority under AS 19.75.111, shall adopt regulations under AS 44.62
 4 (Administrative Procedure Act) and the board of trustees of the Alaska **Retirement**
 5 **Management** [STATE PENSION INVESTMENT] Board shall adopt regulations
 6 under AS 37.10.240 to govern the procurement of supplies, services, professional
 7 services, and construction for the respective public corporation and board. The
 8 regulations must reflect competitive bidding principles and provide vendors
 9 reasonable and equitable opportunities to participate in the procurement process and
 10 must include procurement methods to meet emergency and extraordinary
 11 circumstances. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this subsection, the Alaska
 12 Housing Finance Corporation, the Knik Arm Bridge and Toll Authority, and the
 13 Alaska **Retirement Management** [STATE PENSION INVESTMENT] Board shall
 14 comply with AS 36.30.170(b).

15 * **Sec. 59.** AS 36.30.990(1) is amended to read:

16 (1) "agency"

17 (A) means a department, institution, board, commission,
 18 division, authority, public corporation, the Alaska Pioneers' Home, the Alaska
 19 Veterans' Home, or other administrative unit of the executive branch of state
 20 government;

21 (B) does not include

22 (i) the University of Alaska;

23 (ii) the Alaska Railroad Corporation;

24 (iii) the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation;

25 (iv) a regional Native housing authority created under
 26 AS 18.55.996 or a regional electrical authority created under
 27 AS 18.57.020;

28 (v) the Department of Transportation and Public
 29 Facilities, in regard to the repair, maintenance, and reconstruction of
 30 vessels, docking facilities, and passenger and vehicle transfer facilities
 31 of the Alaska marine highway system;

1 (vi) the Alaska Aerospace Development Corporation;

2 (vii) the Alaska **Retirement Management** [STATE
3 PENSION INVESTMENT] Board;

4 (viii) the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute;

5 * **Sec. 60.** AS 37.10.071(d) is amended to read:

6 (d) In exercising investment, custodial, or depository powers or duties under
7 this section, the fiduciary or the fiduciary's designee is liable for a breach of a duty
8 that is assigned or delegated under this section, or under [AS 14.25.180,]
9 AS 14.40.255, 14.40.280(c), 14.40.400(b), AS 37.10.070, AS 37.14.110(c), 37.14.160,
10 **or** 37.14.170 [, OR AS 39.35.080]. However, the fiduciary or the designee is not
11 liable for a breach of a duty that has been delegated to another person if the delegation
12 is prudent under the applicable standard of prudence set out in statute or if the duty is
13 assigned by law to another person, except to the extent that the fiduciary or designee

14 (1) knowingly participates in, or knowingly undertakes to conceal, an
15 act or omission of another person knowing that the act or omission is a breach of that
16 person's duties under this chapter;

17 (2) by failure to comply with this section in the administration of
18 specific responsibilities, enables another person to commit a breach of duty; or

19 (3) has knowledge of a breach of duty by another person, unless the
20 fiduciary or designee makes reasonable efforts under the circumstances to remedy the
21 breach.

22 * **Sec. 61.** AS 37.10.071(f) is amended to read:

23 (f) In this section, "fiduciary of a state fund" or "fiduciary" means

24 (1) the commissioner of revenue for investments under AS 37.10.070;

25 **or**

26 (2) with respect to the Alaska **Retirement Management** [STATE
27 PENSION INVESTMENT] Board, for investments **of the collective funds that it**
28 **manages and administers** [UNDER OR SUBJECT TO AS 14.25.180],

29 (A) each trustee who serves on the board of trustees; and

30 (B) any other person who exercises control or authority with
31 respect to management or disposition of assets for which the board is

1 responsible or who gives investment advice to the board; or

2 (3) the person or body provided by law to manage the investments for
3 investments not subject to [AS 14.25.180 OR] AS 37.10.070.

4 * **Sec. 62.** AS 37.10.210 is repealed and reenacted to read:

5 **Sec. 37.10.210. Alaska Retirement Management Board.** (a) The Alaska
6 Retirement Management Board is established in the Department of Revenue. The
7 board's primary mission is to serve as the trustee of the assets of the state's retirement
8 systems, the State of Alaska Supplemental Annuity Plan, and the deferred
9 compensation program for state employees. Consistent with standards of prudence,
10 the board has the fiduciary obligation to manage and invest these assets in a manner
11 that is sufficient to meet the liabilities and pension obligations of the systems, plan,
12 and program. The board may, with the approval of the commissioner of revenue and
13 upon agreement with the responsible fiduciary, manage and invest other state funds so
14 long as the activity does not interfere with the board's primary mission. In making
15 investments, the board shall exercise the powers and duties of a fiduciary of a state
16 fund under AS 37.10.071.

17 (b) The Alaska Retirement Management Board consists of nine trustees, as
18 follows:

19 (1) two members, consisting of the commissioner of administration
20 and the commissioner of revenue;

21 (2) seven trustees appointed by the governor who meet the eligibility
22 requirements for an Alaska permanent fund dividend and who are professionally
23 credentialed or have recognized competence in investment management, finance,
24 banking, economics, accounting, pension administration, or actuarial analysis as
25 follows:

26 (A) two trustees who are members of the general public; the
27 trustees appointed under this subparagraph may not hold another state office,
28 position, or employment and may not be members or beneficiaries of a
29 retirement system managed by the board;

30 (B) one trustee who is employed as a finance officer for a
31 political subdivision participating in either the public employees' retirement

1 system or the teachers' retirement system;

2 (C) two trustees who are members of the public employees'
3 retirement system, selected from a list of four nominees submitted from among
4 the public employees' retirement system bargaining units;

5 (D) two trustees who are members of the teachers' retirement
6 system selected from a list of four nominees submitted from among the
7 teachers' retirement system bargaining units;

8 (E) the lists of the nominees shall be submitted to the governor
9 under (C) and (D) of this paragraph within the time period specified in
10 regulations adopted under AS 37.10.240(a).

11 (c) The trustees, other than the two commissioners, shall serve for staggered
12 terms of four years and may be reappointed to the board.

13 (d) The governor may, by written notice to the trustee, remove an appointed
14 trustee for cause. After an appointed trustee receives written notice of removal, the
15 trustee may not participate in board business and may not be counted for purposes of
16 establishing a quorum.

17 (e) A vacancy on the board of trustees shall be promptly filled. A person
18 filling a vacancy holds office for the balance of the unexpired term of the person's
19 predecessor. A vacancy on the board does not impair the authority of a quorum of the
20 board to exercise all the powers and perform all the duties of the board.

21 (f) Five trustees constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and the
22 exercise of the powers and duties of the board.

23 (g) A trustee may not designate another person to serve on the board in the
24 absence of the trustee.

25 (h) The board shall provide annual training to its members on the duties and
26 powers of a fiduciary of a state fund and other training as necessary to keep the
27 members of the board educated about pension management and investment.

28 (i) The board shall elect a trustee to serve as chair and a trustee to serve as
29 vice-chair for one-year terms. A trustee may be reelected to serve additional terms as
30 chair or vice-chair.

31 * **Sec. 63.** AS 37.10 is amended by adding a new section to read:

1 **Sec. 37.10.215. Attorney general.** The attorney general is the legal counsel
2 for the board and shall advise the board and represent it in a legal proceeding.

3 * **Sec. 64.** AS 37.10.220 is repealed and reenacted to read:

4 **Sec. 37.10.220. Powers and duties of the board.** (a) The board shall

5 (1) hold regular and special meetings at the call of the chair or of at
6 least five members; meetings are open to the public, and the board shall keep a full
7 record of all its proceedings;

8 (2) after reviewing recommendations from the Department of
9 Revenue, adopt investment policies for each of the funds entrusted to the board;

10 (3) determine the appropriate investment objectives for the defined
11 benefit plans established under the teachers' retirement system under AS 14.25 and the
12 public employees' retirement system under AS 39.35;

13 (4) assist in prescribing the policies for the proper operation of the
14 systems and take other actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of the
15 systems in accordance with AS 37.10.210 - 37.10.390;

16 (5) provide a range of investment options and establish the rules by
17 which participants can direct their investments among those options with respect to
18 accounts established under

19 (A) AS 39.30.150 - 39.30.180 (State of Alaska Supplementary
20 Annuity Plan); and

21 (B) AS 39.45.010 - 39.45.060 (public employees' deferred
22 compensation program);

23 (6) establish the rate of interest that shall be annually credited to each
24 member's individual contribution account in accordance with AS 14.25.145 and
25 AS 39.35.100; the rate of interest shall be adopted on the basis of the probable
26 effective rate of interest on a long-term basis, and the rate may be changed from time
27 to time;

28 (7) adopt a contribution surcharge as necessary under AS 39.35.160(c);

29 (8) coordinate with the retirement system administrator to have an
30 annual actuarial valuation of each retirement system prepared to determine system
31 assets, accrued liabilities, and funding ratios and to certify to the appropriate

1 budgetary authority of each employer in the system

2 (A) an appropriate contribution rate for normal costs; and

3 (B) an appropriate contribution rate for liquidating any past
4 service liability;

5 (9) review actuarial assumptions prepared and certified by a member
6 of the American Academy of Actuaries and conduct experience analyses of the
7 retirement systems not less than once every four years, except for health cost
8 assumptions, which shall be reviewed annually; the results of all actuarial assumptions
9 prepared under this paragraph shall be reviewed and certified by a second member of
10 the American Academy of Actuaries before presentation to the board;

11 (10) contract for an independent audit of the state's actuary not less
12 than once every four years;

13 (11) contract for an independent audit of the state's performance
14 consultant not less than once every four years;

15 (12) obtain an external performance review to evaluate the investment
16 policies of each fund entrusted to the board and report the results of the review to the
17 appropriate fund fiduciary;

18 (13) by the first day of each regular legislative session, report to the
19 governor, the legislature, and the individual employers participating in the state's
20 retirement systems on the financial condition of the systems in regard to

21 (A) the valuation of trust fund assets and liabilities;

22 (B) current investment policies adopted by the board;

23 (C) a summary of assets held in trust listed by the categories of
24 investment;

25 (D) the income and expenditures for the previous fiscal year;

26 (E) the return projections for the next calendar year;

27 (F) one-year, three-year, five-year, and 10-year investment
28 performance for each of the funds entrusted to the board; and

29 (G) other statistical data necessary for a proper understanding
30 of the financial status of the systems;

31 (14) submit quarterly updates of the investment performance reports to

1 the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee; and

2 (15) develop an annual operating budget.

3 (b) The board may

4 (1) employ outside investment advisors to review investment policies;

5 (2) enter into an agreement with the fiduciary of another state fund in
6 order to assume the management and investment of those assets;

7 (3) contract for other services necessary to execute the board's powers
8 and duties;

9 (4) enter into confidentiality agreements that would exempt records
10 from AS 40.25.110 and 40.25.120 if the records contain information that could affect
11 the value of investment by the board or that could impair the ability of the board to
12 acquire, maintain, or dispose of investments.

13 (c) Expenses for the board and the operations of the board shall be paid from
14 the retirement fund.

15 * **Sec. 65.** AS 37.10.220(a) is amended to read:

16 (a) The board shall

17 (1) hold regular and special meetings at the call of the chair or of at
18 least five members; meetings are open to the public, and the board shall keep a full
19 record of all its proceedings;

20 (2) after reviewing recommendations from the Department of
21 Revenue, adopt investment policies for each of the funds entrusted to the board;

22 (3) determine the appropriate investment objectives for the defined
23 benefit plans established under the teachers' retirement system under AS 14.25 and the
24 public employees' retirement system under AS 39.35;

25 (4) assist in prescribing the policies for the proper operation of the
26 systems and take other actions necessary to carry out the intent and purpose of the
27 systems in accordance with AS 37.10.210 - 37.10.390;

28 (5) provide a range of investment options and establish the rules by
29 which participants can direct their investments among those options with respect to
30 accounts established under

31 (A) **AS 14.25.340 - 14.25.350 (teachers' retirement system)**

1 **defined contribution individual accounts);**

2 **(B)** AS 39.30.150 - 39.30.180 (State of Alaska Supplementary
3 Annuity Plan);

4 **(C) AS 39.35.730 - 39.35.750 (public employees' retirement**
5 **system defined contribution individual accounts);** and

6 **(D)** [(B)] AS 39.45.010 - 39.45.060 (public employees'
7 deferred compensation program);

8 (6) establish the rate of interest that shall be annually credited to each
9 member's individual contribution account in accordance with AS 14.25.145 and
10 AS 39.35.100 **and the rate of interest that shall be annually credited to each**
11 **member's account in the health reimbursement arrangement plan under**
12 **AS 39.30.300 - 39.30.495**; the rate of interest shall be adopted on the basis of the
13 probable effective rate of interest on a long-term basis, and the rate may be changed
14 from time to time;

15 (7) adopt a contribution surcharge as necessary under AS 39.35.160(c);

16 (8) coordinate with the retirement system administrator to have an
17 annual actuarial valuation of each retirement system prepared to determine system
18 assets, accrued liabilities, and funding ratios and to certify to the appropriate
19 budgetary authority of each employer in the system

20 (A) an appropriate contribution rate for normal costs; and

21 (B) an appropriate contribution rate for liquidating any past
22 service liability;

23 (9) review actuarial assumptions prepared and certified by a member
24 of the American Academy of Actuaries and conduct experience analyses of the
25 retirement systems not less than once every four years, except for health cost
26 assumptions, which shall be reviewed annually; the results of all actuarial assumptions
27 prepared under this paragraph shall be reviewed and certified by a second member of
28 the American Academy of Actuaries before presentation to the board;

29 (10) contract for an independent audit of the state's actuary not less
30 than once every four years;

31 (11) contract for an independent audit of the state's performance

1 consultant not less than once every four years;

2 (12) obtain an external performance review to evaluate the investment
3 policies of each fund entrusted to the board and report the results of the review to the
4 appropriate fund fiduciary;

5 (13) by the first day of each regular legislative session, report to the
6 governor, the legislature, and the individual employers participating in the state's
7 retirement systems on the financial condition of the systems in regard to

8 (A) the valuation of trust fund assets and liabilities;

9 (B) current investment policies adopted by the board;

10 (C) a summary of assets held in trust listed by the categories of
11 investment;

12 (D) the income and expenditures for the previous fiscal year;

13 (E) the return projections for the next calendar year;

14 (F) one-year, three-year, five-year, and 10-year investment
15 performance for each of the funds entrusted to the board; and

16 (G) other statistical data necessary for a proper understanding
17 of the financial status of the systems;

18 (14) submit quarterly updates of the investment performance reports to
19 the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee; and

20 (15) develop an annual operating budget.

21 * **Sec. 66.** AS 37.10.250 is amended to read:

22 **Sec. 37.10.250. Compensation of trustees.** Trustees, other than trustees who
23 are employees of the state, [OR] a political subdivision of the state, **or a school**
24 **district or regional educational attendance area in the state,** receive an honorarium
25 of **\$400** [\$150] for each day spent at a meeting of the board or at a meeting of a
26 subcommittee of the board or at a public meeting as a representative of the board,
27 **including a day in which a trustee travels to or from a meeting.** Trustees who are
28 state employees are entitled to administrative leave for service as a trustee. Trustees
29 who are employees of a political subdivision of the state **or a school district or**
30 **regional educational attendance area in the state** are entitled to leave benefits
31 provided by their employers comparable to those provided to state employees for

1 service as a trustee. Trustees are entitled to per diem and travel expenses authorized
2 for boards and commissions under AS 39.20.180.

3 * **Sec. 67.** AS 37.10.270(a) is amended to read:

4 (a) The board **may** [SHALL] appoint an investment advisory council
5 composed of at least three and not more than five members. Members of the council
6 shall possess experience and expertise in financial investments and management of
7 investment portfolios for public, corporate, or union pension benefit funds,
8 foundations, or endowments.

9 * **Sec. 68.** AS 37.10.390 is amended to read:

10 **Sec. 37.10.390. Definitions.** In AS 37.10.210 - 37.10.390, unless the context
11 otherwise requires,

12 (1) "board" means the board of trustees of the Alaska **Retirement**
13 **Management** [STATE PENSION INVESTMENT] Board;

14 (2) **"fund" means the fund or funds composed of the assets of each**
15 **of the retirement systems administered and managed by the board;**

16 (3) **"recognized competence" means a minimum of 10 years'**
17 **professional experience working or teaching in the field of investment**
18 **management, finance, banking, economics, accounting, pension administration,**
19 **or actuarial analysis;**

20 (4) "retirement systems" **or "systems"** means the teachers' retirement
21 system, the judicial retirement system, the Alaska National Guard and Alaska Naval
22 Militia retirement system, [AND] the public employees' retirement system, **the State**
23 **of Alaska teachers' and public employees' retiree health reimbursement**
24 **arrangement plan, and the elected public officers' retirement system under**
25 **former AS 39.37.**

26 * **Sec. 69.** AS 37.14.160 is amended to read:

27 **Sec. 37.14.160. Duties of the commissioner of revenue.** The commissioner
28 of revenue is the treasurer of the trust fund created in AS 37.14.110 and shall

29 (1) in carrying out investment duties under this section, exercise the
30 same powers and duties established for the Alaska **Retirement Management** [STATE
31 PENSION INVESTMENT] Board in **AS 37.10.210** [AS 14.25.180(c)];

1 (2) deposit the principal and income from investments in separate
2 principal and income accounts for the fund;

3 (3) invest and maintain accounting records that distinguish between the
4 principal and income of the fund;

5 (4) provide reports to the board established under AS 37.14.120 on the
6 condition and investment performance of the fund.

7 * **Sec. 70.** AS 37.14.210(4) is amended to read:

8 (4) invest and reinvest the assets of the trust as provided in this section
9 and as provided for the investment of funds under [AS 14.25.180(c) AND]
10 AS 37.14.170;

11 * **Sec. 71.** AS 37.14.520(4) is amended to read:

12 (4) invest and reinvest the assets of the fund as provided in this section
13 and as provided for the investment of funds under [AS 14.25.180(c) AND]
14 AS 37.14.170;

15 * **Sec. 72.** AS 37.14.610 is amended to read:

16 **Sec. 37.14.610. Duties of the commissioner.** The commissioner of revenue
17 has the power and duty to

18 (1) act as official custodian of the cash and investments belonging to
19 the Arctic Winter Games Team Alaska trust by securing adequate and safe custodial
20 facilities;

21 (2) exercise the same powers and duties as those established for the
22 Alaska **Retirement Management** [STATE PENSION INVESTMENT] Board in
23 **AS 37.10.210** [AS 14.25.180(b) AND (c)];

24 (3) invest the assets of the trust in a manner likely to yield at least five
25 percent real rate of return over time;

26 (4) maintain accounting records of the trust in accordance with
27 investment accounting principles;

28 (5) enter into and enforce contracts or agreements considered
29 necessary for the investment purposes of the trust;

30 (6) report annually to the board of directors of the Arctic Winter
31 Games Team Alaska the condition and performance of the trust;

1 (7) monitor use of trust money by the Arctic Winter Games Team
2 Alaska; and

3 (8) do all acts that the commissioner of revenue considers necessary or
4 proper in administering the assets of the trust.

5 * **Sec. 73.** AS 39.30.090(a) is amended to read:

6 (a) The Department of Administration may obtain a policy or policies of group
7 insurance covering state employees, persons entitled to coverage under AS 14.25.168,
8 14.25.480, AS 22.25.090, AS 39.35.535, 39.35.880, or former AS 39.37.145,
9 employees of other participating governmental units, or persons entitled to coverage
10 under AS 23.15.136, subject to the following conditions:

11 (1) A group insurance policy shall provide one or more of the
12 following benefits: life insurance, accidental death and dismemberment insurance,
13 weekly indemnity insurance, hospital expense insurance, surgical expense insurance,
14 dental expense insurance, audiovisual insurance, or other medical care insurance.

15 (2) Each eligible employee of the state, the spouse and the unmarried
16 children chiefly dependent on the eligible employee for support, and each eligible
17 employee of another participating governmental unit shall be covered by the group
18 policy, unless exempt under regulations adopted by the commissioner of
19 administration.

20 (3) A governmental unit may participate under a group policy if

21 (A) its governing body adopts a resolution authorizing
22 participation, and payment of required premiums;

23 (B) a certified copy of the resolution is filed with the
24 Department of Administration; and

25 (C) the commissioner of administration approves the
26 participation in writing.

27 (4) In procuring a policy of group health or group life insurance as
28 provided under this section or excess loss insurance as provided in AS 39.30.091, the
29 Department of Administration shall comply with the dual choice requirements of
30 AS 21.86.310, and shall obtain the insurance policy from an insurer authorized to
31 transact business in the state under AS 21.09, a hospital or medical service corporation

1 authorized to transact business in this state under AS 21.87, or a health maintenance
 2 organization authorized to operate in this state under AS 21.86. An excess loss
 3 insurance policy may be obtained from a life or health insurer authorized to transact
 4 business in this state under AS 21.09 or from a hospital or medical service corporation
 5 authorized to transact business in this state under AS 21.87.

6 (5) The Department of Administration shall make available bid
 7 specifications for desired insurance benefits or for administration of benefit claims and
 8 payments to (A) all insurance carriers authorized to transact business in this state
 9 under AS 21.09 and all hospital or medical service corporations authorized to transact
 10 business under AS 21.87 who are qualified to provide the desired benefits; and (B) to
 11 insurance carriers authorized to transact business in this state under AS 21.09, hospital
 12 or medical service corporations authorized to transact business under AS 21.87, and
 13 third-party administrators licensed to transact business in this state and qualified to
 14 provide administrative services. The specifications shall be made available at least
 15 once every five years. The lowest responsible bid submitted by an insurance carrier,
 16 hospital or medical service corporation, or third-party administrator with adequate
 17 servicing facilities shall govern selection of a carrier, hospital or medical service
 18 corporation, or third-party administrator under this section or the selection of an
 19 insurance carrier or a hospital or medical service corporation to provide excess loss
 20 insurance as provided in AS 39.30.091.

21 (6) If the aggregate of dividends payable under the group insurance
 22 policy exceeds the governmental unit's share of the premium, the excess shall be
 23 applied by the governmental unit for the sole benefit of the employees.

24 (7) A person receiving benefits under AS 14.25.110, AS 22.25,
 25 AS 39.35, or former AS 39.37 may continue the life insurance coverage that was in
 26 effect under this section at the time of termination of employment with the state or
 27 participating governmental unit.

28 (8) A person electing to have insurance under (7) of this subsection
 29 shall pay the cost of this insurance.

30 (9) For each permanent part-time employee electing coverage under
 31 this section, the state shall contribute one-half the state contribution rate for permanent

1 full-time state employees, and the permanent part-time employee shall contribute the
2 other one-half.

3 (10) A person receiving benefits under AS 14.25, AS 22.25, AS 39.35,
4 or former AS 39.37 may obtain auditory, visual, and dental insurance for that person
5 and eligible dependents under this section. The level of coverage for persons over 65
6 shall be the same as that available before reaching age 65 except that the benefits
7 payable shall be supplemental to any benefits provided under the federal old age,
8 survivors, and disability insurance program. A person electing to have insurance
9 under this paragraph shall pay the cost of the insurance. The commissioner of
10 administration shall adopt regulations implementing this paragraph.

11 (11) A person receiving benefits under AS 14.25, AS 22.25, AS 39.35,
12 or former AS 39.37 may obtain long-term care insurance for that person and eligible
13 dependents under this section. A person who elects insurance under this paragraph
14 shall pay the cost of the insurance premium. The commissioner of administration
15 shall adopt regulations to implement this paragraph.

16 (12) Each licensee holding a current operating agreement for a vending
17 facility under AS 23.15.010 - 23.15.210 shall be covered by the group policy that
18 applies to governmental units other than the state.

19 * **Sec. 74.** AS 39.30.090 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

20 (c) The Department of Administration shall implement by regulation cost-
21 saving measures appropriate applicable to group insurance obtained under (a) of this
22 section. This includes using manufacturer's rebates, copay levels, and multi-tiered
23 copayment structures; mandating the use of generic drugs; determining the type of
24 drug classes in a formulary; dispensing fees; mandating or providing incentives for
25 mail order pharmaceuticals; using a reduction in the average wholesale price;
26 providing case management services for certain users of pharmaceuticals; capping the
27 number of prescriptions filled each month; and restricting the number of refills that
28 users may have at one time.

29 * **Sec. 75.** AS 39.30.095(d) is amended to read:

30 (d) If the commissioner of administration determines that there is more money
31 in the fund than the amount needed to pay premiums, benefits, and administrative

1 costs for the current fiscal year, the surplus, or so much of it as the commissioner of
 2 administration considers advisable, may be invested by the commissioner of revenue
 3 in the same manner as retirement funds are invested under AS 37.10.210 and
 4 37.10.220 [AS 14.25.180].

5 * **Sec. 76.** AS 39.30.150(b) is amended to read:

6 (b) Employees of the division of marine transportation included in
 7 AS 39.35.095 - 39.35.680 [THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM]
 8 through the process of collective bargaining under AS 39.35.680(21)(D) may, under
 9 the terms of a collective bargaining agreement, utilize contributions made under (a) of
 10 this section on their behalf to offset the costs of inclusion in the public employees'
 11 retirement system; however,

12 (1) the state is placed under no obligation to continue making
 13 contributions under this section if the state resumes participation in the federal social
 14 security system;

15 (2) the bargaining agreement must provide a mechanism for satisfying
 16 any residual liabilities that might exist if the state resumes participation in the federal
 17 social security system; and

18 (3) funds contributed under (a) of this section on behalf of employees
 19 who are not covered by maritime union contracts may not be obligated or expended to
 20 pay any costs associated with the inclusion of marine transportation employees in
 21 AS 39.35.095 - 39.35.680 [THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM].

22 * **Sec. 77.** AS 39.30 is amended by adding a new section to read:

23 **Sec. 39.30.151. Administrator.** The commissioner of administration or the
 24 commissioner's designee is the administrator of the system.

25 * **Sec. 78.** AS 39.30 is amended by adding a new section to read:

26 **Sec. 39.30.154. Powers and duties of the administrator.** The administrator
 27 has the same powers and duties with regard to the plan as those set out in
 28 AS 14.25.004.

29 * **Sec. 79.** AS 39.30.155 is repealed and reenacted to read:

30 **Sec. 39.30.155. Management and investment of fund.** The Alaska
 31 Retirement Management Board is the fiduciary of the fund and has the same powers

1 and duties under this section in regard to the fund as are provided under AS 37.10.210.

2 * **Sec. 80.** AS 39.30.160(a) is amended to read:

3 (a) The Department of Administration shall, in accordance with policies
4 prescribed by regulations of the Alaska Retirement Management [PUBLIC
5 EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT] Board, provide to employees for whom special
6 individual employee benefit accounts are established under AS 39.30.150(c)
7 [AS 39.30.150] the following benefit options:

8 (1) supplemental health benefits; [,]

9 (2) supplemental death benefits; [,]

10 (3) supplemental disability benefits; [,] and

11 (4) supplemental dependent care benefits.

12 * **Sec. 81.** AS 39.30.160(b) is amended to read:

13 (b) An employee may select the types and amounts of supplemental benefits to
14 be purchased with the money deposited in the employee's special individual employee
15 benefit accounts under AS 39.30.150. The selection for employees described in
16 AS 39.30.150(a) must be from the benefit options listed in (a) of this section.

17 * **Sec. 82.** AS 39.30.160(e) is amended to read:

18 (e) Regulations adopted by the board [PUBLIC EMPLOYEES
19 RETIREMENT BOARD] implementing AS 39.30.150 and this section are not subject
20 to AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act).

21 * **Sec. 83.** AS 39.30.175(a) is amended to read:

22 (a) The board [ALASKA STATE PENSION INVESTMENT BOARD] is the
23 fiduciary of the mandatory receipts, under AS 39.30.150(a), of the employee benefits
24 program established under AS 39.30.150 - 39.30.180 and has the same powers and
25 duties concerning the management and investment in regard to those receipts as are
26 provided under AS 37.10.210 [AS 14.25.180].

27 * **Sec. 84.** AS 39.30.180 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

28 (3) "board" means the board of trustees of the Alaska Retirement
29 Management Board established under AS 37.10.210.

30 * **Sec. 85.** AS 39.30 is amended by adding new sections to read:

31 **Article 5. State of Alaska Teachers' and Public Employees' Retiree Health**

1 **Reimbursement Arrangement Plan.**

2 **Sec. 39.30.300. State of Alaska Teachers' and Public Employees' Retiree**
 3 **Health Reimbursement Arrangement Plan established.** The State of Alaska
 4 Teachers' and Public Employees' Retiree Health Reimbursement Arrangement Plan is
 5 established for teachers who first become members of the defined contribution plan of
 6 the teachers' retirement system under AS 14.25.310 - 14.25.590 on or after July 1,
 7 2006, and employees of the state, political subdivisions of the state, and public
 8 organizations of the state who first become members of the defined contribution plan
 9 of the public employees' retirement system under AS 39.35.700 - 39.35.990 on or after
 10 July 1, 2006.

11 **Sec. 39.30.310. Purpose and effective date.** (a) The purpose of the plan is to
 12 allow medical care expenses to be reimbursed from individual savings accounts
 13 established for eligible persons.

14 (b) The plan becomes effective July 1, 2006, at which time contributions by
 15 employers begin.

16 **Sec. 39.30.320. Attorney general.** The attorney general of the state is the
 17 legal counsel for the plan and shall advise the administrator and represent the plan in a
 18 legal proceeding.

19 **Sec. 39.30.330. Administrator.** The commissioner of administration or the
 20 commissioner's designee is the administrator of the plan.

21 **Sec. 39.30.340. Powers and duties of the administrator.** The administrator
 22 shall establish a teachers' and public employees' retiree health reimbursement
 23 arrangement plan trust fund in which the assets of the plan shall be deposited and held.
 24 The administrator has the same powers and duties with regard to the plan and the trust
 25 fund as provided in AS 14.25.004.

26 **Sec. 39.30.350. Employer contribution fund.** The fund established under
 27 AS 39.30.340 is an employer contribution fund. The value of the fund reflects
 28 employer contributions, expenses, and investment gains and losses. Employee
 29 contributions to the fund are not permitted.

30 **Sec. 39.30.360. Management and investment of the fund.** The Alaska
 31 Retirement Management Board is the fiduciary of the fund and has the same powers

1 and duties under this section in regard to the fund as are provided under AS 37.10.220.

2 **Sec. 39.30.370. Contributions by employers.** For each member of the plan,
3 an employer shall contribute to the teachers' and public employees' retiree health
4 reimbursement arrangement plan trust fund an amount equal to three percent of the
5 employer's average annual employee compensation. The administrator shall maintain
6 a record for each member to account for employer contributions on behalf of that
7 member. The board shall establish by regulation the rate of interest to be applied
8 annually to the amount in a member's individual account.

9 **Sec. 39.30.380. Termination of employment.** A person who terminates
10 employment before meeting the eligibility requirements of AS 14.25.470 or
11 AS 39.35.870 loses any right to the contributions made on behalf of the person to the
12 teachers' and public employees' retiree health reimbursement arrangement trust fund.
13 If a person returns to employment with a participating employer by December 31 of
14 the year in which the person reaches 65 years of age, the person's account balance
15 shall be restored in the amount recorded on the date of termination from the trust,
16 adjusted for inflation at the rate of the Consumer Price Index for Anchorage, Alaska.
17 The earlier period of employment with a participating employer shall be credited
18 toward eligibility for medical benefits.

19 **Sec. 39.30.390. Eligibility and reimbursement.** Persons who meet the
20 eligibility requirements of AS 14.25.470 and AS 39.35.870 are eligible for
21 reimbursements from the individual account established for a member under the plan,
22 except members do not have to retire directly from the system. A person who is the
23 dependent child of an eligible member is eligible for reimbursements if the eligible
24 member and surviving spouse have both died so long as the person meets the
25 definition of dependent child.

26 **Sec. 39.30.400. Benefits payable from the individual account.** (a) The
27 administrator may deduct the cost of monthly premiums from the individual account
28 for retiree major medical insurance on behalf of an eligible person who elected retiree
29 major medical insurance under AS 14.25.480 or AS 39.35.880.

30 (b) Upon application of an eligible person, the administrator shall reimburse to
31 the eligible person the costs for medical care expenses as defined in 26 U.S.C. 213(d).

1 Reimbursement is limited to the medical expenses of

2 (1) an eligible member, the spouse of an eligible member, and the
3 dependent children of an eligible member; or

4 (2) a surviving spouse and the dependent children of an eligible
5 member dependent on the surviving spouse.

6 (c) When the member's individual account balance is exhausted, the insurance
7 premium deductions under (a) of this section and the reimbursement of medical care
8 expenses under (b) of this section end.

9 (d) If all eligible persons die before exhausting the member's individual
10 account, the account balance shall revert to the plan.

11 **Sec. 39.30.410. Exemption from taxation and process.** (a) Contributions
12 and other amounts held in the plan on behalf of a member or other person who is or
13 may become eligible for benefits under the plan may be used only to reimburse
14 eligible medical expenses, are exempt from Alaska state and municipal taxes and
15 federal taxes to the extent allowed under the Internal Revenue Code, and are not
16 subject to anticipation, alienation, sale, transfer, assignment, pledge, encumbrance, or
17 charge of any kind, either voluntary or involuntary, before they are received by the
18 person entitled to the amount under the terms of the plan. Any attempt to anticipate,
19 alienate, sell, transfer, assign, pledge, encumber, charge, or otherwise dispose of any
20 right to amounts accrued in the plan is void. However, a member's right to receive
21 benefits may be assigned

22 (1) under a qualified domestic relations order; or

23 (2) to a trust or similar legal device that meets the requirements for a
24 Medicaid-qualifying trust under AS 47.07.020(f) and 42 U.S.C. 1396p(d)(4).

25 (b) Notwithstanding AS 09.38.065, contributions and other amounts held in
26 the plan and benefits payable under this plan are exempt from garnishment, execution,
27 or levy.

28 **Sec. 39.30.420. Amendment and termination of plan.** (a) The state has the
29 right to amend the plan at any time and from time to time, in whole or in part,
30 including the right to make retroactive amendments referred to in 26 U.S.C. 401(b).

31 (b) The plan administrator may not modify or amend the plan retroactively in

1 such a manner as to reduce the benefits of any member accrued to date under the plan
 2 by reason of contributions made before the modification or amendment except to the
 3 extent that the reduction is permitted by the Internal Revenue Code.

4 (c) The state may, in its discretion, terminate the plan in whole or part at any
 5 time without liability for the termination. If the plan is terminated, all investments
 6 remain in force until all individual accounts have been completely distributed under
 7 the plan, and, after all plan liabilities are satisfied, excess assets revert to the employer.

8 (d) Any contribution made by an employer to the plan because of a mistake of
 9 fact must be returned to the employer by the administrator within one year after the
 10 contribution or discovery, whichever is later.

11 **Sec. 39.30.430. Exclusive benefit.** (a) The corpus or income of the assets
 12 held in trust as required by the plan may not be diverted or used for other than the
 13 exclusive benefit of the participants.

14 (b) The assets of the plan may not be used to pay premiums or contributions of
 15 the employer under another plan maintained by the employer.

16 **Sec. 39.30.495. Definitions.** Unless the context requires otherwise, in
 17 AS 39.30.300 - 39.30.495

18 (1) "administrator" means the commissioner of administration or the
 19 commissioner's designee;

20 (2) "board" means the Alaska Retirement Management Board
 21 established under AS 37.10.210;

22 (3) "compensation" has the meaning given in AS 14.25.590;

23 (4) "eligible person" means a person who meets the eligibility
 24 requirements of AS 14.25.470 or AS 39.35.870;

25 (5) "dependent child" has the meaning given in AS 39.35.680;

26 (6) "employer" has the meaning given in AS 14.25.590 for employers
 27 of teachers in the defined contribution plan established in AS 14.25.310 - 14.25.590
 28 and has the meaning given in AS 39.35.990 for employers of public employees in the
 29 defined contribution plan established in AS 39.35.700 - 39.35.990;

30 (7) "fund" means the assets of the teachers' and public employees'
 31 retiree health reimbursement arrangement plan trust fund;

1 (8) "individual account" means the record established by the
 2 administrator for individual employees under the teachers' and public employees'
 3 retiree health reimbursement arrangement plan;

4 (9) "member" means a member of the defined contribution plan of the
 5 teachers' retirement system in AS 14.25.310 - 14.25.590 or a member of the public
 6 employees' retirement system in AS 39.35.700 - 39.35.990;

7 (10) "plan" means the State of Alaska Teachers' and Public Employees'
 8 Retiree Health Reimbursement Arrangement Plan established in AS 39.30.300;

9 (11) "qualified domestic relations order" has the meaning given in
 10 AS 14.25.220.

11 * **Sec. 86.** AS 39.35 is amended by adding new sections to read:

12 **Article 1. Administration of the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska.**

13 **Sec. 39.35.001. Purpose.** The purpose of this chapter is to encourage
 14 qualified personnel to enter and remain in service with participating employers by
 15 establishing plans for the payment of retirement, disability, and death benefits to or on
 16 behalf of the members.

17 **Sec. 39.35.002. Attorney general.** The attorney general of the state is the
 18 legal counsel for the system and shall advise the administrator and represent the
 19 system in a legal proceeding.

20 **Sec. 39.35.003. Administrator.** (a) The commissioner of administration or
 21 the commissioner's designee is the administrator of the system.

22 (b) The commissioner of administration shall adopt regulations to govern the
 23 operation of the system.

24 **Sec. 39.35.004. Powers and duties of the administrator.** (a) The
 25 administrator shall

- 26 (1) establish and maintain an adequate system of accounts;
 27 (2) transmit the funds deposited in the system to the retirement fund
 28 established and maintained by the Alaska Retirement Management Board;
 29 (3) approve or disapprove claims for retirement benefits;
 30 (4) make payments for the various purposes specified;
 31 (5) submit periodic reports or statements of account that are needed;

1 (6) issue a statement of account to an employee not less than once each
 2 year showing the amount of the employee's contributions to the applicable plan in the
 3 system;

4 (7) formulate and recommend to the commissioner of administration
 5 regulations to govern the operation of the system;

6 (8) as soon as possible after the close of each fiscal year, and not later
 7 than six months after the close of each fiscal year, send to the governor and the
 8 legislature an annual statement on the operations of each of the plans in the system
 9 containing

10 (A) a balance sheet;

11 (B) a statement of income and expenditures for the year;

12 (C) a report on valuation of trust fund assets;

13 (D) a summary of assets held in the trust fund listed by the
 14 categories of investment, as provided by the Alaska Retirement Management
 15 Board;

16 (E) other statistical financial data that are necessary for proper
 17 understanding of the financial condition of the system as a whole and each plan
 18 in the system and the result of its operations;

19 (9) engage an independent certified public accountant to conduct an
 20 annual audit of each plan's accounts and the annual report of the system's financial
 21 condition and activity;

22 (10) report to the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee concerning
 23 the condition and administration of each plan and distribute the report to the members
 24 of each plan in the system;

25 (11) publish an information handbook for each plan in the system at
 26 intervals that the administrator considers appropriate;

27 (12) meet at least annually with the board to review the condition and
 28 management of the retirement systems and to review significant changes to policies,
 29 regulations or benefits; and

30 (13) do whatever else may be necessary to carry out the purposes of
 31 each plan in the system.

1 (b) The administrator is authorized to charge uniform fees to members'
2 accounts to cover the ongoing cost of operating each plan in the system.

3 (c) The administrator is authorized to contract with public and private entities
4 to provide record keeping, benefits payments, and other functions necessary for the
5 administration of each plan in the system.

6 **Sec. 39.35.005. Regulations.** (a) Regulations adopted by the commissioner
7 of administration under this chapter relate to the internal management of state
8 agencies, and the adoption of these regulations is not subject to AS 44.62
9 (Administrative Procedure Act).

10 (b) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, a regulation adopted under this chapter
11 shall be published in the Alaska Administrative Register and Code for informational
12 purposes.

13 (c) Each regulation adopted under this chapter must conform to the style and
14 format requirements of the drafting manual for administrative regulations that is
15 published under AS 44.62.050.

16 (d) At least 30 days before the adoption, amendment, or repeal of a regulation
17 under this chapter, the commissioner shall provide notice of the action that is being
18 considered. The notice shall be

19 (1) posted in public buildings throughout the state;

20 (2) published in one or more newspapers of general circulation in each
21 judicial district of the state;

22 (3) mailed to each person or group that has filed a request for notice of
23 proposed action with the commissioner; and

24 (4) furnished to each member of the legislature and to the Legislative
25 Affairs Agency.

26 (e) Failure to mail notice to a person as required under (d)(3) of this section
27 does not invalidate an action taken by the commissioner.

28 (f) The commissioner may hold a public hearing on a proposed regulation.

29 (g) A regulation adopted under this chapter takes effect 30 days after adoption
30 by the commissioner.

31 (h) Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, a regulation may be

1 adopted, amended, or repealed, effective immediately, as an emergency regulation by
 2 the commissioner. For an emergency regulation to be effective the commissioner
 3 must find that the adoption, amendment, or repeal of the regulation is necessary for the
 4 immediate preservation of the orderly operation of the system. The commissioner
 5 shall, within 10 days after adoption of an emergency regulation, give notice of the
 6 adoption under (d) of this section.

7 (i) In this section, "regulation" has the meaning given in AS 44.62.640(a).

8 **Sec. 39.35.006. Appeals.** An employer, member, annuitant, or beneficiary
 9 may appeal a decision made by the administrator to the office of administrative
 10 hearings established under AS 44.64. An aggrieved party may appeal a final decision
 11 to the superior court.

12 **Sec. 39.35.007. Investment management of retirement system funds.** The
 13 Alaska Retirement Management Board established under 37.10.210 is the fiduciary of
 14 the system funds.

15 **Sec. 39.35.008. Definitions.** In AS 39.35.001 - 39.35.008,

16 (1) "commissioner" means the commissioner of administration;

17 (2) "plan" means the retirement plan established in AS 39.35.095 -
 18 39.35.680 or the retirement plan established in AS 39.35.700 - 39.35.990;

19 (3) "system" means all retirement plans established under the public
 20 employees' retirement system.

21 * **Sec. 87.** AS 39.35 is amended by adding a new section to read:

22 **Article 2. Public Employees' Defined Benefit Retirement Plan.**

23 **Sec. 39.35.095. Applicability of AS 39.35.095 - 39.35.680.** The following
 24 provisions of this chapter apply only to members first hired before July 1, 2006:
 25 AS 39.35.095 - 39.35.680.

26 * **Sec. 88.** AS 39.35.100 is amended to read:

27 **Sec. 39.35.100. Accounting.** (a) The commissioner of administration shall
 28 establish and maintain an adequate system of accounts and records for the **plan**
 29 [SYSTEM]. The accounts and records shall be integrated with the accounts, records,
 30 and procedures of the employers to the end that they operate most effectively and at
 31 minimum expense, and that duplication of records and accounts is avoided.

1 (b) All income of the pension fund and all disbursements made by the fund
2 shall be credited or charged, whichever is appropriate, to the following accounts:

3 (1) An individual account shall be maintained for each employee to
4 record the amount of the employee's mandatory contributions collected under
5 AS 39.35.160(a). As of the last day of each calendar year and each fiscal year
6 beginning with June 30, 1969, this account shall be credited with interest, by applying
7 [ONE HALF OF] the prescribed rate of interest **as determined by the board** to the
8 balance in the account as of that date. Within one year following retirement, the
9 amount actuarially determined as necessary to fully fund the benefits to be received
10 shall be transferred first from the employee contribution account and, after the
11 employee contribution account has been exhausted, then from the employer
12 contribution account into the retirement reserve account.

13 (2) An individual account shall be maintained for each employee to
14 record the amount of the employee's voluntary contributions. As of the last day of
15 each calendar year and each fiscal year beginning with June 30, 1969, this account
16 shall be credited with interest, by applying [ONE HALF OF] the prescribed rate of
17 interest **as determined by the board** to the balance in the account as of that date.
18 Amounts that, before termination of employment, are withdrawn by an employee from
19 the employee's savings account shall be charged to that account. Upon retirement, the
20 amount actuarially determined as necessary to fully fund the benefits to be received
21 shall be transferred first from the employee savings account and, after the employee
22 savings account has been exhausted, then from the employer contribution account into
23 the retirement reserve account.

24 (3) A separate account for each employer shall be maintained. The
25 account shall be credited with contributions of the employer. This account shall be
26 charged with the employer's actuarial charge for pension, death benefits, and other
27 benefits paid under this **plan** [SYSTEM] to or on behalf of the employee of the
28 employer. After an allowance for interest credited to employee contribution accounts
29 and employee savings accounts, the investment income of the pension fund shall be
30 allocated to the retirement reserve account and to each employer asset share account
31 according to the ratio that the average of the assets in the account as of the beginning

1 and as of the end of the fiscal year bears to the total of the average balance of the
2 retirement reserve account and all employer accounts.

3 (4) An expense account shall be maintained for the plan [SYSTEM].
4 This account shall be charged with all disbursements representing administrative
5 expenses incurred by the plan [SYSTEM]. At the end of the year the expense account
6 shall be allocated to each employer in accordance with (3) of this subsection.
7 Expenditures from this account shall be included in the governor's budget for each
8 fiscal year and are subject to approval by the legislature.

9 * **Sec. 89.** AS 39.35 is amended by adding a new section to article 1 to read:

10 **Sec. 39.35.115. Defined benefit retirement plan.** (a) A defined benefit
11 retirement plan for employees of the state, political subdivisions, and public
12 organizations is created. The plan becomes effective January 1, 1961, at which time
13 contributions by the employers and members begin.

14 (b) The retirement plan established by AS 39.35.095 - 39.35.680 is intended to
15 qualify under 26 U.S.C. 401(a) and 414(d) (Internal Revenue Code) as a qualified
16 retirement plan established and maintained by the state for its employees and for the
17 employees of political subdivisions, public corporations, and public organizations of
18 the state, and for the employees of other employers whose participation is authorized
19 by AS 39.35.095 - 39.35.680 and who participate in this plan.

20 (c) An amendment to AS 39.35.095 - 39.35.680 does not provide a person
21 with a vested right to a benefit if the Internal Revenue Service determines that the
22 amendment will result in disqualification of the plan under the Internal Revenue Code.

23 * **Sec. 90.** AS 39.35.120 is amended to read:

24 **Sec. 39.35.120. Commencement of participation.** (a) An employee of the
25 state shall be included in this system upon commencement of employment with the
26 state, or on January 1, 1961, whichever is later. Unless an employee participates in a
27 [HAS ELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OPTIONAL] university retirement
28 program under AS 14.40.661 - 14.40.799, an employee of a political subdivision or
29 public organization that becomes an employer shall be included in the system on the
30 effective date of the employer's participation or the date of the employee's
31 commencement of employment with the employer, whichever is later.

1 (b) Inclusion in the system is a condition of employment for an employee
2 except as otherwise provided for

3 (1) an elected official;

4 (2) an employee making an election under AS 39.35.150(b); and

5 (3) an employee of the university who participates in a [HAS
6 ELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OPTIONAL] university retirement program
7 under AS 14.40.661 - 14.40.799.

8 * **Sec. 91.** AS 39.35.131 is amended to read:

9 **Sec. 39.35.131. Membership in teachers' and public employees'**
10 **retirement systems.** (a) A person who is employed at least half-time in the plan
11 [SYSTEM] during the same period that the person is employed at least half-time in a
12 position in the teachers' retirement plan [SYSTEM] under AS 14.25.009 - 14.25.220
13 [AS 14.25] shall receive credited service under each plan [SYSTEM] for half-time
14 employment. However, the amount of credited service a person receives under the
15 plan [SYSTEM] during a school year may not exceed the amount necessary, when
16 added to the amount of credited service earned during the school year under the
17 teachers' retirement system, to equal one year of credited service.

18 (b) A person who was employed at least half-time in a position in the teachers'
19 retirement plan [SYSTEM] under AS 14.25.009 - 14.25.220 [AS 14.25] in the same
20 period that the person was employed at least half-time in a position in this plan
21 [SYSTEM] may claim credited service in both plan [SYSTEMS] for employment
22 before May 31, 1989. To obtain this credited service, the person shall claim the
23 service and verify the period of half-time employment. When eligibility for half-time
24 service credit has been established, an indebtedness shall be determined to the
25 retirement plan [SYSTEM] in which the person did not participate. The amount of
26 the indebtedness is the full actuarial cost of providing benefits for the credited service
27 claimed. Interest as prescribed by regulation accrues on that indebtedness beginning
28 on the later of July 1, 1989, or the date on which the member is first eligible to claim
29 the service. Any outstanding indebtedness existing at the time the person retires will
30 require an actuarial adjustment to the benefits payable based on that service.

31 * **Sec. 92.** AS 39.35.158 is amended to read:

1 **Sec. 39.35.158. Administrative director of courts.** An administrative
 2 director of the Alaska court system who withdraws from the judicial retirement system
 3 under AS 22.25.012 is eligible for membership in the **plan** [SYSTEM] and shall
 4 receive credited service in the **plan** [SYSTEM] for service rendered as administrative
 5 director. To be eligible for membership in the **plan** [SYSTEM] under this subsection,
 6 the administrative director must contribute to the **plan** [SYSTEM]

7 (1) the amount the director would have contributed if the director had
 8 been a member during the director's period of membership in the judicial retirement
 9 system; and

10 (2) any contributions for services as administrative director refunded
 11 by the **plan** [SYSTEM] at the time the director became a member of the judicial
 12 retirement system.

13 * **Sec. 93.** AS 39.35.165(a) is amended to read:

14 (a) An employee who is eligible to purchase credited service under
 15 AS 39.35.310, 39.35.330, 39.35.340, 39.35.342, 39.35.345, [39.35.350,] 39.35.360, or
 16 39.35.370, a member who is eligible to purchase credited service under AS 39.35.375,
 17 or an elected public official who is eligible to purchase credited service under
 18 AS 39.35.381 is an employee for purposes of this section. An employee may, in lieu
 19 of making payments directly to the plan, elect to have the employee's employer make
 20 payments as provided in this section.

21 * **Sec. 94.** AS 39.35.165(b) is amended to read:

22 (b) An employee may elect to have the employer make payments for all or any
 23 portion of the amounts payable for the employee's purchase of credited service
 24 through a salary reduction program as follows:

25 (1) the amounts paid under a salary reduction program are in lieu of
 26 contributions by the employee making the election; the electing employee's salary or
 27 other compensation shall be reduced by the amount paid by the employer under this
 28 subsection;

29 (2) the employee shall make an irrevocable election under this section
 30 to purchase credited service as permitted in AS 39.35.310, 39.35.330, 39.35.340,
 31 39.35.342, 39.35.345, [39.35.350,] 39.35.360, 39.35.370, 39.35.375, or 39.35.381 and

1 before the employee's termination of employment; the irrevocable election must
 2 specify the number of payroll periods that deductions will be made from the
 3 employee's compensation and the dollar amount of deductions for each payroll period
 4 during the specified number of payroll periods; the deductions made under this
 5 paragraph cease upon the earlier of the member's termination of employment with the
 6 employer or the member's death; amounts paid by an employer under (f) of this
 7 section may not be applied toward the payment of the dollar amount of the deductions
 8 representing the portion of the credited service that is being purchased by the member
 9 through payroll deduction in accordance with the member's irrevocable election under
 10 this subsection;

11 (3) amounts paid by an employer under this subsection shall be treated
 12 as employer contributions for the purpose of determining tax treatment under the
 13 Internal Revenue Code; the amounts paid by the employer under this section may not
 14 be included in the member's gross income for income tax purposes until those amounts
 15 are distributed by refund or retirement benefit payments.

16 * **Sec. 95.** AS 39.35.165(f) is amended to read:

17 (f) The commissioner may accept rollover contributions from a member [AND
 18 DIRECT TRANSFERS, AS DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION, FOR THE
 19 PURCHASE, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, OF CREDITED SERVICE FOR THE
 20 REINSTATEMENT, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, OF FORFEITED CREDITED
 21 SERVICE UNDER AS 39.35.350]. A rollover contribution [OR TRANSFER] as
 22 described in this subsection shall also be treated as employer contributions for the
 23 purpose of determining tax treatment under the Internal Revenue Code and may be
 24 made by any one or a combination of the following methods:

25 (1) subject to the limitations prescribed in 26 U.S.C. 401(a)(3) and 26
 26 U.S.C. 402(c), accepting eligible rollover distributions directly from one or more
 27 retirement programs of another employer that are qualified under 26 U.S.C. 401(a) or
 28 accepting rollovers directly from a member;

29 (2) subject to the limitations prescribed in 26 U.S.C. 408(d)(3)(A)(ii),
 30 accepting from a member conduit rollover contributions that are received by the
 31 employee from one or more conduit rollover individual retirement accounts previously

1 established by the member;

2 (3) subject to the limitations prescribed in 26 U.S.C. 403(b)(13),
3 accepting direct trustee-to-trustee transfers of all or a portion of the accounts of the
4 member, on or after January 1, 2002, from a tax sheltered annuity described in 26
5 U.S.C. 403(b);

6 (4) subject to the limitations prescribed in 26 U.S.C. 457(e)(17),
7 accepting direct trustee-to-trustee transfers of all or a portion of the accounts of the
8 member, on or after January 1, 2002, from an eligible deferred compensation plan of a
9 tax-exempt organization or a state or local government described in 26 U.S.C. 457(b);

10 (5) accepting direct trustee-to-trustee transfer from an account
11 established for the benefit of the member in AS 39.30.150 - 39.30.180 (Alaska
12 Supplemental Annuity Plan).

13 * **Sec. 96.** AS 39.35.165(g) is amended to read:

14 (g) Payments made under this section shall be applied to reduce the
15 employee's outstanding indebtedness described in AS 39.35.310, 39.35.330,
16 39.35.340, 39.35.342, 39.35.345, [39.35.350,] 39.35.360, 39.35.370, 39.35.375, or
17 39.35.381 at the time that the contributions are received by the plan.

18 * **Sec. 97.** AS 39.35.165(i) is amended to read:

19 (i) On satisfaction of the eligibility requirements of AS 39.35.310, 39.35.330,
20 39.35.340, 39.35.341, 39.35.345, [39.35.350,] 39.35.360, 39.35.370, 39.35.375, or
21 39.35.381, the requirements of this section, and the administrative filing requirements
22 specified by the commissioner, the plan shall adjust the employee's credited service
23 history and add any additional service credits acquired.

24 * **Sec. 98.** AS 39.35.200 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

25 (d) An employee who receives a refund of contributions in accordance with
26 this section forfeits corresponding credited service under AS 39.35.095 - 39.35.680.

27 * **Sec. 99.** AS 39.35.270 is amended to read:

28 **Sec. 39.35.270. Amount of employer's contributions.** The amount of each
29 employer's contributions shall be determined by applying the employer's contribution
30 rate, as certified by the board, to the total compensation paid to the active employees
31 of the employer for each payroll period and by including any adjustments to

1 contributions required by AS 39.35.520(a). This amount shall be remitted by the
2 employer to the administrator in accordance with AS 39.35.610.

3 * **Sec. 100.** AS 39.35.270 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

4 (b) The employer contribution rate may not be less than the rate required, after
5 subtracting the member contribution rate, to fully fund the actuarially calculated
6 benefits expected to be earned by active members during a fiscal year.

7 * **Sec. 101.** AS 39.35.340(f) is amended to read:

8 (f) An employee **may not** [CANNOT] be credited with a period of active
9 military service in the armed forces of the United States under this section if credit for
10 that military service was granted under **AS 14.25.009 - 14.25.220** [AS 14.25].

11 * **Sec. 102.** AS 39.35.340(h) is amended to read:

12 (h) The combined period of military service claimed under this section and
13 under **AS 14.25.009 - 14.25.220** [AS 14.25] may not exceed five years.

14 * **Sec. 103.** AS 39.35.360(i) is amended to read:

15 (i) An employee who completes three years of credited service with an
16 employer, for which the employee makes contributions required by **AS 39.35.095 -**
17 **39.35.680** [THIS CHAPTER], is entitled to credited service on a year-for-year basis
18 for service credited in the Civil Service Retirement System, rendered as an employee
19 of an Alaska Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) school, other than service as a teacher.
20 When eligibility for retroactive credited service under this subsection has been
21 established, an indebtedness of the employee to the **plan** [SYSTEM] shall be
22 determined as follows: (1) the employee's actual annual compensation, or the
23 calculated annual compensation for an employee who works fewer than 12 months, for
24 the most recent calendar year in which service is rendered to an employer before the
25 calendar year in which the employee first becomes eligible to claim service under this
26 subsection, multiplied by (2) the number of years of service in Alaska BIA schools
27 that is credited under this subsection, and this product multiplied by (3) six percent for
28 employees first eligible to claim this service before January 1, 1987, or eight and one-
29 half percent for employees first eligible to claim this service on or after January 1,
30 1987. Interest as prescribed by regulation accrues on the indebtedness beginning on
31 the date the employee may first claim the retroactive credited service. Any

1 outstanding indebtedness that exists at the time the employee retires requires an
 2 actuarial adjustment to the benefits that are based on retroactive credited service under
 3 this subsection. A retirement benefit payable under this subsection for Alaska BIA
 4 service shall be reduced by an amount equal to the retirement benefits paid to the
 5 member by the United States government for the same service.

6 * **Sec. 104.** AS 39.35.360(*l*) is amended to read:

7 (l) An administrative director of the Alaska Court System who withdraws
 8 from the judicial retirement system under AS 22.25.012(b) is eligible for membership
 9 in the plan [PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM] and shall receive
 10 credited service in this plan [SYSTEM] for service rendered as administrative
 11 director. To be eligible for membership in this plan [SYSTEM] under this subsection,
 12 the administrative director must contribute to the plan [SYSTEM]

13 (1) the amount that would have been contributed if the administrative
 14 director had been a member during the period of the membership in the judicial
 15 retirement system; and

16 (2) any contributions for service as administrative director refunded
 17 from the plan [PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM] at the time the
 18 administrative director became a member of the judicial retirement system.

19 * **Sec. 105.** AS 39.35.370(g) is amended to read:

20 (g) When an employee who was employed as a dispatcher in a state trooper
 21 office or in a police or fire department in the plan [PUBLIC EMPLOYEES'
 22 RETIREMENT SYSTEM] applies for appointment to retirement, the employee may
 23 convert the credited service for that position to credited service as a peace officer by
 24 claiming the service as peace officer service. An employee who has converted
 25 credited service to peace officer service under this subsection shall be treated as a
 26 peace officer for purposes of AS 39.35.095 - 39.35.680 [THIS CHAPTER]. When the
 27 member claims this credited service as peace officer service, an indebtedness of the
 28 member to the plan [SYSTEM] shall be established. The indebtedness is equal to the
 29 full actuarial cost of the conversion of the credited service to treatment as peace
 30 officer service. Any outstanding indebtedness that exists at the time the member is
 31 appointed to retirement shall [WILL] require an actuarial adjustment to the benefits

1 payable based upon the conversion of the credited service.

2 * **Sec. 106.** AS 39.35.375(a) is amended to read:

3 (a) An active or inactive member who has never been vested in this **plan**
 4 [SYSTEM] or in the teachers' retirement **plan** [SYSTEM] under **AS 14.25.009 -**
 5 **14.25.220** [AS 14.25], who has at least two years of credited service in this **plan**
 6 [SYSTEM], and who has membership service in the teachers' retirement system may
 7 claim credited service in this **plan** [SYSTEM] in an amount equal to the membership
 8 service the member has in the teachers' retirement system. The claimed credited
 9 service may be added to service earned under **AS 39.35.095 - 39.35.680** [THIS
 10 CHAPTER] to enable the member to qualify for a public service benefit under this
 11 section. The member may not claim credited service for membership service for
 12 which the member has received a refund under AS 14.25.150 unless the member fully
 13 pays the indebtedness as established under AS 14.25.063. The member may not claim
 14 credited service in this **plan** [SYSTEM] based on unused sick leave under
 15 AS 14.25.115.

16 * **Sec. 107.** AS 39.35.375(b) is amended to read:

17 (b) To claim credited service under this section, the member shall file a
 18 written request with the administrator when the member applies to retire. The
 19 administrator shall determine the full actuarial cost of benefits based on the member's
 20 total credited service and shall transfer from the teachers' retirement system to this
 21 **plan** [SYSTEM] an amount equal to the sum of the member contributions and any
 22 indebtedness payments to the teachers' retirement system and the employer
 23 contributions to the teachers' retirement system made on behalf of the employee
 24 together with interest earned on those contributions and indebtedness payments. If the
 25 amount to be transferred, when combined with the amount of employee contributions
 26 and indebtedness payments to this **plan** [SYSTEM] and the amount of employer
 27 contributions on behalf of the employee in this **plan** [SYSTEM], and interest earned
 28 on contributions and indebtedness payments for the employee, is less than the full
 29 actuarial cost computed under this subsection, an indebtedness to the **plan** [SYSTEM]
 30 equal to the amount of the difference is established. Interest as prescribed by
 31 regulation accrues on the indebtedness. The member must pay any outstanding

1 indebtedness existing at the time the member applies for retirement in full before the
2 member is appointed to retirement under this section.

3 * **Sec. 108.** AS 39.35.375(c) is amended to read:

4 (c) A member is entitled to receive a public service benefit under this section
5 if the member has at least a total of five years credited service under AS 39.35.095 -
6 39.35.680 [THIS CHAPTER] and credited service from the teachers' retirement **plan**
7 under AS 14.25.009 - 14.25.220 [SYSTEM] claimed under this section. A public
8 service benefit shall be calculated using the higher of the average monthly
9 compensation for service in this **plan** [SYSTEM] or the average base salary for
10 service in the teachers' retirement **plan under AS 14.25.009 - 14.25.220** [SYSTEM].
11 The amount of the benefit shall be calculated in accordance with AS 39.35.370(c).

12 * **Sec. 109.** AS 39.35.375(d) is amended to read:

13 (d) Credited service earned under either this **plan** [SYSTEM] or the teachers'
14 retirement system that has been claimed for a public service benefit under this section
15 may not be used for any other purpose. A member who claims credited service under
16 this section loses all rights to benefits under AS 14.25 based on the claimed credited
17 service. A member may not claim credited service under this section unless the
18 member claims all of the membership service the member has in the teachers'
19 retirement system. A public service benefit does not constitute a normal or early
20 retirement benefit for purposes of qualifying for a conditional service retirement
21 benefit under AS 14.25.125 or AS 39.35.385.

22 * **Sec. 110.** AS 39.35.375(f) is amended to read:

23 (f) Notwithstanding AS 14.25.063 and AS 39.35.350, a former member of the
24 teachers' retirement system who is an active member or inactive member of this **plan**
25 [SYSTEM] may reinstate, under this section, membership service earned under
26 AS 14.25 for which the member received a refund of contributions.

27 * **Sec. 111.** AS 39.35.375(f) is amended to read:

28 (f) Notwithstanding AS 14.25.063 [AND AS 39.35.350], a former member of
29 the teachers' retirement system who is an active member or inactive member of this
30 plan may reinstate, under this section, membership service earned under AS 14.25 for
31 which the member received a refund of contributions.

1 * **Sec. 112.** AS 39.35.375(g) is amended to read:

2 (g) If a member retires under this section and subsequently returns to work for
3 an employer under this **plan** [SYSTEM] or the teachers' retirement system, benefits
4 under this section shall cease during the period of reemployment and shall
5 recommence when the reemployment is ended. The credited service earned during the
6 period of reemployment may not be added to the credited service claimed for a public
7 service benefit under this section. If a member vests and meets the other eligibility
8 requirements under this system or the teachers' retirement system during the
9 reemployment, the member is entitled to a benefit under **AS 14.25.009 - 14.25.220**
10 [AS 14.25] or **39.35.095 - 39.35.680** [AS 39.35], as appropriate.

11 * **Sec. 113.** AS 39.35.375 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

12 (h) In this section,

13 (1) "teachers' retirement system" and "teachers' retirement system
14 under AS 14.25" means the teachers' retirement plan established in AS 14.25.009 -
15 14.25.220;

16 (2) "membership service earned under AS 14.25" means membership
17 service earned under AS 14.25.009 - 14.25.220.

18 * **Sec. 114.** AS 39.35.381(a) is amended to read:

19 (a) An elected public officer is eligible for a public officer benefit if the officer
20 is retired under **AS 14.25.009 - 14.25.220** [AS 14.25 (TEACHERS' RETIREMENT
21 SYSTEM)]. Only fully paid credited service as an elected public officer of a
22 municipality or other political subdivision, earned while the municipality or political
23 subdivision was an employer under this **plan** [SYSTEM] and while the person was
24 employed full-time under **AS 14.25.009 - 14.25.220** [AS 14.25], may be counted
25 under this section.

26 * **Sec. 115.** AS 39.35.410(f) is amended to read:

27 (f) An employee is not entitled to an occupational disability benefit unless the
28 employee files an application for it with the administrator within 90 days of the date of
29 terminating employment. If the employee is unable to meet a filing requirement of
30 this subsection, it may be waived by the **commissioner** [PUBLIC EMPLOYEES'
31 RETIREMENT BOARD] if there are extraordinary circumstances that resulted in the

1 employee's inability to meet the filing requirement. [THE BOARD MAY
2 DELEGATE THE AUTHORITY TO WAIVE A FILING DEADLINE UNDER THIS
3 SUBSECTION TO THE ADMINISTRATOR.]

4 * **Sec. 116.** AS 39.35.475(a), as that subsection read following amendment by sec. 34, ch.
5 146, SLA 1980, until amended by sec. 41, ch. 82, SLA 1986, is amended to read:

6 (a) When the administrator determines that the cost of living has increased and
7 that the financial condition of the retirement fund permits, **the administrator** [HE]
8 shall increase benefit payments to persons receiving benefits under this **plan. For**
9 **purposes of this subsection, the financial condition of the fund would only permit**
10 **an increase in benefits when the ratio of total fund assets to the accrued liability**
11 **meets or exceeds 105 percent. In this subsection, "accrued liability" means the**
12 **present value of all member benefits accrued by member service in this plan**
13 [SYSTEM].

14 * **Sec. 117.** AS 39.35.485(a) is amended to read:

15 (a) An employee who is eligible for a benefit calculated in accordance with
16 AS 39.35.370(c) is entitled to a benefit of at least \$25 a month for each year of
17 credited service, not including adjustments made under AS 39.35.340 for military
18 service, [AS 39.35.350 FOR REINSTATEMENT OF CREDITED SERVICE,]
19 AS 39.35.360 for credit for earlier service, AS 39.35.370(c) for early retirement,
20 AS 39.35.420 for nonoccupational death benefits, AS 39.35.450 for the survivor's
21 option, former AS 39.35.460 for the level income option, AS 39.35.475 for the post-
22 retirement pension adjustment, and AS 39.35.480 for the cost of living.

23 * **Sec. 118.** AS 39.35.520(c) is amended to read:

24 (c) **At least quarterly,** [AT EACH REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING
25 OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT BOARD,] the administrator shall
26 report to the **commissioner of administration** [BOARD] on all situations since the
27 administrator's last report in which an adjustment has been prohibited under (b) of this
28 section. If the **commissioner of administration** [BOARD] finds that there is reason
29 to believe that one or more of the conditions set out in (b) of this section have not been
30 met, the administrator shall notify the member or beneficiary that an adjustment will
31 be made to recover the overpayment. A member or beneficiary who receives notice of

1 adjustment under this subsection may **file a request with the commissioner of**
 2 **administration** [APPEAL TO THE BOARD] for a waiver of the adjustment under
 3 AS 39.35.522. An adjustment may not be required while the **waiver request**
 4 [APPEAL] is pending.

5 * **Sec. 119.** AS 39.35.522(a) is amended to read:

6 (a) Upon **request** [APPEAL] by an affected member or beneficiary under (b)
 7 of this section, the **commissioner of administration** [BOARD] may waive an
 8 adjustment or any portion of an adjustment made under AS 39.35.520 if, in the
 9 opinion of the **commissioner of administration** [BOARD],

10 (1) the adjustment or portion of the adjustment will cause undue
 11 hardship to the member or beneficiary;

12 (2) [REPEALED

13 (3) REPEALED

14 (4)] the adjustment was not the result of erroneous information
 15 supplied by the member or beneficiary;

16 **(3)** [(5)] before the adjustment was made, the member or beneficiary
 17 received confirmation from the administrator that the employee's or beneficiary's
 18 records were correct; and

19 **(4)** [(6)] the member or beneficiary had no reasonable grounds to
 20 believe the employee's or beneficiary's records were incorrect before the adjustment
 21 was made.

22 * **Sec. 120.** AS 39.35.535(a) is repealed and reenacted to read:

23 (a) Except as provided in (d) of this section, the following persons are entitled
 24 to major medical insurance coverage under this section:

25 (1) for employees first hired before July 1, 1986,

26 (A) an employee who is receiving a monthly benefit from the
 27 plan and who has elected coverage;

28 (B) the spouse and dependent children of the employee
 29 described in (A) of this paragraph;

30 (C) the surviving spouse of a deceased employee who is
 31 receiving a monthly benefit from the plan and who has elected coverage;

1 (D) the dependent children of a deceased employee who are
2 dependent on the surviving spouse described in (C) of this paragraph;

3 (2) for members first hired on or after July 1, 1986,

4 (A) an employee who is receiving a monthly benefit from the
5 plan and who has elected coverage for the employee;

6 (B) the spouse of the employee described in (A) of this
7 paragraph if the employee elected coverage for the spouse;

8 (C) the dependent children of the employee described in (A) of
9 this paragraph if the employee elected coverage for the dependent children;

10 (D) the surviving spouse of a deceased employee who is
11 receiving a monthly benefit from the plan and who has elected coverage;

12 (E) the dependent children of a deceased employee who are
13 dependent on the surviving spouse described in (D) of this paragraph if the
14 surviving spouse has elected coverage for the dependent children.

15 * **Sec. 121.** AS 39.35.680(2) is amended to read:

16 (2) "actuarial adjustment" means the adjustment necessary to obtain
17 equality in value of the aggregate expected payments under two different forms of
18 pension payments, considering expected mortality and interest earnings on the basis of
19 assumptions, factors, and methods specified in regulations issued under this **plan**
20 [SYSTEM] that are formally adopted [UNDER AS 39.35.042] by the board that
21 clearly preclude employer discretion in the determination of the amount of any
22 member's benefit;

23 * **Sec. 122.** AS 39.35.680(6) is amended to read:

24 (6) "board" means the **Alaska Retirement Management** [PUBLIC
25 EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT] Board;

26 * **Sec. 123.** AS 39.35.680(21) is amended to read:

27 (21) "member" or "employee"

28 (A) means a person eligible to participate in the system and
29 who is covered by the system;

30 (B) includes

31 (i) an active member;

- (ii) an inactive member;
- (iii) a vested member;
- (iv) a deferred vested member;
- (v) a nonvested member;
- (vi) a disabled member;
- (vii) a retired member;
- (viii) an elected public officer under AS 39.35.381;

(C) does not include

- (i) former members;
- (ii) persons compensated on a contractual or fee basis;
- (iii) casual or emergency workers or nonpermanent employees as defined in AS 39.25.200;
- (iv) persons covered by the Alaska Teachers' Retirement System except as provided under AS 39.35.131 and 39.35.381, or persons covered by a [THE OPTIONAL] university retirement program;
- (v) employees of the division of marine transportation engaged in operating the state ferry system who are covered by a union or group retirement system to which the state makes contributions;
- (vi) justices of the supreme court or judges of the court of appeals or of the superior or district courts of Alaska;
- (vii) the administrative director of courts appointed under art. IV, sec. 16 of the state constitution unless the director becomes a member under AS 39.35.158;
- (viii) members of the elected public officers' retirement system (former AS 39.37); and
- (ix) contractual employees of the legislative branch of state government under AS 24.10.060(f);

(D) may include employees of the division of marine transportation excluded under (C)(v) of this paragraph provided that

- (i) the State of Alaska formally agrees to their inclusion

1 through the process of collective bargaining; and

2 (ii) no collective bargaining agreement has the effect of
3 obligating contributions made by the state under AS 39.30.150 in the
4 event the state resumes participation in the federal social security
5 system;

6 * **Sec. 124.** AS 39.35.680(34) is amended to read:

7 (34) "qualified domestic relations order" means a divorce or
8 dissolution judgment under AS 25.24, including an order approving a property
9 settlement, that

10 (A) creates or recognizes the existence of an alternate payee's
11 right to, or assigns to an alternate payee the right to, receive all or a portion of
12 employee contribution account or the benefits payable with respect to an
13 employee;

14 (B) sets out the name and last known mailing address, if any, of
15 the employee and of each alternate payee covered by the order;

16 (C) sets out the amount or percentage of the employee's benefit,
17 or of any survivor's benefit, to be paid to the alternate payee, or sets out the
18 manner in which that amount or percentage is to be determined;

19 (D) sets out the number of payments or period to which the
20 order applies;

21 (E) sets out the **retirement plan** [SYSTEM] to which the order
22 applies;

23 (F) does not require any type or form of benefit or any option
24 not otherwise provided by **AS 39.35.095 - 39.35.680** [THIS CHAPTER];

25 (G) does not require an increase of benefits in excess of the
26 amount provided by **AS 39.35.095 - 39.35.680** [THIS CHAPTER], determined
27 on the basis of actuarial value; and

28 (H) does not require the payment to an alternate payee of
29 benefits that are required to be paid to another alternate payee under another
30 order previously determined to be a qualified domestic relations order;

31 * **Sec. 125.** AS 39.35.680 is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

1 (41) "commissioner" means the commissioner of administration;

2 (42) "plan" means the retirement plan established in AS 39.35.095 -
3 39.35.680.

4 * **Sec. 126.** AS 39.35 is amended by adding new sections to read:

5 **Article 9. Employees First Hired on or after July 1, 2006.**

6 **Sec. 39.35.700. Applicability of AS 39.35.700 - 39.35.990.** The provisions of
7 AS 39.35.700 - 39.35.990 apply only to members first hired on or after July 1, 2006,
8 or to members who transfer into the defined contribution plan under AS 39.35.940.

9 **Sec. 39.35.710. Defined contribution retirement plan established; federal**
10 **qualification requirements.** (a) A defined contribution retirement plan is established
11 for employees of the state or a political subdivision or public organization of the state.

12 (b) The defined contribution retirement plan is a plan in which savings are
13 accumulated in an individual retirement account for the exclusive benefit of the
14 member or beneficiaries. The plan is established effective July 1, 2006, at which time
15 contributions by employers and members begin.

16 (c) The retirement plan established by AS 39.35.700 - 39.35.990 is intended to
17 qualify under 26 U.S.C. 401(a) and 414(d) (Internal Revenue Code) as a qualified
18 retirement plan established and maintained by the state for its employees, for the
19 employees of political subdivisions, public corporations, and public organizations of
20 the state, and for the employees of other employers whose participation is authorized
21 by AS 39.35.700 - 39.35.990 and who participate in the plan set out in AS 39.35.700 -
22 39.35.990.

23 (d) An amendment to AS 39.35.700 - 39.35.990 does not provide a person
24 with a vested right to a benefit if the Internal Revenue Service determines that the
25 amendment will result in disqualification of the plan under the Internal Revenue Code.

26 **Sec. 39.35.720. Membership.** An employee who becomes a member on or
27 after July 1, 2006, shall participate in the plan set out in AS 39.35.700 - 39.35.990.

28 **Sec. 39.35.730. Contributions by members.** (a) Each member shall
29 contribute to the member's individual account an amount equal to eight percent of the
30 member's compensation from July 1 to the following June 30.

31 (b) Subject to the limitations on contributions under AS 39.35.780, a member

1 may elect to make additional contributions to the member's individual account.

2 (c) The employer shall deduct the contribution from the member's
3 compensation at the end of each payroll period, and the contribution shall be credited
4 by the plan to the member's individual account. The contributions shall be deducted
5 from member's compensation before the computation of applicable federal taxes and
6 shall be treated as employer contributions under 26 U.S.C. 414(h)(2). A member may
7 not have the option of making the payroll deduction directly in cash instead of having
8 the contribution picked up by the employer.

9 **Sec. 39.35.740. Employment contributions mandatory.** Contributions of
10 employees shall be made by payroll deductions. Every included employee shall be
11 considered to consent to payroll deductions. It is of no consequence that a payroll
12 deduction may cause the compensation paid in cash to an employee to be reduced
13 below the minimum required by law. Payment of an employee's compensation, less
14 payroll deductions, is a full and complete discharge and satisfaction of all claims and
15 demands by the employee relating to remuneration of services during the period
16 covered by the payment, except with respect to the benefits provided under the plan.

17 **Sec. 39.35.750. Contributions by employers.** (a) An employer shall
18 contribute to each member's individual account an amount equal to five percent of the
19 member's compensation from July 1 to the following June 30.

20 (b) An employer shall also contribute an amount equal to a percentage, as
21 certified by the board, of each member's compensation from July 1 to the following
22 June 30 to pay for retiree major medical insurance. This contribution shall be paid
23 into the group health and life benefits fund established by the commissioner of
24 administration under AS 39.30.095 and shall be accounted for in accordance with
25 regulations established by the commissioner.

26 (c) Notwithstanding (b) of this section, the employer contribution for retiree
27 major medical insurance for fiscal year 2006 shall be 1.75 percent of each member's
28 compensation from July 1 to the following June 30.

29 (d) An employer shall also make contributions to the health reimbursement
30 arrangement plan under AS 39.30.300.

31 (e) An employer shall make annual contributions to the plan in an amount

1 determined by the board to be actuarially required to fully fund the cost of providing
 2 occupational disability and occupational death benefits under AS 39.35.890 and
 3 39.35.892. The contribution required under this subsection for peace officers and fire
 4 fighters and the contribution required under this subsection for other employees shall
 5 be separately calculated based on the actuarially calculated costs for each group of
 6 employees.

7 **Sec. 39.35.760. Rollover contributions and distributions.** (a) An employee
 8 entering the plan may elect, at the time and in the manner prescribed by the
 9 administrator, to have all or part of a direct rollover distribution from an eligible
 10 retirement plan owned by the member paid directly into the member's individual
 11 account.

12 (b) Rollover contributions do not count as a purchase of membership service
 13 for the purpose of determining years of service.

14 (c) A distributee may elect, at the time and in the manner prescribed by the
 15 administrator, to have all or part of an eligible rollover distribution paid directly to an
 16 eligible retirement plan specified by the distributee in the direct rollover.

17 (d) In this section,

18 (1) "direct rollover" means the payment of an eligible rollover
 19 distribution by the plan to an eligible retirement plan specified by a distributee who is
 20 eligible to elect a direct rollover;

21 (2) "distributee" means a member, or a beneficiary who is the
 22 surviving spouse of the member, or an alternate payee;

23 (3) "eligible retirement plan" means

24 (A) a conduit individual retirement account described in 26
 25 U.S.C. 408(d)(3)(A);

26 (B) an annuity plan described in 26 U.S.C. 403(a);

27 (C) a qualified trust described in 26 U.S.C. 401(a);

28 (D) an annuity plan described in 26 U.S.C. 403(b); or

29 (E) a governmental plan described in 26 U.S.C. 457(b);

30 (4) "eligible rollover distribution" means a distribution of all or part of
 31 a total account to a distributee, except for

1 (A) a distribution that is one of a series of substantially equal
 2 installments payable not less frequently than annually over the life expectancy
 3 of the distributee or the joint and last survivor life expectancy of the distributee
 4 and the distributee's designated beneficiary, as defined in 26 U.S.C. 401(a)(9);

5 (B) a distribution that is one of a series of substantially equal
 6 installments payable not less frequently than annually over a specified period
 7 of 10 years or more;

8 (C) a distribution that is required under 26 U.S.C. 401(a)(9);

9 (D) the portion of any distribution that is not includable in
 10 gross income;

11 (E) a distribution that is on account of hardship; and

12 (F) other distributions that are reasonably expected to total less
 13 than \$200 during a year.

14 **Sec. 39.35.770. Transmittal of contributions.** All contributions deducted in
 15 accordance with AS 39.35.700 - 39.35.990 shall be transmitted to the plan for deposit
 16 in the trust fund as soon as administratively feasible, but in no event later than 15 days
 17 following the close of the payroll period.

18 **Sec. 39.35.780. Limitations on contributions.** Notwithstanding any other
 19 provisions of this plan, the annual additions to each member's individual account
 20 under this plan and under all defined contribution plans of the employer required to be
 21 aggregated with the contributions from this plan under the provisions of 26 U.S.C. 415
 22 may not exceed, for any limitation year, the amount permitted under 26 U.S.C. 415 at
 23 any time. If the amount of a member's defined contribution plan contributions exceeds
 24 the limitation of 26 U.S.C. 415(c) for any limitation year, the administrator shall take
 25 any necessary remedial action to correct an excess contribution. The provisions of 26
 26 U.S.C. 415, and the regulations adopted under that statute, as applied to qualified
 27 defined contribution plans of governmental employees are incorporated as part of the
 28 terms and conditions of the plan.

29 **Sec. 39.35.790. Vesting.** (a) A participating member is immediately and
 30 fully vested in that member's contributions and related earnings.

31 (b) A member shall be fully vested in the employer contributions made on that

1 member's behalf, and related earnings, after five years of service. A member is
 2 partially vested in the employer contributions made on that member's behalf, and the
 3 related earnings, in the ratio of

- 4 (1) 25 percent with two years of service;
- 5 (2) 50 percent with three years of service; and
- 6 (3) 75 percent with four years of service.

7 **Sec. 39.35.800. Investment of individual accounts.** (a) The board shall
 8 provide a range of investment options and permit a participant to exercise investment
 9 control over the participant's assets in the member's individual account as provided in
 10 this section. If a participant exercises control over the assets in the individual account,
 11 the participant is not considered a fiduciary for any reason on the basis of exercising
 12 that control.

13 (b) A participant may direct investment of plan funds held in an account
 14 among available investment funds in accordance with rules established by the board.

15 (c) A participant may elect to change or transfer all or a portion of the
 16 participant's existing account balance among available investment funds not more
 17 often than once each day in accordance with the rules established by the administrator.
 18 Only the last election received by the administrator before the transmittal of
 19 contributions to the trust fund for allocation to the individual account shall be used to
 20 direct the investment of the contributions received.

21 (d) Except to the extent clearly set out in the terms of the investment plans
 22 offered by the employer to the employee, the employer is not liable to the participant
 23 for investment losses if the prudent investment standard has been met.

24 (e) The employer, administrator, state, board, or a person or entity who is
 25 otherwise a fiduciary is not liable by reason for any participant's investment loss that
 26 results from the participant's directing the investment of plan assets allocated to the
 27 participant's account.

28 (f) To the extent that a member's individual account has been divided as
 29 provided in a qualified domestic relations order between participants, each participant
 30 shall be treated as the holder of a separate individual account for purposes of
 31 investment yields, decisions, transfers, and time limitations imposed by this section.

1 **Sec. 39.35.810. Distribution election at termination.** (a) A member is
 2 eligible to elect distribution of the member's account in accordance with this section
 3 60 days after termination of employment.

4 (b) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, distribution of all or a portion of the
 5 individual account of a member may take place before the 60th day after the
 6 termination of employment with the approval of the administrator if the member
 7 makes a written request for a distribution under this subsection. The member's spouse
 8 must consent to the request in writing if the member is married. Distribution of an
 9 individual account may only be made on account of an immediate and heavy financial
 10 need of the member for the following reasons and in the amount the need is
 11 demonstrated for

12 (1) medical care described in 26 U.S.C. 213(d) incurred by the
 13 member, the member's spouse, or the member's dependent, or necessary to obtain that
 14 medical care;

15 (2) the purchase of a principal residence for the member;

16 (3) postsecondary education tuition and related educational fees for the
 17 next 12-month period for the member, the member's spouse, or a dependent of the
 18 member; in this paragraph, "dependent" has the meaning given in 26 U.S.C. 152;

19 (4) prevention of the eviction of the member from the member's
 20 principal residence or foreclosure on the mortgage of the member's principal
 21 residence; or

22 (5) any need prescribed by the United States Department of the
 23 Treasury, Internal Revenue Service, in a revenue ruling, notice, or other document of
 24 general applicability that satisfies the safe harbor definition of hardship under
 25 regulations adopted under 26 U.S.C. 401(k).

26 (c) If a member dies before benefits commence, the member's beneficiary is
 27 immediately eligible to elect distribution of the member's share of the member's
 28 individual account.

29 (d) Distributions are payable to an alternate payee in accordance with the
 30 terms and conditions of a qualified domestic relations order that is received and
 31 approved by the administrator as specified in AS 39.35.860.

1 (e) Distributions that are being paid to a member may not be affected by the
 2 member's subsequent reemployment with the employer. Upon reemployment, a new
 3 individual account shall be established for the member to which any future
 4 contributions shall be allocated. Upon subsequent termination of employment, the
 5 member's new individual account shall be distributed in accordance with this section.

6 **Sec. 39.35.820. Forms of distribution.** (a) A participant may elect to receive
 7 the participant's share of the individual account in a

8 (1) lump sum payment, which is a single payment of the entire balance
 9 in the account;

10 (2) periodic lump sum payment, which is a payment of a portion of the
 11 balance in the account, not more than twice each year;

12 (3) period certain annuity payment, which is an annuity payable in a
 13 fixed number of monthly installments for a duration of 60, 120, or 180 months;

14 (4) life annuity with a period certain payment, which is an annuity
 15 payable until the later of the first day of the month in which the annuitant's death
 16 occurs, or the date on which the payment of a fixed number of monthly installments is
 17 completed; the period certain for installments is 120 or 180 months;

18 (5) single life annuity payment, which is an annuity payable monthly
 19 until the first of the month in which the annuitant's death occurs; or

20 (6) joint and survivor annuity payment, which is an annuity payable
 21 monthly to the member until the first of the month in which the member's death
 22 occurs; after the member's death, a survivor annuity equal to 50 percent or 100 percent
 23 of the member's benefit, as previously elected by the member, shall be paid monthly to
 24 the joint annuitant for the remainder of the survivor's lifetime.

25 (b) Upon the death of an annuitant whose payments have commenced, an
 26 annuitant's beneficiary shall receive further payments only to the extent provided in
 27 accordance with the form of payment that was being made to the annuitant. The
 28 remaining portion of the interest shall continue to be distributed at least as rapidly as
 29 under the method of distribution being used before the annuitant's death.

30 (c) If a participant dies before the distribution commencement date,
 31 distribution of the participant's entire interest to a beneficiary shall be payable in any

1 form other than a joint and survivor annuity.

2 (d) If an unmarried member or other participant fails to elect a form of
3 payment before the distribution commencement date, the account shall be paid to a
4 beneficiary in the form of a lump sum to the extent required by the minimum
5 distribution requirements set out in the Internal Revenue Code. If a married member
6 fails to elect a form of payment before the distribution commencement date, the
7 account shall be paid in the form of a 50 percent joint and survivor annuity, with the
8 member's spouse as the joint annuitant.

9 **Sec. 39.35.830. Manner of electing distributions.** (a) Any election or any
10 alteration or revocation of a prior election by a participant for any purpose under this
11 plan shall be on forms or made in a manner prescribed for that purpose by the plan
12 administrator. To be effective, the forms required or the required action for any
13 purpose under this plan must be completed and received in accordance with
14 regulations adopted by the commissioner of administration.

15 (b) At any time, but not less than seven days before the benefit
16 commencement date, a member, alternate payee, or beneficiary may change

17 (1) the form of payment election;

18 (2) an election to commence benefits; or

19 (3) the joint annuitant designation.

20 (c) Changes in elections are not allowed on or after seven days before the
21 benefit commencement date.

22 **Sec. 39.35.840. Distribution requirements.** (a) Payments to a participant
23 shall commence as soon as administratively feasible following the distribution
24 commencement date. The distribution commencement date is the first date on which
25 one of the following occurs:

26 (1) a member meets the requirements of AS 39.35.810 and has made a
27 complete application for payment under AS 39.35.830;

28 (2) a participant has elected to defer receipt of the account to a date
29 specified, the date has been attained, and the participant has made a complete
30 application for payment;

31 (3) a member attains normal retirement age and has not made an

1 application for payment or elected to defer receipt of the account to a date later than
2 normal retirement age;

3 (4) a member's beneficiary does not make an application for benefits
4 and five years have elapsed since the member's death;

5 (5) notwithstanding (a) of this section, a participant whose account has
6 a balance of \$1,000 or less meets the requirements of AS 39.35.810, at which time the
7 participant must take payment of the participant's account.

8 (b) The entire interest of a member must be distributed or must begin to be
9 distributed not later than the member's required beginning date.

10 (c) If a member dies after the distribution of the member's interest has begun
11 but before the distribution has been completed, the remaining portion of the interest
12 shall continue to be distributed at least as rapidly as under the method of distribution
13 being used before the member's death.

14 (d) If a member has made a distribution election and dies before the
15 distribution of the member's interest begins, distribution of the member's entire interest
16 shall be completed by December 31 of the calendar year containing the fifth
17 anniversary of the member's death. However, if any portion of the member's interest
18 is payable to a designated beneficiary, distributions may be made over the life of the
19 designated beneficiary or over a period certain not greater than the life expectancy of
20 the designated beneficiary, commencing on or before December 31 of the calendar
21 year immediately following the calendar year in which the member died, and, if the
22 designated beneficiary is the member's surviving spouse, the date distributions are
23 required to begin may not be earlier than the later of December 31 of the calendar year
24 (1) immediately following the calendar year in which the member died, or (2) in which
25 the member would have attained 70 1/2 years of age, whichever is earlier. If the
26 surviving spouse dies after the member but before payments to the spouse have begun,
27 the provisions of this subsection apply as if the surviving spouse were the member.
28 An amount paid to a child of the member shall be treated as if it were paid to the
29 surviving spouse if the amount becomes payable to the surviving spouse when the
30 child reaches the age of majority.

31 (e) If a member has not made a distribution election before the member's

1 death, the member's designated beneficiary must elect the method of distribution not
 2 later than December 31 of the calendar year (1) in which distributions would be
 3 required to begin under this section, or (2) that contains the fifth anniversary of the
 4 date of death of the member, whichever is earlier. If the member does not have a
 5 designated beneficiary or if the designated beneficiary does not elect a method of
 6 distribution, distribution of the member's entire interest must be completed by
 7 December 31 of the calendar year containing the fifth anniversary of the member's
 8 death.

9 (f) For purposes of (b) of this section, distribution of a member's interest is
 10 considered to begin (1) on the member's required beginning date, or (2) if the
 11 designated beneficiary is the member's surviving spouse and the surviving spouse dies
 12 after the member but before payments to the spouse have begun, on the date
 13 distribution is required to begin to the surviving spouse. If distribution in the form of
 14 an annuity irrevocably commences to the member before the required beginning date,
 15 the date distribution is considered to begin is the date that the distribution actually
 16 commences.

17 (g) Notwithstanding any contrary provisions of AS 39.35.700 - 39.35.990, the
 18 requirements of this section apply to all distributions of a member's interest and take
 19 precedence over any inconsistent provisions of AS 39.35.700 - 39.35.990.

20 (h) All distributions required under this section are determined and made in
 21 accordance with 26 U.S.C. 401(a)(9) and regulations adopted under that statute,
 22 including any minimum distribution incidental benefit requirement.

23 (i) In this section,

24 (1) "designated beneficiary" means the individual who is designated as
 25 the beneficiary under the plan in accordance with 26 U.S.C. 401(a)(9) and regulations
 26 adopted under that statute;

27 (2) "required beginning date" means the first day of April of the
 28 calendar year following the calendar year in which the member either attains 70 1/2
 29 years of age or actually terminates employment, whichever is later.

30 **Sec. 39.35.850. Designation of beneficiary.** (a) Each participant shall have
 31 the right to designate a beneficiary and shall have the right, at any time, to revoke the

1 designation or to substitute another beneficiary, subject to the following limitation: if a
 2 married member elects a nonspouse beneficiary, the value of the benefit payable to the
 3 beneficiary may not exceed 50 percent of the member's portion of the account balance,
 4 and the member's spouse shall automatically be considered the beneficiary for the
 5 remaining 50 percent of the account balance, unless the spouse consents to the
 6 beneficiary designation in a writing that is notarized or witnessed by the administrator.
 7 If the spouse consents in this manner, a married member may designate a nonspouse
 8 beneficiary for the entire benefit or any portion the benefit as part of an available form
 9 of payment contained in this plan,

10 (1) except to the extent a qualified domestic relations order filed with
 11 the administrator provides for payment to a former spouse or other dependent of the
 12 member; or

13 (2) unless the member filed a revocation of beneficiary accompanied
 14 by a written consent to the revocation from the present spouse and each person entitled
 15 under the order; however, consent of the present spouse is not required if the member
 16 and the present spouse had been married for less than one year on the date of the
 17 member's death and if the member established when filing the revocation that the
 18 member and the present spouse were not cohabiting.

19 (b) Except as provided in (a) of this section, the member may change or
 20 revoke the designation without notice to the beneficiary or beneficiaries at any time.
 21 If a member designates more than one beneficiary, each shares equally unless the
 22 member specifies a different allocation or preference. The designation of a
 23 beneficiary, a change or revocation of a beneficiary, and a consent to revocation of a
 24 beneficiary shall be made on a form provided by the administrator and is not effective
 25 until filed with the administrator.

26 (c) If a member fails to designate a beneficiary, or if no designated beneficiary
 27 survives the member, the death benefit shall be paid

28 (1) to the surviving spouse or, if there is none surviving;

29 (2) to the surviving children of the member in equal parts or, if there
 30 are none surviving;

31 (3) to the surviving parents in equal parts or, if there are none

1 surviving;

2 (4) to the estate.

3 (d) A person claiming entitlement to benefits payable under AS 39.35.700 -
4 39.35.990 as a consequence of a member's death shall provide the administrator with a
5 marriage certificate, divorce or dissolution judgment, or other evidence of entitlement.
6 Documents establishing entitlement may be filed with the administrator immediately
7 after a change in the member's marital status. If the administrator does not receive
8 notification of a claim before the date 10 days after the member's death, the person
9 claiming entitlement is not entitled to receive from the division of retirement and
10 benefits any benefit already paid by the administrator.

11 **Sec. 39.35.860. Rights under qualified domestic relations order.** (a)
12 Notwithstanding the nonalienation provisions in AS 39.35.900(a), the plan
13 administrator may direct that benefits be paid to someone other than a member or
14 beneficiary under a valid qualified domestic relations order that is executed by the
15 judge of a competent court in accordance with applicable state law and that has been
16 accepted by the administrator.

17 (b) The administrator shall determine whether an order meets the requirements
18 of this section within a reasonable period after receiving an order. The administrator
19 shall notify the member and any alternate payee that an order has been received and
20 indicate to the member and any alternate payee when the order is accepted. A separate
21 account for the alternate payee portion shall be established as soon as administratively
22 feasible after the order has been accepted by the administrator.

23 **Sec. 39.35.870. Retirement.** (a) In order to obtain medical benefits under
24 AS 39.35.880, an active member must retire directly from the plan. A member is
25 eligible to retire from the plan if the member has been an active member for at least 12
26 months before application for retirement and

27 (1) the member has at least 25 years of membership service as a peace
28 officer or fire fighter or at least 30 years of membership service for all other
29 employees; or

30 (2) the member reaches the normal retirement age and has at least 10
31 years of membership service.

1 (b) The normal retirement age is the age set for Medicare eligibility at the time
2 the member retires.

3 (c) A member's surviving spouse is eligible to elect medical benefits under
4 AS 39.35.880 if the member had retired, or was eligible for appointment to retirement
5 at the time of the member's death.

6 (d) Members shall apply for appointment to retirement on the forms and in the
7 manner prescribed by the administrator.

8 (e) Election of the retiree major medical insurance plan is not required in order
9 to elect participation in the health reimbursement arrangement.

10 (f) A person eligible to elect medical benefits is not required to participate in
11 the health reimbursement arrangement in order to elect participation in the retiree
12 major medical insurance plan.

13 (g) An eligible person must make the irrevocable election to participate or not
14 participate in the retiree major medical insurance plan by reaching 70 1/2 years of age,
15 or upon termination of the member's employment, whichever is later.

16 **Sec. 39.35.880. Medical benefits.** (a) The medical benefits available to
17 eligible persons are access to the retiree major medical insurance plan and to the
18 health reimbursement arrangement under AS 39.30.300. Access to the retiree major
19 medical insurance plan means that an eligible person may not be denied insurance
20 coverage except for failure to pay the required premium.

21 (b) Retiree major medical insurance plan coverage elected by an eligible
22 member under this section covers the eligible member, the spouse of the eligible
23 member, and the dependent children of the eligible member.

24 (c) Retiree major medical insurance plan coverage elected by a surviving
25 spouse of an eligible member under this section covers the surviving spouse and the
26 dependent children of the eligible member who are dependent on the surviving spouse.

27 (d) Major medical insurance coverage takes effect on the first day of the
28 month following the date of the administrator's approval of the election and stops
29 when the person who elects coverage dies or fails to make a required premium
30 payment.

31 (e) The coverage for persons 65 years of age or older is the same as that

1 available for persons under 65 years of age. The benefits payable to those persons 65
 2 years of age or older supplement any benefits provided under the federal old age,
 3 survivors and disability insurance program.

4 (f) The medical and optional insurance premiums owed by the person who
 5 elects coverage may be deducted from the health reimbursement arrangement. If the
 6 amount of the health reimbursement arrangement becomes insufficient to pay the
 7 premiums, the person who elects coverage under (a) of this section shall pay the
 8 premiums directly.

9 (g) The cost of premiums for retiree major medical insurance coverage for an
 10 eligible member or surviving spouse who is

11 (1) not eligible for Medicare is an amount equal to the full monthly
 12 group premiums for retiree major medical insurance coverage;

13 (2) eligible for Medicare is the following percentage of the premium
 14 amounts established for retirees who are eligible for Medicare:

15 (A) 30 percent if the member had 10 or more, but less than 15,
 16 years of service;

17 (B) 25 percent if the member had 15 or more, but less than 20,
 18 years of service;

19 (C) 20 percent if the member had 20 or more, but less than 25,
 20 years of service;

21 (D) 15 percent if the member had 25 or more, but less than 30,
 22 years of service;

23 (E) 10 percent if the member had 30 or more years of service.

24 (h) The eligibility for retiree major medical insurance coverage for an
 25 alternate payee under a qualified domestic relations order shall be determined based
 26 on the eligibility of the member to elect coverage. The alternate payee shall pay the
 27 full monthly premium for retiree major medical insurance coverage.

28 (i) A person who is entitled to retiree major medical insurance coverage shall

29 (1) be informed by the administrator in writing

30 (A) that the health insurance coverage available to retired
 31 members may be different from the health insurance coverage provided to

1 employees;

2 (B) of time limits for selecting optional health insurance
3 coverage and whether the election is irrevocable; and

4 (2) indicate in writing on a form provided by the administrator that the
5 person has received the information required by this subsection and whether the
6 person has chosen to receive optional health insurance coverage.

7 (j) The monthly group premiums for retiree major medical insurance coverage
8 are established by the administrator in accordance with AS 39.30.095. Nothing in
9 AS 39.35.700 - 39.35.990 guarantees a person who elects coverage under (a) of this
10 section a monthly group premium rate for retiree major medical insurance coverage
11 other than the premium in effect for the month in which the premium is due for
12 coverage for that month.

13 (k) In this section, "health reimbursement arrangement" means the plan
14 established in AS 39.30.300.

15 **Sec. 39.35.890. Occupational disability benefits and reemployment of**
16 **disabled employees.** (a) An employee is eligible for an occupational disability
17 benefit if employment is terminated because of a total and apparently permanent
18 occupational disability before the employee's normal retirement date.

19 (b) The occupational disability benefits accrue beginning the first day of the
20 month following termination of employment as a result of the disability and are
21 payable the last day of the month. If a final determination granting the benefit is not
22 made in time to pay the benefit when due, a retroactive payment shall be made to
23 cover the period of deferment. The last payment shall be for the first month in which
24 the disabled employee

25 (1) dies;

26 (2) recovers from the disability;

27 (3) fails to meet the requirements under (f) or (j) of this section; or

28 (4) reaches normal retirement age.

29 (c) If the disabled employee becomes ineligible to receive occupational
30 disability benefits before the normal retirement date, the disabled employee shall then
31 be entitled to receive retirement benefits if the employee would have been eligible for

1 the benefit had employment continued during the period of disability. The period of
 2 disability constitutes membership service in regard to determining eligibility for
 3 retirement.

4 (d) The monthly amount of an occupational disability benefit is 40 percent of
 5 the disabled employee's gross monthly compensation at the time of termination due to
 6 disability. While an employee is receiving disability benefits, based on the disabled
 7 employee's gross monthly compensation at the time of termination due to disability,
 8 the employer shall make contributions

9 (1) to the employee's individual account under AS 39.35.730 on behalf
 10 of the employee, without deduction from the employee's disability payments; and

11 (2) on behalf of the employee under AS 39.35.750.

12 (e) An employee is not entitled to an occupational disability benefit unless the
 13 employee files an application for an occupational disability benefit with the
 14 administrator within 90 days after the date of terminating employment. If the
 15 employee is unable to meet a filing requirement of this subsection, the filing
 16 requirement may be waived by the administrator if there are extraordinary
 17 circumstances that resulted in the employee's inability to meet the filing requirement.

18 (f) A disabled employee receiving an occupational disability benefit shall
 19 undergo a medical examination as often as the administrator considers advisable, but
 20 not more frequently than once each year. The administrator shall determine the place
 21 of the examination and engage the physician or physicians. If, in the judgment of the
 22 administrator, the examination indicates that the retired employee is no longer
 23 incapacitated because of a total and apparently permanent occupational disability, the
 24 administrator may not issue further disability benefits to the employee.

25 (g) A disabled employee's occupational disability benefit terminates when the
 26 disabled employee first attains eligibility for normal retirement. At that time, the
 27 employee's retirement benefit shall be determined under the provisions of
 28 AS 39.35.840 and 39.35.870. An employee receiving disability benefits up until
 29 eligibility for retirement shall be considered to have retired directly from the plan.

30 (h) Notwithstanding (g) of this section, at the time a peace officer or fire
 31 fighter receiving occupational disability benefits under this section first attains

1 eligibility for normal retirement, the employee shall irrevocably elect to receive
2 retirement benefits in the amount calculated as the

3 (1) monthly occupational disability benefit calculated under (d) of this
4 section; or

5 (2) employee's retirement benefit calculated under the provisions of
6 AS 39.35.370(c).

7 (i) Notwithstanding (b)(3) of this section, a peace officer or fire fighter who
8 retires under (h) of this section is not subject to the requirements of (f) or (j) of this
9 section during retirement.

10 (j) An employee appointed to disability benefits shall apply to the division of
11 vocational rehabilitation within 30 days after the date disability benefits commence.
12 The employee shall be enrolled in a rehabilitation program if the employee meets the
13 eligibility requirements of the division of vocational rehabilitation. Unless the
14 employee demonstrates cause, benefits shall terminate at the end of the first month in
15 which a disabled employee

16 (1) fails to report to the division of vocational rehabilitation;

17 (2) is certified by the division of vocational rehabilitation as failing to
18 cooperate in a vocational rehabilitation program;

19 (3) fails to interview for a job; or

20 (4) fails to accept a position offered.

21 (k) Upon the death of a disabled employee who is receiving or is entitled to
22 receive an occupational disability benefit, the administrator shall pay the surviving
23 spouse a surviving spouse's pension, equal to 40 percent of the employee's monthly
24 compensation at the termination of employment because of occupational disability. If
25 there is no surviving spouse, the administrator shall pay the survivor's pension in equal
26 parts to the dependent children of the employee. The first payment of the surviving
27 spouse's pension or of a dependent child's pension shall accrue from the first day of
28 the month following the employee's death and is payable the last day of the month.
29 The last payment shall be made for the last month in which there is an eligible
30 surviving spouse or child. On the date the normal retirement of the employee would
31 have occurred if the employee had lived, the retirement benefit shall be determined

1 under the provisions of AS 39.35.840 and 39.35.870. An employee who died while
 2 receiving disability benefits shall be considered to have retired directly from the plan
 3 on the date the normal retirement of the employee would have occurred if the
 4 employee had lived.

5 (l) In this section, "occupational disability" has the meaning given in
 6 AS 39.35.680.

7 **Sec. 39.35.892. Occupational death benefit.** (a) If (1) the death of an
 8 employee occurs before the employee's retirement and before the employee's normal
 9 retirement date, (2) the proximate cause of death is a bodily injury sustained or a
 10 hazard undergone while in the performance and within the scope of the employee's
 11 duties, and (3) the injury or hazard is not the proximate result of wilful negligence of
 12 the employee, a monthly survivor's pension shall be paid to the surviving spouse. If
 13 there is no surviving spouse or if the spouse later dies, the monthly survivor's pension
 14 shall be paid in equal parts to the dependent children of the employee.

15 (b) The first payment of the surviving spouse's pension or of a dependent
 16 child's pension shall be made for the month following the month in which the
 17 employee dies, and payment shall cease to be made beginning with the month in
 18 which the employee would have first qualified for retirement.

19 (c) The monthly survivor's pension in (b) of this section for survivors of
 20 employees who were not peace officers or fire fighters is 40 percent of the employee's
 21 monthly compensation in the month in which the employee dies. The monthly
 22 survivor's pension in (b) of this section for survivors of employees who were peace
 23 officers or fire fighters is 50 percent of the monthly compensation in the month in
 24 which the employee dies. While the monthly survivor's pension is being paid, the
 25 employer shall make contributions on behalf of the employee's beneficiaries based on
 26 the deceased employee's gross monthly compensation at the time of occupational
 27 death

28 (1) to the employee's individual account under AS 39.35.730, without
 29 deduction from the survivor's pension; and

30 (2) to the appropriate accounts and funds under AS 39.35.750.

31 (d) If an employee's death is caused by an act of assault, assassination, or

1 terrorism directly related to the person's status as an employee, whether the act occurs
 2 on or off the employee's job site, the death shall be considered to have occurred in the
 3 performance of and within the scope of the employee's duties for purposes of (a)(2) of
 4 this section. If the expressed or apparent motive and intent of the perpetrator of the
 5 harm inflicted upon the employee was due to the performance of the employee's job
 6 duties or employment, the death shall be considered to be directly related to the
 7 employee's status as an employee. An employee's job duties are those performed
 8 within the course and scope of the person's employment with an employer.

9 (e) On the date the normal retirement of the employee would have occurred if
 10 the employee had lived, the retirement benefit shall be determined under the
 11 provisions of AS 39.35.840 and 39.35.870. An employee who died and whose
 12 survivors receive occupational death benefits under this section shall be considered to
 13 have retired directly from the plan on the date the normal retirement of the employee
 14 would have occurred if the employee had lived.

15 **Sec. 39.35.895. Amendment and termination of plan.** (a) The state has the
 16 right to amend the plan at any time and from time to time, in whole or in part,
 17 including the right to make retroactive amendments referred to in 26 U.S.C. 401(b).

18 (b) The plan administrator may not modify or amend the plan retroactively in
 19 such a manner as to reduce the benefits of any member accrued to date under the plan
 20 by reason of contributions made before the modification or amendment except to the
 21 extent that the reduction is permitted by the Internal Revenue Code.

22 (c) The state may, in its discretion, terminate the plan in whole or part at any
 23 time without liability for the termination. If the plan is terminated, all investments
 24 remain in force until all individual accounts have been completely distributed under
 25 the plan, and, after all plan liabilities are satisfied, excess assets revert to the employer.

26 (d) Any contribution made by an employer to the plan because of a mistake of
 27 fact must be returned to the employer by the administrator within one year after the
 28 contribution or discovery, whichever is later.

29 **Sec. 39.35.900. Exclusive benefit.** (a) The corpus or income of the assets
 30 held in trust as required by the plan may not be diverted or used for other than the
 31 exclusive benefit of the participants.

1 (b) If plan benefits are provided through the distribution of annuity or
 2 insurance contracts, any refunds or credits in excess of plan benefits due to dividends,
 3 earnings, or other experience rating credits, or surrender or cancellation credits, shall
 4 be paid to the trust fund.

5 (c) The assets of the plan may not be used to pay premiums or contributions of
 6 the employer under another plan maintained by the employer.

7 **Sec. 39.35.910. Nonguarantee of returns, rates, or benefit amounts.** The
 8 plan created by AS 39.35.700 - 39.35.990 is a defined contribution plan, not a defined
 9 benefit plan. The amount of money in the account of a participant depends on the
 10 amount of contributions and the rate of return from investments of the account that
 11 varies over time. If benefits are paid in the form of an annuity, the benefit amount
 12 payable is dependent on the amount of money in the account and the interest rates
 13 applied and service fees charged by the annuity payor at the time benefits are first
 14 paid. Nothing in this plan guarantees a participant

15 (1) a rate of return or interest rate other than that actually earned by the
 16 account of the participant, less applicable administrative expenses; or

17 (2) an annuity based on interest rates or service charges other than
 18 interest rates available from and service charges by the annuity payor in effect at the
 19 time the annuity is paid.

20 **Sec. 39.35.920. Nonguarantee of employment.** The provisions of
 21 AS 39.35.700 - 39.35.990 are not a contract of employment between an employer and
 22 an employee, nor do they confer a right of an employee to be continued in the
 23 employment of an employer, nor are they a limitation of the right of an employer to
 24 discharge an employee with or without cause.

25 **Sec. 39.35.930. Fraud.** (a) A person who knowingly makes a false statement
 26 or falsifies or permits to be falsified a record of this plan in an attempt to defraud the
 27 plan is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

28 (b) In this section, "knowingly" has the meaning given in AS 11.81.900(a).

29 **Sec. 39.35.940. Transfer into defined contribution plan by nonvested**
 30 **members of defined benefit plan.** (a) Subject to (i) of this section, an active
 31 member of the defined benefit retirement plan of the public employees' retirement

1 system is eligible to participate in the defined contribution retirement plan established
2 under AS 39.35.700 - 39.35.990, if that member has not vested. Participation in the
3 defined contribution retirement plan is in lieu of participation in the defined benefit
4 retirement plan established under AS 39.35.095 - 39.35.680.

5 (b) A member who has vested in a defined benefit retirement plan is not
6 eligible to transfer under this section.

7 (c) Each eligible member who elects to participate in the defined contribution
8 retirement plan shall have transferred to a new account the present value of the
9 member contribution account balance held in trust for the member under the defined
10 benefit retirement plan of the public employees' retirement system. A matching
11 employer contribution shall be made on behalf of that employee to the new account.

12 (d) Upon a transfer, all membership service previously earned under the
13 defined benefit retirement plan shall be nullified for purposes of entitlement to a future
14 benefit under the defined benefit retirement plan but shall be credited for purposes of
15 eligibility to elect medical benefits under AS 39.35.870. Membership service allowed
16 for credit toward medical benefits does not include any service credit purchased for
17 employment by an employer who is not a participating employer in this chapter.

18 (e) An eligible member whose accounts are subject to a qualified domestic
19 relations order may not make an election to participate in the defined contribution
20 retirement plan under this subsection unless the qualified domestic relations order is
21 amended or vacated and court-certified copies of the order are received by the
22 administrator.

23 (f) As directed by the participant, the board shall transfer or cause to be
24 transferred the appropriate amounts to the designated account. The board shall
25 establish transfer procedures by regulation, but the actual transfer may not be later
26 than 30 days after the effective date of the member's participation in the defined
27 contribution retirement plan unless the major financial markets for securities available
28 for a transfer are seriously disrupted by an unforeseen event that also causes the
29 suspension of trading on any national securities exchange in the country where the
30 securities were issued. In that event, the 30-day period of time may be extended by a
31 resolution of the board of trustees. Transfers are not commissionable or subject to

1 other fees and may be in the form of securities or cash as determined by the board.
2 Securities shall be valued as of the date of receipt in the participant's account.

3 (g) If the board or the administrator receives notification from the United
4 States Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service, that this section or a
5 portion of this section will cause the retirement system under this chapter, or a portion
6 of the retirement system under this chapter, to be disqualified for tax purposes under
7 the Internal Revenue Code, the portion that will cause the disqualification does not
8 apply, and the board and the administrator shall notify the presiding officers of the
9 legislature.

10 (h) The election to participate in the defined contribution retirement plan must
11 be made in writing on forms and in the manner prescribed by the administrator.
12 Before accepting an election to participate in the defined contribution retirement plan,
13 the administrator must provide the employee planning on making an election to
14 participate in the defined contribution retirement plan with information, including
15 calculations to illustrate the effect of moving the employee's retirement plan from the
16 defined benefit retirement plan to the defined contribution retirement plan as well as
17 other information to clearly inform the employee of the potential consequences of the
18 employee's election. An election made under this subsection to participate in the
19 defined contribution retirement plan is irrevocable. Upon making the election, the
20 participant shall be enrolled as a member of the defined contribution retirement plan,
21 the member's participation in the plan shall be governed by the provisions of
22 AS 39.35.700 - 39.35.990, and the member's participation in the defined benefit
23 retirement plan under AS 39.35.115 shall terminate. The participant's enrollment in
24 the defined contribution retirement plan shall be effective the first day of the month
25 after the administrator receives the completed enrollment forms. An election made by
26 an eligible member who is married is not effective unless the election is signed by the
27 individual's spouse.

28 (i) A member may make an election under this section only if the member's
29 employer participates in both the defined benefits retirement plan and the defined
30 contribution retirement plan and consents to transfers under this section. The
31 employer shall notify the administrator if the employer consents to allowing the

1 employer's members to choose to transfer from the defined benefits retirement plan to
 2 the defined contribution retirement plan under this section. An employer's notice to
 3 allow transfers is irrevocable and applicable to all eligible employees of the employer.

4 (j) In this section,

5 (1) "defined benefit retirement plan" means the retirement plan
 6 established in AS 39.35.095 - 39.35.680;

7 (2) "defined contribution retirement plan" means the retirement plan
 8 established in AS 39.35.700 - 39.35.990.

9 **Sec. 39.35.950. Request by political subdivision to participate and**
 10 **adoption of resolution.** A municipality or other political subdivision of the state may
 11 request to become an employer in this plan. The request shall be made after adoption
 12 of a resolution by the legislative body of the political subdivision and after approval of
 13 the resolution by the person required by law to approve the resolution. A certified
 14 copy of the resolution shall be filed with the administrator. If the administrator
 15 approves the request for participation, the political subdivision is an employer of the
 16 plan.

17 **Sec. 39.35.955. Request by public organization to participate and**
 18 **adoption of resolution.** A public organization may request to become an employer in
 19 this plan. The request shall be made after adoption of a resolution by the governing
 20 body of the public organization. A certified copy of the resolution shall be filed with
 21 the administrator. If the administrator approves the request for participation, the
 22 public organization is an employer of the plan.

23 **Sec. 39.35.960. Membership in teachers' and public employees'**
 24 **retirement systems.** A person who is employed at least half-time in the public
 25 employees' defined contribution retirement plan (AS 39.35.700 - 39.35.990) during the
 26 same period that the person is employed at least half-time in a position in the teachers'
 27 defined contribution retirement plan (AS 14.25.310 - 14.25.590) shall receive credited
 28 service under each plan for half-time employment. However, the amount of credited
 29 service a person receives under the public employees' defined contribution retirement
 30 plan during a school year may not exceed the amount necessary, when added to the
 31 amount of credited service earned during the school year under the teachers' defined

1 contribution retirement plan, to equal one year of credited service.

2 **Sec. 39.35.965. Army and air national guard employees.** A regular full-
3 time civilian employee of the Alaska Army National Guard and Air National Guard
4 whose entire salary is paid from allotted federal funds is included in the public
5 employees' defined contribution retirement plan (AS 39.35.700 - 39.35.990) if the
6 federal or state government pays the employer's contributions. If the amount that the
7 federal government may legally contribute to the plan is lower than the required
8 employer's contribution, the state government shall contribute the difference. If the
9 employer's contributions are not paid when due, service credit for the period of
10 delinquency may not be granted until the contributions are paid.

11 **Sec. 39.35.970. North Pacific Fishery Management Council employees.**
12 An employee of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council appointed under 16
13 U.S.C. 1852(f)(1) (Sec. 302(f)(1) of P.L. 94-265) whose compensation is paid from
14 allotted federal funds is included in the public employees' defined contribution
15 retirement plan (AS 39.35.700 - 39.35.990) if the council pays the employer's
16 contributions. If the employer's contributions are not paid when due, credited service
17 for the period of delinquency may not be granted until the contributions are paid.

18 **Sec. 39.35.990. Definitions.** In AS 39.35.700 - 39.35.990, unless the context
19 requires otherwise,

20 (1) "administrator" means the commissioner of administration or the
21 commissioner's designee;

22 (2) "alternate payee" means the person for whom an amount has been
23 separated into an account under a qualified domestic relations order;

24 (3) "annuitant" means a member, beneficiary, or alternate payee who is
25 receiving a benefit under this plan;

26 (4) "beneficiary" means the person or persons entitled under the
27 provisions of this plan to receive benefits after the death of a member or alternate
28 payee;

29 (5) "board" has the meaning given in AS 39.35.680;

30 (6) "calendar year" has the meaning given in AS 39.35.680;

31 (7) "compensation"

1 (A) means

2 (i) the total remuneration earned by an employee for
3 personal services rendered, including cost-of-living differentials, as
4 reported on the employee's Federal Income Tax Withholding Statement
5 (Form W-2) from the employer for the calendar year;

6 (ii) the member contribution to the public employees'
7 retirement system under AS 39.35.730, employee deferrals under
8 AS 39.45.010, the wage reduction amount contributed to the Alaska
9 Supplemental Annuity Plan under AS 39.30.150(a), and the wage
10 reduction amount contributed to the Alaska Supplemental Benefit Plan
11 under AS 39.30.150(c), as those statutes may be amended from time to
12 time;

13 (B) does not include retirement benefits, severance pay or other
14 separation bonuses, welfare benefits, per diem, expense allowances, workers'
15 compensation payments, payments for leave not used whether those leave
16 payments are scheduled payments, lump-sum payments, donations, or cash-ins,
17 any remuneration contributed by the employer for or on account of the
18 employee under this plan or under any other qualified or nonqualified
19 employee benefit plan, any remuneration not specifically included above
20 which would have been excluded under 26 U.S.C. 3121(a) (Internal Revenue
21 Code) if the employer had remained in the Federal Social Security System, or
22 any remuneration paid by the employer in excess of the Social Security
23 Taxable Wage Base for the calendar year;

24 (C) notwithstanding (B) of this paragraph, includes any amount
25 that is contributed by the employer under a salary reduction agreement and that
26 is not includible in the gross income of the employee under 26 U.S.C. 125,
27 132(f)(4), 402(e)(3), 402(h)(1)(B) or 403(b) (Internal Revenue Code); the
28 annual compensation limitation for the member, which is so taken into account
29 for those purposes, may not exceed \$200,000, as adjusted for the cost of living
30 in accordance with 26 U.S.C. 401(a)(17)(B) (Internal Revenue Code), with the
31 limitation for a fiscal year being the limitation in effect for the calendar year

1 within which the fiscal year begins;

2 (8) "dependent child" has the meaning given in AS 39.35.680;

3 (9) "distribution commencement date" has the meaning given in
4 AS 39.35.840(a);

5 (10) "employer" means

6 (A) the State of Alaska; or

7 (B) a political subdivision or public organization of the state
8 that participates in the plan;

9 (11) "fund" means the assets of the plan;

10 (12) "individual account" means the total maintained by the plan in an
11 investment account within the trust fund, established for each member for the purposes
12 of allocation of the member's contributions, the employer's contributions on behalf of
13 the member, and earnings credited to each of those contributions, investment gains
14 and losses, and expenses; as well as reporting of the member's benefit under the plan;

15 (13) "Internal Revenue Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of
16 1986, as amended;

17 (14) "investment funds" means those separate funds that are provided
18 within and that make up the trust fund and that are established for the purpose of
19 directing investment through the exercise of the sole control of a member, beneficiary,
20 or alternate payee under the terms of the plan and trust agreement;

21 (15) "limitation year" means the year for which contributions are made
22 to a member's individual account as reported to the Internal Revenue Service and as
23 meets the limits described in 26 U.S.C. 415(c);

24 (16) "member" means an employee of an employer or former
25 employee of an employer who retains a right to benefits under the plan, but does not
26 include full-time or part-time instructors of the Department of Labor and Workforce
27 Development who have a teaching certificate, regardless of whether the position as
28 instructor requires a teaching certificate as a condition of employment and who have
29 earlier credited service under AS 14.25.310 - 14.25.590;

30 (17) "membership service" means full-time or part-time employment
31 with an employer in the plan;

1 (18) "normal retirement age" means the age set for Medicare eligibility
2 at the time the member retires;

3 (19) "participant" means the person who has a vested right to an
4 individual account, such as a member, an alternate payee if the account is subject to a
5 qualified domestic relations order, the member's beneficiary if the member is
6 deceased, or an alternate payee's beneficiary if the alternate payee is deceased;

7 (20) "peace officer" or "fire fighter" has the meaning given in
8 AS 39.35.680;

9 (21) "plan" means the retirement plan established in AS 39.35.700 -
10 39.35.990;

11 (22) "prudent investment standard" means the degree of care, skill,
12 prudence, and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing that a prudent person
13 acting in a like capacity and familiar with such matters would use in the conduct of an
14 enterprise of a like character and with like aims;

15 (23) "qualified domestic relations order" means a divorce or
16 dissolution judgment under AS 25.24, including an order approving a property
17 settlement, that

18 (A) creates or recognizes the existence of an alternate payee's
19 right to, or assigns to an alternate payee the right to, receive all or a portion of
20 an individual account or the benefits payable with respect to a member;

21 (B) sets out the name and last known mailing address, if any, of
22 the member and of each alternate payee covered by the order;

23 (C) sets out the amount or percentage of the member's benefit,
24 or of any survivor's benefit, to be paid to the alternate payee, or sets out the
25 manner in which that amount or percentage is to be determined;

26 (D) sets out the number of payments or period to which the
27 order applies;

28 (E) sets out the retirement plan to which the order applies;

29 (F) does not require any type or form of benefit or any option
30 not otherwise provided by AS 39.35.700 - 39.35.990;

31 (G) does not require an increase of benefits in excess of the

1 amount provided by AS 39.35.700 - 39.35.990; and

2 (H) does not require the payment to an alternate payee of
3 benefits that are required to be paid to another alternate payee under another
4 order previously determined to be a qualified domestic relations order;

5 (24) "retiree" means an eligible person who has elected to receive
6 medical benefits under AS 39.35.880;

7 (25) "surviving spouse" means the spouse of an employee who has
8 been married to the employee for at least one year at the time of the employee's death;

9 (26) "system" has the meaning given in AS 39.35.680;

10 (27) "year of service" means the equivalent of 52 weeks of permanent
11 full-time employment, which may consist of a combination of permanent full-time or
12 permanent part-time membership service; in this paragraph, "permanent full-time" and
13 "permanent part-time" have the meanings given in AS 39.35.680.

14 * **Sec. 127.** AS 39.45.030(a) is amended to read:

15 (a) The Alaska **Retirement Management** [STATE PENSION
16 INVESTMENT] Board is authorized, subject to contracts with individual employees,
17 to invest the funds held under a deferred compensation program. The board has the
18 same powers and duties concerning the management and investment in regard to those
19 funds as are provided under **AS 37.10.220** [AS 14.25.180].

20 * **Sec. 128.** AS 39.45.030(g) is amended to read:

21 (g) In this section, "board" means the Alaska **Retirement Management**
22 [STATE PENSION INVESTMENT] Board.

23 * **Sec. 129.** AS 39.45.060 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

24 (2) "board" means the trustees of the Alaska Retirement Management
25 Board established under AS 37.10.210.

26 * **Sec. 130.** AS 39.50.200(a)(9) is amended to read:

27 (9) "public official" means

28 (A) a judicial officer;

29 (B) the governor or the lieutenant governor;

30 (C) a person hired or appointed in a department in the
31 executive branch as

- 1 (i) the head or deputy head of the department;
 2 (ii) the director or deputy director of a division;
 3 (iii) a special assistant to the head of the department;
 4 (iv) a person serving as the legislative liaison for the

5 department;

6 (D) an assistant to the governor or the lieutenant governor;

7 (E) the chair or a member of a state commission or board
 8 [OTHER THAN PHYSICIAN MEMBERS OR ALTERNATES OF THE
 9 ALASKA TEACHERS' RETIREMENT BOARD APPOINTED UNDER
 10 AS 14.25.035(a)(2) OR OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT
 11 BOARD APPOINTED UNDER AS 39.35.030(d);]

12 (F) state investment officers and the state comptroller in the
 13 Department of Revenue;

14 (G) [REPEALED

15 (H)] the chief procurement officer appointed under
 16 AS 36.30.010;

17 **(H)** [(I)] the executive director of the Alaska Workforce
 18 Investment Board; and

19 **(I)** [(J)] each appointed or elected municipal officer;

20 * **Sec. 131.** AS 39.50.200(b)(54) is amended to read:

21 (54) Alaska **Retirement Management** [STATE PENSION
 22 INVESTMENT] Board (AS 37.10.210);

23 * **Sec. 132.** AS 44.25.020(2) is amended to read:

24 (2) collect, account for, have custody of, invest, and manage all state
 25 funds and all revenues of the state except revenues incidental to a program of licensing
 26 and regulation carried on by another state department, funds managed and invested by
 27 the Alaska **Retirement Management** [STATE PENSION INVESTMENT] Board,
 28 and as otherwise provided by law;

29 * **Sec. 133.** AS 44.25.028(a) is amended to read:

30 (a) The commissioner of revenue may designate employees of the Department
 31 of Revenue who are subject to the provisions of AS 39.50 because of their

1 responsibility for participating in the management or investment of the funds for
 2 which the Alaska **Retirement Management** [STATE PENSION INVESTMENT]
 3 Board is responsible.

4 * **Sec. 134.** AS 44.25.028(b) is amended to read:

5 (b) If an officer or employee of the Department of Revenue with responsibility
 6 for funds for which the Alaska **Retirement Management** [STATE PENSION
 7 INVESTMENT] Board is responsible acquires, owns, or controls an interest, direct or
 8 indirect, in an entity or project in which assets under the control of the board are
 9 invested, the officer or employee shall immediately disclose the interest to the board.
 10 The disclosure is a matter of public record and shall be included in the minutes of the
 11 board meeting next following the disclosure. The commissioner shall adopt
 12 regulations to restrict officers and employees of the department from having a
 13 substantial interest in an entity or project in which assets under the control of the board
 14 are invested.

15 * **Sec. 135.** AS 44.64.030(a) is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

16 (36) AS 14.25.006 (teachers' retirement system);

17 (37) AS 39.35.006 (public employees' retirement system).

18 * **Sec. 136.** AS 14.25.012(a), 14.25.015, 14.25.020, 14.25.022, 14.25.030, 14.25.035,
 19 14.25.037, 14.25.170, 14.25.175(e), 14.25.180, 14.25.190, 14.25.220(41); AS 39.30.175(f);
 20 AS 39.35.010, 39.35.020, 39.35.030, 39.35.040, 39.35.042, 39.35.047, 39.35.060, 39.35.080,
 21 39.35.090, 39.35.520(c), 39.35.522(c), 39.35.522(e); AS 39.45.025; AS 39.50.200(b)(23), and
 22 39.50.200(b)(29) are repealed.

23 * **Sec. 137.** AS 14.25.061(c), 14.25.062; and AS 39.35.350 are repealed.

24 * **Sec. 138.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
 25 to read:

26 EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS FOR OCCUPATIONAL DISABILITY AND
 27 DEATH BENEFITS IN THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' DEFINED CONTRIBUTION
 28 RETIREMENT PLAN FOR THE FIRST FISCAL YEAR THE PLAN IS IN EFFECT.
 29 Notwithstanding AS 39.35.750(e), added by sec. 126 of this Act, for the first fiscal year in
 30 which the public employees' defined contribution retirement plan is in effect, the employer
 31 contribution to fully fund the cost of providing occupational disability and occupational death

1 benefits under AS 39.35.890 and 39.35.892 shall be equal to

2 (1) 0.4 percent of the compensation for peace officers and fire fighters; and

3 (2) 0.3 percent of the compensation for all other employees.

4 * **Sec. 139.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
5 to read:

6 TRANSITION: INITIAL STAGGERED TERMS OF TRUSTEES OF THE
7 ALASKA RETIREMENT MANAGEMENT BOARD. Notwithstanding AS 37.10.210(c), as
8 repealed and reenacted by sec. 62 of this Act, the terms of the initially appointed trustees of
9 the Alaska Retirement Management Board who are not commissioners shall be set by the
10 governor to achieve staggered terms in the manner provided for seven-member boards by
11 AS 39.05.055(5). Notwithstanding AS 39.05.055(5), the terms of each of the two members of
12 the two retirement systems appointed under AS 37.10.210(b)(2)(C) and 37.10.210(b)(2)(D),
13 as repealed and reenacted by sec. 62 of this Act, shall be set so that the term of one of each of
14 the members in each system expires two years apart from the term of the other member
15 representing that system.

16 * **Sec. 140.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
17 to read:

18 TERMS OF MEMBERS OF THE ALASKA TEACHERS' RETIREMENT BOARD
19 AND THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT BOARD. The terms of all board
20 members appointed to the Alaska Teachers' Retirement Board and the Public Employees'
21 Retirement Board expire on the effective date of this section.

22 * **Sec. 141.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
23 to read:

24 TERMS OF MEMBERS OF THE ALASKA STATE PENSION INVESTMENT
25 BOARD. The terms of all board members appointed to the Alaska State Pension Investment
26 Board expire on September 30, 2005.

27 * **Sec. 142.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
28 to read:

29 TRANSITION OF DUTIES BETWEEN THE ALASKA STATE PENSION
30 INVESTMENT BOARD AND THE ALASKA RETIREMENT MANAGEMENT BOARD.

31 (a) After the effective date of this section and until September 30, 2005, the Alaska State

1 Pension Investment Board shall continue to exercise the powers and duties assigned in this
 2 Act to the Alaska Retirement Management Board. The Alaska State Pension Investment
 3 Board shall take actions to facilitate the transition of duties formerly assigned to the Alaska
 4 State Pension Investment Board to the duties assigned in this Act to the Alaska Retirement
 5 Management Board. A member of the Alaska Retirement Management Board appointed to
 6 serve as a trustee before September 30, 2005, shall be invited to observe and train with the
 7 Alaska State Pension Investment Board.

8 (b) The Alaska Retirement Management Board may not assume the duties and
 9 responsibilities assigned to the Alaska Retirement Management Board in this Act until
 10 October 1, 2005.

11 * **Sec. 143.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
 12 to read:

13 TRANSITION. Hearings and other proceedings pending under a law amended or
 14 repealed by this Act or in connection with functions transferred by this Act continue in effect
 15 and may be continued and completed notwithstanding a transfer or amendment or repeal
 16 provided for in this Act. Orders and regulations issued or adopted under authority of a law
 17 amended or repealed by this Act remain in effect for the term issued, or until revoked,
 18 vacated, or otherwise modified under the provisions of this Act. Contracts, rights, liabilities,
 19 and obligations created by or under a law amended or repealed by this Act, and in effect on
 20 the effective date of this section, remain in effect notwithstanding this Act's taking effect.
 21 Records, equipment, appropriations, funds, and other property of boards or agencies of the
 22 state whose functions are transferred under this Act shall be transferred to implement the
 23 provisions of this Act.

24 * **Sec. 144.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
 25 to read:

26 TRANSITION: REGULATIONS. (a) The Department of Administration and the
 27 Department of Revenue may proceed to develop and adopt regulations required to implement
 28 this Act.

29 (b) Regulations adopted by the Department of Administration and the Department of
 30 Revenue under this Act relate to the internal management of a state agency, and the adoption
 31 of the regulations is not subject to AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act).

1 * **Sec. 145.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
2 to read:

3 REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE BY ALASKA RETIREMENT MANAGEMENT
4 BOARD. It is the intent of the legislature that there will be a moratorium after the effective
5 date of this Act on legislation affecting all public employees' retirement plans until the Alaska
6 Retirement Management Board can present a report to the legislature containing the board's
7 assessment and recommendations as provided in this section. The Alaska Retirement
8 Management Board shall report to the legislature 120 days after all members are appointed to
9 the board, or 15 days after the first day of the first regular legislative session following the
10 effective date of this section, whichever is first. The report must include the board's

11 (1) preliminary assessment of the financial health of all public employees'
12 retirement plans and all teachers' retirement plans;

13 (2) assessment of the actuarial services purchased by the board;

14 (3) recommendations for additional legislative or administrative policy to
15 improve the financial health of the retirement plans;

16 (4) short-term and long-term recommendations for addressing the unfunded
17 liability of the retirement plans; and

18 (5) recommendations for legislative procedures regarding fiscal notes for new
19 legislation affecting the retirement plans.

20 * **Sec. 146.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
21 to read:

22 REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE ON HEALTH CARE COST-SAVING
23 MEASURES. The Department of Administration shall provide an annual report to the
24 legislature regarding the cost-saving measures it has implemented by regulation as described
25 in AS 39.30.090(c), enacted by sec. 74 of this Act.

26 * **Sec. 147.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
27 to read:

28 INSTRUCTION REGARDING ALASKA TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
29 BOARD, ALASKA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM BOARD, AND
30 ALASKA STATE PENSION INVESTMENT BOARD. Wherever in the Alaska Statutes and
31 the Alaska Administrative Code the terms "Alaska Teachers' Retirement System Board,"

1 "Alaska Public Employees' Retirement System Board," or "Alaska State Pension Investment
2 Board" are used, they shall be read as "Alaska Retirement Management Board" when to do so
3 would be consistent with the changes made by this Act.

4 * **Sec. 148.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
5 to read:

6 SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS TO REVISOR OF STATUTES CONCERNING
7 SPECIFIC REFERENCES. (a) The revisor of statutes shall change references to "this
8 chapter" to "AS 14.25.009 - 14.25.220" in the following statutes: AS 14.25.040(b),
9 14.25.040(c), 14.25.045(a), 14.25.047, 14.25.061(a), 14.25.062, 14.25.063(a), 14.25.075(c),
10 14.25.105, 14.25.107, 14.25.110(k), 14.25.142, 14.25.150(b), 14.25.153, 14.25.160(h),
11 14.25.165(f), 14.25.166, 14.25.177, 14.25.195, 14.25.200(b), 14.25.205, and 14.25.210, and
12 in 14.25.220 in each place that the phrase appears.

13 (b) The revisor of statutes shall change the reference to "board" to "administrator" in
14 the following statutes: AS 14.25.075 and 14.25.130(f).

15 (c) The revisor of statutes shall change the reference to "system" to "plan" in the
16 following statutes: AS 14.25.040(b), 14.25.040(c), 14.25.045, 14.25.047, 14.25.050(a),
17 14.25.055, 14.25.060, 14.25.061(a), 14.25.062, 14.25.063(a), 14.25.065, 14.25.070,
18 14.25.075(c), 14.25.075(d), 14.25.075(g), 14.25.075(h), 14.25.075(i), 14.25.100(a),
19 14.25.105(c), 14.25.107, 14.25.110, 14.25.125(c), 14.25.143, 14.25.163, 14.25.165(i),
20 14.25.167(g), 14.25.168, 14.25.169, 14.25.173(a), 14.25.173(d), 14.25.181, 14.25.200,
21 14.25.210, 14.25.220(1), 14.25.220(4), 14.25.220(7), 14.25.220(14), 14.25.220(20),
22 14.25.220(22), 14.25.220(23), 14.25.220(31), 14.25.220(34), 14.25.220(36), 14.25.220(37),
23 14.25.220(42); AS 39.35.011; AS 39.35.120, 39.35.125, 39.35.160, 39.35.165(a),
24 39.35.165(c), 39.35.165(d), 39.35.165(e), 39.35.165(g), 39.35.165(h), 39.35.165(i),
25 39.35.170, 39.35.180, 39.35.195(b), 39.35.195(c), 39.35.250, 39.35.280, 39.35.300(c),
26 39.35.310(a), 39.35.310(c), 39.35.340(a), 39.35.342(a), 39.35.342(d), 39.35.345(a),
27 39.35.345(d), 39.35.360(a), 39.35.360(g), 39.35.360(h), 39.35.360(k), 39.35.370(f),
28 39.35.370(h), 39.35.370(i), 39.35.370(j), 39.35.370(k), 39.35.371(i), 39.35.381(b),
29 39.35.381(g), 39.35.385(c), 39.35.400(e), 39.35.450(g), 39.35.475(a), 39.35.475(b),
30 39.35.475(d), 39.35.500(a), 39.35.505, 39.35.520(a), 39.35.520(d), 39.35.522(d),
31 39.35.527(a), 39.35.527(b), 39.35.530, 39.35.535(a), 39.35.535(d), 39.35.550, 39.35.560,

1 39.35.570, 39.35.580, 39.35.590, 39.35.600, 39.35.610, 39.35.620(a), 39.35.620(h),
 2 39.35.650, 39.35.670, 39.35.675(a), 39.35.680(1), 39.35.680(5), 39.35.680(9), 39.35.680(12),
 3 39.35.680(15), 39.35.680(16), 39.35.680(17), 39.35.680(20), 39.35.680(21)(A),
 4 39.35.680(29), 39.35.680(32), 39.35.680(33), and 39.35.680(35).

5 (d) The revisor of statutes shall change the reference to "board" to "commissioner" in
 6 the following statutes: AS 39.35.290, 39.35.522(a), 39.35.522(b), and 39.35.522(d).

7 (e) The revisor of statutes shall change references to "this chapter" to "AS 39.35.095 -
 8 39.35.680" in the following statutes: AS 39.35.165, 39.35.200, 39.35.250, 39.35.300,
 9 39.35.340, 39.35.350, 39.35.360, 39.35.370, 39.35.371, 39.35.375, 39.35.381, 39.35.480,
 10 39.35.490, 39.35.495, 39.35.505, 39.35.530, 39.35.546, 39.35.547, 39.35.615(c),
 11 39.35.620(e), 39.35.660, 39.35.675(b), 39.35.677, and 39.35.680.

12 (f) The revisor of statutes shall renumber AS 39.35.690 to follow AS 39.35.990.

13 * **Sec. 149.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
 14 to read:

15 IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTIONS 147 AND 148 OF THIS ACT. Under
 16 AS 01.05.031, the revisor of statutes shall implement secs. 147 and 148 of this Act in the
 17 Alaska Statutes, and, under AS 44.62.125(b)(6), the regulations attorney shall implement secs.
 18 147 and 148 of this Act in the administrative code.

19 * **Sec. 150.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
 20 to read:

21 CONDITIONAL RETROACTIVITY. If secs. 1 - 5, 7 - 9, 12, 15 - 18, 21 - 32, 34 -
 22 41, 43 - 49, 51 - 64, 66 - 72, 74 - 84, 86 - 92, 99 - 110, 112 - 116, 118, 119, 121 - 125, 127 -
 23 136, and 139 - 148 of this Act take effect after July 1, 2005, secs. 1 - 5, 7 - 9, 12, 15 - 18, 21 -
 24 32, 34 - 41, 43 - 49, 51 - 64, 66 - 72, 74 - 84, 86 - 92, 99 - 110, 112 - 116, 118, 119, 121 - 125,
 25 127 - 136, and 139 - 148 of this Act are retroactive to July 1, 2005.

26 * **Sec. 151.** Sections 20 and 120 of this Act take effect January 1, 2006.

27 * **Sec. 152.** Sections 6, 33, 42, 50, 65, 73, 85, 126, and 138 of this Act take effect July 1,
 28 2006.

29 * **Sec. 153.** Sections 10, 11, 13, 14, 19, 93 - 98, 111, 117, and 137 of this Act take effect
 30 June 30, 2010.

31 * **Sec. 154.** Section 149 of this Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

1 * **Sec. 155.** Except as provided in secs. 151 - 154 of this Act, this Act takes effect July 1,
2 2005.