Senate Bill 343

Sponsored by Senator BAERTSCHIGER JR (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor’s brief statement of the essential features of the measure as introduced.

Redirects employee contribution to Public Employees Retirement System to account to be transferred to School Districts Unfunded Liability Fund upon employee’s retirement.

Directs Public Employees Retirement Board to recalculate employer contribution rates to reflect savings attributable to Act.

Provides for expedited review of Act by Supreme Court upon petition by adversely affected party.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to employee contributions to the Public Employees Retirement System; creating new provisions; amending ORS 238A.320, 238A.330, 238A.350, 238A.375, 238A.410, 243.800 and 341.551; and declaring an emergency.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

REDIRECTION OF EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS

SECTION 1. ORS 238A.330 is amended to read:

238A.330. (1) A member of the individual account program must make employee contributions to the individual account program of six percent of the member’s salary.

(2) Employee contributions made by a member of the individual account program under this section shall be credited by the board to the employee contributions account established for the member under ORS 238A.350 [(2)] (3).

(3) A new member of the individual account program shall first make contributions under this section for those wages that are attributable to services performed by the employee during the first full pay period following the six-month probationary period required under ORS 238A.300, without regard to when those wages are considered earned for other purposes under this chapter.

SECTION 2. ORS 238A.350 is amended to read:

238A.350. (1) Upon any contributions being made to the individual account program by or on behalf of a member of the program, the Public Employees Retirement Board shall create the account or accounts described in this section. Each account shall be adjusted at least annually in accordance with rules adopted by the board to reflect any net earnings or losses on those contributions and to pay the reasonable administrative costs of maintaining the program to the extent the earnings on the assets of the program are insufficient to pay those costs. The adjustments described in this subsection shall continue until the account is distributed to the member [or], forfeited or transferred to the School Districts Unfunded Liability Fund established in section 24, chapter 105, Oregon Laws 2018, as provided in subsection (3) of this section.

NOTE: Matter in boldfaced type in an amended section is new; matter [italic and bracketed] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in boldfaced type.
(2)(a) The board shall establish an employee account, which shall consist of the employee contributions made by or on behalf of the member before January 1, 2020, as adjusted under subsection (1) of this section.

(b) The board shall create a separate employee account for a member who becomes an active member for the purpose of service in the Legislative Assembly under ORS 237.650, which shall consist of the employee contributions made by or on behalf of the member that are attributable to the member’s legislative service, as adjusted under subsection (1) of this section.

(3)(a) The board shall establish a contributions account, which shall consist of the employee contributions made by or on behalf of the member under ORS 238A.330 on and after January 1, 2020, as adjusted under subsection (1) of this section.

(b) Unless the amounts in a contributions account established under this subsection are withdrawn under ORS 238A.375, upon the member’s retirement the amounts in the account shall be transferred to the School Districts Unfunded Liability Fund established in section 24, chapter 105, Oregon Laws 2018.

(4) If the public employer agrees to make employer contributions under ORS 238A.340, the board shall establish an employer account, which shall consist of the employer contributions made on behalf of the member as adjusted under subsection (1) of this section.

(5) If the board accepts rollover contributions on behalf of the member, the board shall establish a rollover account, which shall consist of the rollover contributions made by the member as adjusted under subsection (1) of this section. Contributions and the earnings attributable to the contributions must be accounted for separately.

(6) The board shall provide an annual statement to each active and inactive member of the program that reflects the amount credited to the accounts established under this section. The statement shall reflect whether the member is vested in the employer account under the provisions of ORS 238A.320.

SECTION 3. ORS 238A.320 is amended to read:

238A.320. (1) A member of the individual account program becomes vested in the employee account established for the member under ORS 238A.350 on the date the employee account is established.

(2) A member who makes rollover contributions becomes vested in the rollover account established for the member under ORS 238A.350 on the date the rollover account is established.

(3) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, if an employer makes employer contributions for a member under ORS 238A.340, the member becomes vested in the employer account established under ORS 238A.350 on the earliest of the following dates:

   (a) The date on which the member completes at least 600 hours of service in each of five calendar years. The five calendar years need not be consecutive, but are subject to the provisions of subsection (5) of this section.

   (b) The date on which an active member reaches the normal retirement age for the member under ORS 238A.160.

   (c) If the individual account program is terminated, the date on which termination becomes effective, but only to the extent the account is then funded.

   (d) The date on which an active member becomes disabled, as described in ORS 238A.155 (5).

   (e) The date on which an active member dies.

(4) If on the date that a person becomes an active member the person has already reached the normal retirement age for the person under ORS 238A.160, and the employer makes employer con-
tributions for the member under ORS 238A.340, the person is vested in the employer account es-
(3) (4) tablished under ORS 238A.350 [3] on that date.

(5) If a member of the individual account program who is not vested in the employer account
performs fewer than 600 hours of service in each of five consecutive calendar years, hours of service
performed before the first calendar year of the period of five consecutive calendar years shall be
disregarded for purposes of determining whether the member is vested under subsection (3)(a) of this
section.

(6) Solely for purposes of determining whether a member is vested under subsection (3)(a) of this
section, hours of service include creditable service, as defined in ORS 238.005, performed by the
person before the person became an eligible employee, as long as the membership of the person
under ORS chapter 238 has not been terminated under the provisions of ORS 238.095 on the date
the person becomes an eligible employee.

(7) A member becomes vested in the contributions account established for the member
under ORS 238A.350 (3) on the date the account is established.

SECTION 4. ORS 238A.375 is amended to read:

238A.375. (1)
(a) An inactive member of the individual account program may elect to receive a
distribution of the amounts in the member’s employee account, rollover account and employer ac-
tount to the extent the member is vested in those accounts under ORS 238A.320 if the inactive
member has separated from all service with participating public employers and with employers who
are treated as part of a participating public employer’s controlled group under the federal laws and
rules governing the status of the system and the fund as a qualified governmental retirement plan
and trust.

(b)(A) An inactive member of the individual account program may elect to receive a dis-
tribution of the amounts in the member’s contributions account established for the member
under ORS 238A.350 (3) if:

(i) The inactive member has separated from all service with participating public employ-
ers and with employers who are treated as part of a participating public employer’s con-
trolled group under the federal laws and rules governing the status of the system and the
fund as a qualified governmental retirement plan and trust; and

(ii) The member is eligible to withdraw and withdraws from the pension program under
ORS 238A.120.

(B) The withdrawal of the member’s accounts under this paragraph cancels all member-
ship rights in the Public Employees Retirement System.

(2) If an inactive member of the individual account program who is not vested in the employer
account receives a distribution under subsection (1) of this section, the employer account of the
member is permanently forfeited as of the date of the distribution.

(3) A member may not make an election under this section for less than all of the member’s in-
dividual accounts described in ORS 238A.350 in which the member is vested.

(4) A member who is vested in the pension program established under this chapter and who is
eligible to withdraw from the pension program under ORS 238A.120 may make an election under this
section only if the member also withdraws from the pension program.

(5) A member who has a member account established under ORS chapter 238 may make an
election under this section only if the member also withdraws that member account in the manner
provided by ORS 238.265. A member who has an account established under ORS 238.440 may make
an election under this section only if the member also withdraws the account established under ORS
[(5)] (6) If an inactive member receives a distribution under subsection (1) of this section and is subsequently reemployed by a participating public employer, any service performed before the date the member became an inactive member may not be used toward the period of service required for vesting in the employer account under ORS 238A.320.

SECTION 5. ORS 238A.410, as amended by section 9, chapter 101, Oregon Laws 2018, is amended to read:

238A.410. (1)(a) If a member of the individual account program dies before retirement, the amounts in the member's employee account, rollover account and employer account, to the extent the member is vested in those accounts under ORS 238A.320, shall be paid in a lump sum to the beneficiary or beneficiaries designated by the member for the purposes of this section.

(b) If a member of the individual account program dies before retirement, the amounts in the contributions account established for the member under ORS 238A.350 (3) shall be transferred to the School Districts Unfunded Liability Fund established in section 24, chapter 105, Oregon Laws 2018.

(2) If a member of the individual account program is married at the time of death, or there exists at the time of death any other person who is constitutionally required to be treated in the same manner as a spouse for the purpose of retirement benefits, the spouse or other person shall be the beneficiary for purposes of the death benefit payable under this section unless the spouse or other person consents to the designation of a different beneficiary or beneficiaries before the designation has been made and the consent has not been revoked by the spouse or other person as of the time of the member's death. Consent and revocation of consent must be in writing, acknowledged by a notary public, and submitted to the Public Employees Retirement Board in accordance with rules adopted by the board. If the member's spouse is designated as the member's beneficiary and the marriage of the member and spouse is subsequently dissolved, the former spouse shall be treated as predeceasing the member for purposes of this section, unless the member expressly designates the former spouse as beneficiary after the effective date of the dissolution or the former spouse is required to be designated as a beneficiary under the provisions of ORS 238.465.

(3) For purposes of this section and ORS 238A.400 (3), if a member fails to designate a beneficiary, or if the person or persons designated do not survive the member, the death benefit provided for in this section shall be paid to the following person or persons, in the following order of priority:

(a) The member's surviving spouse or other person who is constitutionally required to be treated in the same manner as a spouse;

(b) The member's surviving children, in equal shares; or

(c) The member's estate.

(4) The entire amount of a deceased member's vested accounts must be distributed by December 31 of the fifth calendar year after the year in which the member died. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, distributions of death benefits under the individual account program must comply with the minimum distribution requirements of 26 U.S.C. 401(a)(9) and the regulations implementing that section, as in effect on December 31, 2017. The [Public Employees Retirement] board shall adopt rules implementing those minimum distribution requirements.

SECTION 6. ORS 243.800 is amended to read:

243.800. (1) Notwithstanding any provision of ORS chapter 238 or 238A or ORS 243.910 to 243.945, the governing board of a public university listed in ORS 352.002 shall establish and administer an Optional Retirement Plan for administrative and academic employees of the public univer-
sity. The Optional Retirement Plan must be a qualified plan under the Internal Revenue Code, capable of accepting funds transferred under subsection (7) of this section without the transfer being treated as a taxable event under the Internal Revenue Code, and willing to accept those funds. Retirement and death benefits shall be provided under the plan by the purchase of annuity contracts, fixed or variable or a combination thereof, or by contracts for investments in mutual funds.

(2) An administrative or academic employee who is eligible to remain or become a member of the Public Employees Retirement System may elect to participate in the Optional Retirement Plan upon completion of:

(a) Six hundred hours of employment, or the equivalent as determined by the governing board; and

(b) Six months of employment that is not interrupted by more than 30 consecutive working days.

(3) An administrative or academic employee who is eligible to remain or become a member of the Public Employees Retirement System, including an administrative or academic employee who previously participated in the Optional Retirement Plan because of employment in a position classified as a post-doctoral scholar position under ORS 350.370, may make an irrevocable election to participate in the Optional Retirement Plan within six months after being employed. An election under this subsection is effective on the first day of the month following the completion of the requirements of subsection (2) of this section.

(4) An administrative or academic employee who is eligible to remain or become a member of the Public Employees Retirement System and who does not elect to participate in the Optional Retirement Plan:

(a) Remains or becomes a member of the Public Employees Retirement System in accordance with ORS chapters 238 and 238A; or

(b) Continues to be assisted by the governing board under ORS 243.920 if the employee is being so assisted.

(5) Except as provided in subsection (6) of this section, employees who elect to participate in the Optional Retirement Plan are ineligible for active membership in the Public Employees Retirement System or for any assistance by the governing board under ORS 243.920 as long as those employees are employed in the public university and the plan is in effect.

(6)(a) An administrative or academic employee who elects to participate in the Optional Retirement Plan, who has creditable service under ORS chapter 238 as defined by ORS 238.005 and who is not vested shall be considered by the Public Employees Retirement Board to be a terminated member under the provisions of ORS 238.095 as of the effective date of the election, and the amounts credited to the member account established under ORS 238.250 and 238.260 shall be transferred directly to the Optional Retirement Plan by the Public Employees Retirement Board in the manner provided by subsection (7) of this section.

(b) An administrative or academic employee who elects to participate in the Optional Retirement Plan, who has creditable service under ORS chapter 238 as defined by ORS 238.005 and who is vested shall be considered to be an inactive member by the Public Employees Retirement Board and shall retain all the rights, privileges and options under ORS chapter 238 unless the employee makes a written request to the Public Employees Retirement Board for a transfer of the amounts credited to the member account established under ORS 238.250 and 238.260 to the Optional Retirement Plan. A request for a transfer must be made at the time the member elects to participate in the Optional Retirement Plan. Upon receiving the request, the Public Employees Retirement Board shall transfer all amounts credited to the member account of the
member established under ORS 238.250 and 238.260 directly to the Optional Retirement Plan, and shall terminate all rights, privileges and options of the employee [under ORS chapter 238] as provided in ORS 238.095.

(c) An administrative or academic employee who elects to participate in the Optional Retirement Plan, and who is not a vested member of the pension program of the Oregon Public Service Retirement Plan as described in ORS 238A.115) An administrative or academic employee who elects to participate in the Optional Retirement Plan and who is a member of the pension program of the Oregon Public Service Retirement Plan as described in ORS 238A.100 on the date that the election becomes effective, but who has not vested in the program under ORS 238A.115 on the date that the election becomes effective, shall be considered to be a terminated member of the pension program by the Public Employees Retirement Board as of the effective date of the election. The Public Employees Retirement Board shall transfer the amounts credited to the member accounts of the member directly to the Optional Retirement Plan in the manner provided by subsection (7) of this section.

(d) An administrative or academic employee who elects to participate in the Optional Retirement Plan, and who is a vested member of the pension program of the Oregon Public Service Retirement Plan as described in ORS 238A.115 on the date that the election becomes effective, shall be considered an inactive member of the pension program by the Public Employees Retirement Board as of the effective date of the election. An employee who is subject to the provisions of this paragraph retains all the rights, privileges and options of an inactive member of the pension program. If the actuarial equivalent of the employee’s benefit under the pension program at the time that the election becomes effective is $5,000 or less, the employee may make a written request to the Public Employees Retirement Board for a transfer of the employee’s interest under the pension program to the Optional Retirement Plan. The request must be made at the time the member elects to participate in the Optional Retirement Plan. Upon receiving the request, the Public Employees Retirement Board shall transfer the amount determined to be the actuarial equivalent of the employee’s benefit under the pension program directly to the Optional Retirement Plan, and shall terminate the membership of the employee in the pension program.

(e) An administrative or academic employee who elects to participate in the Optional Retirement Plan, and who is a vested member of the individual account program of the Oregon Public Service Retirement Plan as described in ORS 238A.320 on the date that the election becomes effective, shall be considered an inactive member of the individual account program by the Public Employees Retirement Board as of the effective date of the election. An employee who is subject to the provisions of this paragraph retains all the rights, privileges and options of an inactive member of the individual account program. An administrative or academic employee who elects to participate in the Optional Retirement Plan, and who is a member of the individual account program of the Oregon Public Service Retirement Plan, may make a written request to the Public Employees Retirement Board that all amounts [in the member’s employee account, rollover account and employer account] credited to the member accounts of the member established under ORS 238A.350, to the extent the member is vested in those accounts under ORS 238A.320, be transferred to the Optional Retirement Plan. The request must be made at the time the member elects to participate in the Optional Retirement Plan. Upon receiving the request, the Public Employees Retirement Board shall transfer the amounts directly to the Optional Retirement Plan, and shall terminate the membership of the employee in the individual account program upon making the transfer.

(f) Notwithstanding paragraphs (b), (d) and (e) of this subsection, the Public Employees Retire-
ment Board may not treat any employee as an inactive member under the provisions of this sub-
section for the purpose of receiving any benefit under ORS chapter 238 or 238A that requires that
the employee be separated from all service with participating public employers and with employers
who are treated as part of a participating public employer’s controlled group under the federal laws
and rules governing the status of the Public Employees Retirement System and the Public Employees
Retirement Fund as a qualified governmental retirement plan and trust.

(7) Any amounts transferred from the Public Employees Retirement Fund under subsection (6)
of this section shall be transferred directly to the Optional Retirement Plan by the Public Employees
Retirement Board and may not be made available to the employee.

(8) An employee participating in the Optional Retirement Plan who was hired before July 1,
2014, shall contribute monthly an amount equal to the percentage of the employee’s salary that the
employee would otherwise have contributed as an employee contribution to the Public Employees
Retirement System if the employee had not elected to participate in the Optional Retirement Plan.

(9) For an employee participating in the Optional Retirement Plan who was hired before July
1, 2014, the governing board shall contribute monthly to the Optional Retirement Plan the percent-
age of salary of the employee equal to the percentage of salary that would otherwise have been
contributed as an employer contribution on behalf of the employee to the Public Employees Retire-
ment System, before any offset under ORS 238.229 (2), if the employee had not elected to participate
in the Optional Retirement Plan.

(10) For an employee participating in the Optional Retirement Plan who was hired on or after
July 1, 2014, the governing board shall contribute monthly to the Optional Retirement Plan:

(a) Eight percent of the employee’s salary; and

(b) A percentage of the employee’s salary equal to the percentage of salary contributed by the
employee to the public university’s Tax-Deferred Investment 403(b) Plan under ORS 243.820, up to
four percent of the employee’s salary in each pay period.

(11) (a) Unless otherwise prohibited by law, a person employed in a position classified as a
post-doctoral scholar position under ORS 350.370 is an academic employee under subsection (1) of
this section and becomes a participant in the Optional Retirement Plan when the person participates
in the public university’s Tax-Deferred Investment 403(b) Plan under ORS 243.820.

(b) Participation in the Optional Retirement Plan under this subsection becomes effective on the
first day of the month following the later of:

(A) Enrollment in the public university’s Tax-Deferred Investment 403(b) Plan under ORS
243.820; or

(B) Completion of:

(i) Six hundred hours of employment, or the equivalent as determined by the governing board;
and

(ii) Six months of employment that is not interrupted by more than 30 consecutive working days.

(c) For a post-doctoral scholar participating in the Optional Retirement Plan, the governing
board shall contribute monthly to the Optional Retirement Plan a percentage of the post-doctoral
scholar’s salary equal to the percentage of salary contributed by the post-doctoral scholar to the
public university’s Tax-Deferred Investment 403(b) Plan under ORS 243.820, up to four percent of the
post-doctoral scholar’s salary in each pay period.

(d) A post-doctoral scholar is an academic employee who elects to participate in the Optional
Retirement Plan for purposes of subsection (6) of this section.

(e) Subsections (8) to (10) of this section do not apply to a post-doctoral scholar participating in
the Optional Retirement Plan.

(12) Both employee and employer contributions to an Optional Retirement Plan shall be remitted
directly to the companies that have issued annuity contracts to the participating employees or di-
rectly to the mutual funds.

(13) Benefits under the Optional Retirement Plan are payable to employees who elect to partic-
ipate in the plan and their beneficiaries by the selected annuity provider or mutual fund in accord-
ance with the terms of the annuity contracts or the terms of the contract with the mutual fund.
Employees electing to participate in the Optional Retirement Plan agree that benefits payable under
the plan are not obligations of the State of Oregon or of the Public Employees Retirement System.

SECTION 7. ORS 341.551 is amended to read:

ORS 341.551. (1) Notwithstanding any provision of ORS chapter 238 or 238A, the Office of Community
Colleges and Workforce Development may establish and administer an optional retirement plan for
administrative employees of community college districts who are eligible for membership in the
Public Employees Retirement System. Any community college district may participate in the plan
by giving written notice to the office.

(2) An administrative employee may make an election to participate in the optional retirement
plan if the community college district that employs the employee is participating in the plan. The
election must be made in the following manner:

(a) An administrative employee who is an active member of the Public Employees Retirement
System may make an election to participate in the plan within 180 days after the community college
district commences participation in the plan, effective on the first day of the month following the
election.

(b) An administrative employee who is hired after the community college district commences
participation in the plan may make an election to participate in the plan within the first six months
of employment, effective on the first day of the month following six full months of employment.

(3) An administrative employee who does not elect to participate in the optional retirement plan
remains or becomes a member of the Public Employees Retirement System in accordance with ORS
chapters 238 and 238A.

(4) An administrative employee may elect to participate in the optional retirement plan only if
at the time the election becomes effective the employee is not concurrently employed in a position
with any participating public employer other than the community college district in a position that
entitles the employee to membership in the Public Employees Retirement System. Except as pro-
vided in subsection (9) of this section, employees who elect to participate in the optional retirement
plan are ineligible for active membership in the Public Employees Retirement System for as long as
those employees are employed by a community college district that participates in the plan, whether
by reason of employment by the district or any other participating public employer.

(5)(a) An administrative employee who elects to participate in the optional retirement plan, who
has creditable service under ORS chapter 238 as defined by ORS 238.005 and who is not vested shall
be considered by the Public Employees Retirement Board to be a terminated member under the
provisions of ORS 238.095 as of the effective date of the election, and the [amount] amounts credited
to the member [account] accounts of the member established under ORS 238.250 and 238.260 shall
be transferred directly to the optional retirement plan by the Public Employees Retirement Board
in the manner provided by subsection (6) of this section.

(b) An administrative employee who elects to participate in the optional retirement plan, who
has creditable service under ORS chapter 238 as defined by ORS 238.005 and who is vested shall

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be considered to be an inactive member by the Public Employees Retirement Board and shall retain all the rights, privileges and options under ORS chapter 238 unless the employee makes a written request to the Public Employees Retirement Board for a transfer of the amounts credited to the member accounts of the member established under ORS 238.250 and 238.260 to the optional retirement plan. A request for a transfer must be made at the time the member elects to participate in the optional retirement plan. Upon receiving the request, the Public Employees Retirement Board shall transfer all amounts credited to the member accounts of the member established under ORS 238.250 and 238.260 directly to the optional retirement plan and shall terminate all rights, privileges and options of the employee under ORS chapter 238 as provided in ORS 238.095.

(c) An administrative employee who elects to participate in the optional retirement plan and who is not a vested member of the pension program of the Oregon Public Service Retirement Plan as described in ORS 238A.115 shall be considered a terminated member of the pension program by the Public Employees Retirement Board as of the effective date of the election. The Public Employees Retirement Board shall transfer the amounts credited to the member accounts of the member directly to the optional retirement plan in the manner provided by subsection (6) of this section.

(d) An administrative employee who elects to participate in the optional retirement plan and who is a vested member of the pension program of the Oregon Public Service Retirement Plan as described in ORS 238A.115 on the date that the election becomes effective shall be considered an inactive member of the pension program by the Public Employees Retirement Board as of the effective date of the election. An employee who is subject to the provisions of this paragraph retains all the rights, privileges and options of an inactive member of the pension program. If the actuarial equivalent of the employee’s benefit under the pension program at the time that the election becomes effective is $5,000 or less, the employee may make a written request to the Public Employees Retirement Board for a transfer of the employee’s interest under the pension program to the optional retirement plan. The request must be made at the time the member elects to participate in the optional retirement plan. Upon receiving the request, the Public Employees Retirement Board shall transfer the amount determined to be the actuarial equivalent of the employee’s benefit under the pension program directly to the optional retirement plan and shall terminate the membership of the employee in the pension program.

(e) An administrative employee who elects to participate in the optional retirement plan and who is a vested member of the individual account program of the Oregon Public Service Retirement Plan as described in ORS 238A.320 on the date that the election becomes effective shall be considered an inactive member of the individual account program by the Public Employees Retirement Board as of the effective date of the election. An employee who is subject to the provisions of this paragraph retains all the rights, privileges and options of an inactive member of the individual account program. An administrative employee who elects to participate in the optional retirement plan and who is a member of the individual account program of the Oregon Public Service Retirement Plan may make a written request to the Public Employees Retirement Board that all amounts credited to the member account, rollover account and employer account
counts of the member established under ORS 238A.350, to the extent the member is vested in
those accounts under ORS 238A.320, be transferred to the optional retirement plan. The request
must be made at the time the member elects to participate in the optional retirement plan. Upon
receiving the request, the Public Employees Retirement Board shall transfer the amounts directly
to the optional retirement plan and shall terminate the membership of the employee in the individual
account program.

(f) Notwithstanding paragraphs (b), (d) and (e) of this subsection, the Public Employees Retire-
ment Board shall not treat any employee as an inactive member under the provisions of this sub-
section for the purpose of receiving any benefit under ORS chapter 238 or 238A that requires that
the employee be separated from all service with participating public employers and with employers
who are treated as part of a participating public employer's controlled group under the federal laws
and rules governing the status of the Public Employees Retirement System and the Public Employees
Retirement Fund as a qualified governmental retirement plan and trust.

(6) Any amounts transferred from the Public Employees Retirement Fund under subsection (5)
of this section shall be transferred directly to the optional retirement plan by the Public Employees
Retirement Board and shall not be made available to the employee.

(7) An employee participating in the optional retirement plan shall contribute monthly an
amount equal to the percentage of the employee's salary that the employee would otherwise have
contributed as an employee contribution to the Public Employees Retirement System if the employee
had not elected to participate in the optional retirement plan.

(8) A participating community college district shall contribute monthly to the optional retire-
ment plan the percentage of salary for each employee participating in the plan that is equal to the
percentage of salary that is required to be made as the employer contribution under ORS 238A.220,
less any contributions made by reason of unfunded liabilities. The district may make contributions
under this subsection only during periods of time in which the employee would be eligible for
membership in the Public Employees Retirement System if the employee had not elected to partic-
ipate in the optional retirement plan.

(9) An administrative employee who elects to participate in the optional retirement plan may
make an election to withdraw from the plan. An employee may make an election under this sub-
section only once. Upon withdrawing from the plan:

(a) All contributions made to the plan before the effective date of the withdrawal remain cred-
ited to the employee;

(b) The employee becomes a member of the Public Employees Retirement System under ORS
chapter 238A if the member meets all requirements for membership under ORS chapter 238A; and

(c) The employee is barred from ever again electing to participate in the optional retirement
plan.

(10) For the purposes of this section, “administrative employee” means a president, vice presi-
dent or dean, or a person holding a position that is the equivalent of a president, vice president or
dean.

SECTION 8. (1) The amendments to ORS 238A.320, 238A.330, 238A.350, 238A.375, 238A.410,
243.800 and 341.551 by sections 1 to 7 of this 2019 Act become operative on January 1, 2020.

(2) The Public Employees Retirement Board may take any action before the operative
date specified in subsection (1) of this section to enable the board to exercise, on and after
the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all the duties, functions and
powers conferred on the board by the amendments to ORS 238A.320, 238A.330, 238A.350,
238A.375, 238A.410, 243.800 and 341.551 by sections 1 to 7 of this 2019 Act.

RECALCULATION OF EMPLOYER RATES

SECTION 9. (1) As soon as practicable after the effective date of this 2019 Act, the Public Employees Retirement Board shall:
   (a) Determine the amount of savings in employer contributions that are attributable to the provisions of this 2019 Act; and
   (b) Recalculate the contribution rates of all employers, pursuant to ORS 238.225, to reflect the provisions of this 2019 Act.
   (2) The board shall issue corrected contribution rate orders to employers affected by rates recalculated under this section as soon as is practicable after the effective date of this 2019 Act. The corrected rates are effective July 1, 2019.

REVIEW BY SUPREME COURT

SECTION 10. (1) Jurisdiction is conferred upon the Supreme Court to determine in the manner provided by this section whether this 2019 Act breaches any contract between members of the Public Employees Retirement System and their employers or violates any provision of the Oregon Constitution or of the United States Constitution, including but not limited to impairment of contract rights of members of the Public Employees Retirement System under Article I, section 21, of the Oregon Constitution, or Article I, section 10, clause 1, of the United States Constitution.
   (2) A person who is adversely affected by this 2019 Act or who will be adversely affected by this 2019 Act may institute a proceeding for review by filing with the Supreme Court a petition that meets the following requirements:
      (a) The petition must be filed within 60 days after the effective date of this 2019 Act.
      (b) The petition must include the following:
         (A) A statement of the basis of the challenge; and
         (B) A statement and supporting affidavit showing how the petitioner is adversely affected.
   (3) The petitioner shall serve a copy of the petition by registered or certified mail upon the Public Employees Retirement Board, the Attorney General and the Governor.
   (4) Proceedings for review under this section shall be given priority over all other matters before the Supreme Court.
   (5) The Supreme Court shall allow public employers participating in the Public Employees Retirement System to intervene in any proceeding under this section.
      (a) The Supreme Court shall allow members of the Legislative Assembly to intervene in any proceeding relating to this 2019 Act. After a member intervenes in a proceeding relating to this 2019 Act, the member has standing to participate in the proceeding even if the member ceases to be a member of the Legislative Assembly.
      (b) A member of the Senate or the House of Representatives who intervenes in a proceeding under this subsection may not use public funds to pay legal expenses incurred in intervening in or participating in the proceeding.
   (7) In the event the Supreme Court determines that there are factual issues in the peti-
tion, the Supreme Court may appoint a special master to hear evidence and to prepare re-
commended findings of fact.

(8) The Supreme Court may not award attorney fees to a petitioner in a proceeding under this section.

CAPTIONS

SECTION 11. The unit captions used in this 2019 Act are provided only for the conven-
ience of the reader and do not become part of the statutory law of this state or express any legislative intent in the enactment of this 2019 Act.

EMERGENCY CLAUSE

SECTION 12. This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect on its passage.