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#### **SUMMARY**

Digest: The Act makes district attorneys police officers under PERS. The Act lowers the age at which some police and firefighters can retire. The Act makes a new class of employees in PERS for people who work in hazardous positions. The Act allows those people to retire earlier with higher pensions. (Flesch Readability Score: 63.8).

Provides that district attorneys qualify as police officers under the Public Employees Retirement System.

Lowers the normal retirement age for police officers and firefighters under the Oregon Public Service Retirement Plan.

Establishes a new class of hazardous positions under the Public Employees Retirement System and provides increased retirement benefits to members employed in hazardous positions.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

- 2 Relating to adjustments in classifications under the Public Employees Re-
- 3 tirement System; creating new provisions; amending ORS 238.005,
- 4 238A.005, 238A.125, 238A.134, 238A.160, 238A.220, 238A.240, 338.135, 352.138
- 5 and 353.100.

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

- 7 **SECTION 1.** ORS 238.005 is amended to read:
- 8 238.005. For purposes of this chapter:
- 9 (1) "Active member" means a member who is presently employed by a
- 10 participating public employer in a qualifying position and who has completed
- 11 the six-month period of service required by ORS 238.015.
- 12 (2) "Annuity" means payments for life derived from contributions made
- 13 by a member as provided in this chapter.
  - (3) "Board" means the Public Employees Retirement Board.

- 1 (4) "Calendar year" means 12 calendar months commencing on January 1 2 and ending on December 31 following.
- 3 (5) "Continuous service" means service not interrupted for more than five 4 years, except that such continuous service shall be computed without regard 5 to interruptions in the case of:
- 6 (a) An employee who had returned to the service of the employer as of 7 January 1, 1945, and who remained in that employment until having estab-8 lished membership in the Public Employees Retirement System.
- 9 (b) An employee who was in the armed services on January 1, 1945, and 10 returned to the service of the employer within one year of the date of being 11 otherwise than dishonorably discharged and remained in that employment 12 until having established membership in the Public Employees Retirement 13 System.
- 16 (6) "Creditable service" means any period of time during which an active 15 member is being paid a salary by a participating public employer and for 16 which benefits under this chapter are funded by employer contributions and 17 earnings on the fund. For purposes of computing years of "creditable 18 service," full months and major fractions of a month shall be considered to 19 be one-twelfth of a year and shall be added to all full years. "Creditable 20 service" includes all retirement credit received by a member.
- 21 (7) "Earliest service retirement age" means the age attained by a member 22 when the member could first make application for retirement under the pro-23 visions of ORS 238.280.
- 24 (8) "Employee" means a person who performs services for a participating 25 public employer, including persons considered employees of a participating 26 public employer under 26 U.S.C. 3121(d)(2), as in effect on December 31, 2019, 27 and public officers. "Employee" does not include:
- 28 (a) Persons engaged as independent contractors.
- (b) Seasonal, emergency or casual workers whose periods of employment with any public employer or public employers do not total 600 hours in any calendar year.

- (c) Persons provided sheltered employment or made-work by a public employer in an employment or industries program maintained for the benefit of such persons.
- (d) Persons employed and paid from federal funds received under a federal program intended primarily to alleviate unemployment. However, any such person shall be considered an "employee" if not otherwise excluded by paragraphs (a) to (c) of this subsection and the public employer elects to have the person so considered by an irrevocable written notice to the board.
- (e) Persons who are employees of a railroad, as defined in ORS 824.020, and who, as such employees, are included in a retirement plan under federal railroad retirement statutes. This paragraph shall be deemed to have been in effect since the inception of the system.
- (f) Persons employed in positions classified as post-doctoral scholar positions by a public university listed in ORS 352.002, or by the Oregon Health and Science University, under ORS 350.370.
  - (9) "Final average salary" means whichever of the following is greater:
- (a) The average salary per calendar year paid by one or more participating public employers to an employee who is an active member of the system in three of the calendar years of membership before the effective date of retirement of the employee, in which three years the employee was paid the highest salary. The three calendar years in which the employee was paid the largest total salary may include calendar years in which the employee was employed for less than a full calendar year. If the number of calendar years of active membership before the effective date of retirement of the employee is three or fewer, the final average salary for the employee is the average salary per calendar year paid by one or more participating public employers to the employee in all of those years, without regard to whether the employee was employed for the full calendar year.
  - (b) One-third of the total salary paid by a participating public employer to an employee who is an active member of the system in the last 36 calendar months of active membership before the effective date of retirement of the

- 1 employee.
- 2 (10) "Firefighter" does not include a volunteer firefighter, but does in-3 clude:
- 4 (a) The State Fire Marshal, the chief deputy fire marshal and deputy state fire marshals;
- 6 (b) An employee of the State Fire Marshal whose primary duties include 7 fire investigation, fire prevention, fire safety, fire control or fire suppression;
- 8 (c) An employee of the State Forestry Department who is certified by the 9 State Forester as a professional wildland firefighter and whose primary du-10 ties include the abatement of uncontrolled fires as described in ORS 477.064; 11 and
- 12 (d) An employee of the Oregon Military Department whose primary duties 13 include fighting structural, aircraft, wildland or other fires.
- 14 (11) "Fiscal year" means 12 calendar months commencing on July 1 and 15 ending on June 30 following.
- 16 (12) "Fund" means the Public Employees Retirement Fund.
- 17 (13) "Inactive member" means a member who is not employed in a quali-18 fying position, whose membership has not been terminated in the manner 19 described by ORS 238.095 and who is not retired for service or disability.
- 20 (14) "Institution of higher education" means a public university listed in ORS 352.002, the Oregon Health and Science University and a community college, as defined in ORS 341.005.
- 23 (15) "Member" means a person who has established membership in the 24 system and whose membership has not been terminated as described in ORS 25 238.095. "Member" includes active, inactive and retired members.
- 26 (16) "Member account" means the regular account and the variable ac-27 count.
- 28 (17) "Normal retirement age" means:
- (a) For a person who establishes membership in the system before January 1, 1996, as described in ORS 238.430, 55 years of age if the employee retires at that age as a police officer or firefighter or 58 years of age if the employee

- 1 retires at that age as other than a police officer or firefighter.
- 2 (b) For a person who establishes membership in the system on or after
- 3 January 1, 1996, as described in ORS 238.430, 55 years of age if the employee
- 4 retires at that age as a police officer or firefighter or 60 years of age if the
- 5 employee retires at that age as other than a police officer or firefighter.
- 6 (18) "Pension" means annual payments for life derived from contributions 7 by one or more public employers.
- 8 (19) "Police officer" includes:
- 9 (a) Employees of institutions defined in ORS 421.005 as Department of
  10 Corrections institutions whose duties, as assigned by the Director of the
  11 Department of Corrections, include the custody of persons committed to the
- 12 custody of or transferred to the Department of Corrections and employees
- 13 of the Department of Corrections who were classified as police officers on
- 14 or before July 27, 1989, whether or not such classification was authorized
- 15 by law.
- 16 (b) Employees of the Department of State Police who are classified as 17 police officers by the Superintendent of State Police.
- 18 (c) Employees of the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission who are 19 classified as regulatory specialists by the administrator of the commission.
- 20 (d) Sheriffs and those deputy sheriffs or other employees of a sheriff 21 whose duties, as classified by the sheriff, are the regular duties of police 22 officers or corrections officers.
- 23 (e) Police chiefs and police personnel of a city who are classified as police 24 officers by the council or other governing body of the city.
- 25 (f) Police officers who are commissioned by a university under ORS 26 352.121 or 353.125 and who are classified as police officers by the university.
- (g) Parole and probation officers employed by the Department of Corrections, parole and probation officers who are transferred to county employment under ORS 423.549 and adult parole and probation officers, as defined in ORS 181A.355, who are classified as police officers for the purposes of this chapter by the county governing body. If a county classifies

- adult parole and probation officers as police officers for the purposes of this
- 2 chapter, and the employees so classified are represented by a labor organ-
- 3 ization, any proposal by the county to change that classification or to cease
- 4 to classify adult parole and probation officers as police officers for the pur-
- 5 poses of this chapter is a mandatory subject of bargaining.
- 6 (h) Police officers appointed under ORS 276.021 or 276.023.
- 7 (i) Employees of the Port of Portland who are classified as airport police 8 by the Board of Commissioners of the Port of Portland.
- 9 (j) Employees of the State Department of Agriculture who are classified 10 as livestock police officers by the Director of Agriculture.
- 11 (k) Employees of the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training 12 who are classified by the department as other than secretarial or clerical 13 personnel.
- 14 (L) Investigators of the Criminal Justice Division of the Department of 15 Justice.
- (m) Corrections officers as defined in ORS 181A.355.
- 17 (n) Employees of the Oregon State Lottery Commission who are classified 18 by the Director of the Oregon State Lottery as enforcement agents pursuant
- 19 to ORS 461.110.
- 20 (o) The Director of the Department of Corrections.
- (p) An employee who for seven consecutive years has been classified as a police officer as defined by this section, and who is employed or transferred by the Department of Corrections to fill a position designated by the Director of the Department of Corrections as being eligible for police officer sta-
- 25 tus.
- (q) An employee of the Department of Corrections classified as a police officer on or prior to July 27, 1989, whether or not that classification was authorized by law, as long as the employee remains in the position held on July 27, 1989. The initial classification of an employee under a system implemented pursuant to ORS 240.190 does not affect police officer status.
- 31 (r) Employees of a school district who are appointed and duly sworn

- 1 members of a law enforcement agency of the district as provided in ORS
- 2 332.531 or otherwise employed full-time as police officers commissioned by
- 3 the district.
- 4 (s) Employees at youth correction facilities and juvenile detention facili-
- 5 ties under ORS 419A.050, 419A.052 and 420.005 to 420.915 who are required
- 6 to hold valid Oregon teaching licenses and who have supervisory, control or
- 7 teaching responsibilities over juveniles committed to the custody of the De-
- 8 partment of Corrections or the Oregon Youth Authority.
- 9 (t) Employees at youth correction facilities as defined in ORS 420.005
- 10 whose primary job description involves the custody, control, treatment, in-
- 11 vestigation or supervision of juveniles placed in such facilities.
- (u) Employees of the Oregon Youth Authority who are classified as juve-
- 13 nile parole and probation officers.
- (v) Employees of the Department of Human Services who are prohibited
- 15 from striking under ORS 243.726 and whose duties include the care of resi-
- dents of residential facilities, as defined in ORS 443.400, that house individ-
- 17 uals with intellectual or developmental disabilities.
- (w) Employees appointed as judicial marshals under ORS 1.177 who are
- 19 certified under ORS 181A.540.
- 20 (x) Certified parole and probation officers employed by the State Board
- 21 of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision.
- 22 (y) **District attorneys and** deputy district attorneys.
- 23 (20) "Prior service credit" means credit provided under ORS 238.442 or
- 24 under ORS 238.225 (2) to (6) (1999 Edition).
- 25 (21) "Public employer" means the state, one of its agencies or any city,
- 26 county, municipal or public corporation, political subdivision of the state or
- 27 instrumentality thereof, or an agency created by one or more such govern-
- 28 mental organizations to provide governmental services. For purposes of this
- 29 chapter, such agency created by one or more governmental organizations is
- 30 a governmental instrumentality and a legal entity with power to enter into
- 31 contracts, hold property and sue and be sued.

- 1 (22) "Qualifying position" means one or more jobs with one or more participating public employers in which an employee performs 600 or more hours of service in a full calendar year, or would perform 600 or more hours of service if the employee were employed for the full calendar year, excluding any service in a job for which a participating public employer does not provide benefits under this chapter pursuant to an application made under ORS 238.035.
- 8 (23) "Regular account" means the account established for each active and 9 inactive member under ORS 238.250.
- 10 (24) "Retired member" means a member who is retired for service or dis-11 ability.
- 12 (25) "Retirement credit" means a period of time that is treated as credit-13 able service for the purposes of this chapter.
- 14 (26)(a) "Salary" means the remuneration paid an employee in cash out of 15 the funds of a public employer in return for services to the employer, plus 16 the monetary value, as determined by the Public Employees Retirement 17 Board, of whatever living quarters, board, lodging, fuel, laundry and other 18 advantages the employer furnishes the employee in return for services.
- 19 (b) "Salary" includes but is not limited to:
- 20 (A) Payments of employee and employer money into a deferred compen-21 sation plan, which are deemed salary paid in each month of deferral;
- 22 (B) The amount of participation in a tax-sheltered or deferred annuity, 23 which is deemed salary paid in each month of participation;
- 24 (C) Retroactive payments described in ORS 238.008;
- (D) Wages of a deceased member paid to a surviving spouse or dependent children under ORS 652.190; and
- (E) The full amount of required employee contributions under ORS 238A.330 that are paid by the employer on behalf of its employees under ORS 238A.335 (2)(b), solely for the purpose of computing a member's final average salary, and not for any other purpose.
  - (c) "Salary" or "other advantages" does not include:

- 1 (A) Travel or any other expenses incidental to employer's business which 2 is reimbursed by the employer;
- 3 (B) Payments for insurance coverage by an employer on behalf of em-4 ployee or employee and dependents, for which the employee has no cash op-5 tion;
- 6 (C) Payments made on account of an employee's death;
- 7 (D) Any lump sum payment for accumulated unused sick leave;
- 8 (E) Any accelerated payment of an employment contract for a future pe-9 riod or an advance against future wages;
- 10 (F) Any retirement incentive, retirement severance pay, retirement bonus 11 or retirement gratuitous payment;
- 12 (G) Payments for periods of leave of absence after the date the employer 13 and employee have agreed that no future services qualifying pursuant to ORS 14 238.015 (3) will be performed, except for sick leave and vacation;
- (H) Payments for instructional services rendered to public universities listed in ORS 352.002 or the Oregon Health and Science University when such services are in excess of full-time employment subject to this chapter. A person employed under a contract for less than 12 months is subject to this subparagraph only for the months to which the contract pertains;
- 20 (I) Payments made by an employer for insurance coverage provided to a 21 domestic partner of an employee;
- 22 (J) Compensation described and authorized under ORS 341.556 that is not 23 paid by the community college employing the faculty member;
- 24 (K) Compensation described and authorized under ORS 352.232 that is not 25 paid by the public university employing the officer or employee;
- (L) Compensation described and authorized under ORS 353.270 that is not paid by Oregon Health and Science University; or
- (M) For years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, any amount in excess of \$195,000 for a calendar year. If any period over which salary is determined is less than 12 months, the \$195,000 limitation for that period shall be multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of months in

- 1 the determination period and the denominator of which is 12. On January 1
- 2 of each year, the board shall adjust the dollar limit provided by this sub-
- 3 paragraph to reflect any percentage changes in the Consumer Price Index for
- 4 All Urban Consumers, West Region (All Items), as published by the Bureau
- 5 of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor.
- 6 (27) "School year" means the period beginning July 1 and ending June 30 next following.
- 8 (28) "System" means the Public Employees Retirement System.
- 9 (29) "Variable account" means the account established for a member who participates in the Variable Annuity Account under ORS 238.260.
- 11 (30) "Vested" means being an active member of the system in each of five 12 calendar years.
- 13 (31) "Volunteer firefighter" means a firefighter whose position normally 14 requires less than 600 hours of service per year.
- 15 **SECTION 2.** ORS 238A.005 is amended to read:
- 16 238A.005. For the purposes of this chapter:
- 17 (1) "Active member" means a member of the pension program or the in-18 dividual account program of the Oregon Public Service Retirement Plan who 19 is actively employed in a qualifying position.
- (2) "Actuarial equivalent" means a payment or series of payments having the same value as the payment or series of payments replaced, computed on the basis of interest rate and mortality assumptions adopted by the board.
- 23 (3) "Board" means the Public Employees Retirement Board.
- (4) "Eligible employee" means a person who performs services for a participating public employer, including persons considered employees of a participating public employer under 26 U.S.C. 3121(d)(2), as in effect on January 1, 2023, and elected officials other than judges. "Eligible employee" does not
- 29 (a) Persons engaged as independent contractors;

include:

- 30 (b) Aliens working under a training or educational visa;
- 31 (c) Persons provided sheltered employment or make-work by a public em-

- 1 ployer;
- 2 (d) Persons categorized by a participating public employer as student 3 employees;
- 4 (e) Any person who is in custody in a state institution;
- 5 (f) Employees of foreign trade offices of the Oregon Business Development
- 6 Department who live and perform services in foreign countries under the
- 7 provisions of ORS 285A.075 (1)(g);
- 8 (g) An employee actively participating in an alternative retirement pro-
- 9 gram established under ORS 353.250 or an optional retirement plan estab-
- 10 lished under ORS 341.551;
- 11 (h) Employees of a public university listed in ORS 352.002 who are ac-
- 12 tively participating in an optional retirement plan offered under ORS 243.815;
- 13 (i) Persons employed in positions classified as post-doctoral scholar posi-
- 14 tions by a public university listed in ORS 352.002, or by the Oregon Health
- and Science University, under ORS 350.370;
- 16 (j) Any employee who belongs to a class of employees that was not eligi-
- 17 ble on August 28, 2003, for membership in the system under the provisions
- of ORS chapter 238 or other law;
- (k) Any person who belongs to a class of employees who are not eligible
- 20 to become members of the Oregon Public Service Retirement Plan under the
- 21 provisions of ORS 238A.070 (2);
- 22 (L) Any person who is retired under ORS 238A.100 to 238A.250 or ORS
- 23 chapter 238 and who continues to receive retirement benefits while employed;
- 24 and
- 25 (m) Judges.
- 26 (5) "Firefighter" means:
- 27 (a) A person employed by a local government, as defined in ORS 174.116,
- 28 whose primary job duties include the fighting of fires;
- 29 (b) The State Fire Marshal, chief deputy state fire marshals and deputy
- 30 state fire marshals;
- 31 (c) An employee of the State Fire Marshal whose primary duties include

- 1 fire investigation, fire prevention, fire safety, fire control or fire suppression;
- 2 (d) An employee of the State Forestry Department who is certified by the
- 3 State Forester as a professional wildland firefighter and whose primary du-
- 4 ties include the abatement of uncontrolled fires as described in ORS 477.064;
- 5 and

- 6 (e) An employee of the Oregon Military Department whose primary duties 7 include fighting structural, aircraft, wildland or other fires.
- 8 (6) "Fund" means the Public Employees Retirement Fund.
- 9 (7)(a) "Hazardous position" means a position that does not meet the 10 definition of a qualified public safety employee under section 11 72(t)(10)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code, but that:
- 12 (A) Requires the person holding the position to work with or man-13 age emergency or traumatic events in the regular course of work; or
  - (B) Carries a high risk of physical harm.
- 15 (b) "Hazardous position" includes and is limited to:
- 16 (A) Employees of the Oregon State Hospital who have direct contact 17 with patients; and
  - (B) Telecommunicators, as defined in ORS 181A.355.
- 19 [(7)(a)] (8)(a) "Hour of service" means:
- 20 (A) An hour for which an eligible employee is directly or indirectly paid
- 21 or entitled to payment by a participating public employer for performance
- 22 of duties in a qualifying position; and
- 23 (B) An hour of vacation, holiday, illness, incapacity, jury duty, military
- 24 duty or authorized leave during which an employee does not perform duties
- 25 but for which the employee is directly or indirectly paid or entitled to pay-
- 26 ment by a participating public employer for services in a qualifying position,
- 27 as long as the hour is within the number of hours regularly scheduled for
- 28 the performance of duties during the period of vacation, holiday, illness, in-
- 29 capacity, jury duty, military duty or authorized leave.
- 30 (b) "Hour of service" does not include any hour for which payment is
- 31 made or due under a plan maintained solely for the purpose of complying

- 1 with applicable unemployment compensation laws.
- 2 [(8)] (9) "Inactive member" means a member of the pension program or
- 3 the individual account program of the Oregon Public Service Retirement
- 4 Plan whose membership has not been terminated, who is not a retired mem-
- 5 ber and who is not employed in a qualifying position.
- 6 [(9)] (10) "Individual account program" means the defined contribution
- 7 individual account program of the Oregon Public Service Retirement Plan
- 8 established under ORS 238A.025.
- 9 [(10)] (11) "Institution of higher education" means a public university
- 10 listed in ORS 352.002, the Oregon Health and Science University or a com-
- 11 munity college, as defined in ORS 341.005.
- [(11)] (12) "Member" means an eligible employee who has established
- 13 membership in the pension program or the individual account program of the
- 14 Oregon Public Service Retirement Plan and whose membership has not been
- 15 terminated under ORS 238A.110 or 238A.310.
- 16 [(12)] (13) "Participating public employer" means a public employer as
- defined in ORS 238.005 that provides retirement benefits for employees of the
- 18 public employer under the system.
- 19 [(13)] (14) "Pension program" means the defined benefit pension program
- 20 of the Oregon Public Service Retirement Plan established under ORS
- 21 238A.025.
- 22 [(14)] (15) "Police officer" means a police officer as described in ORS
- 23 238.005.
- 24 [(15)] (16) "Qualifying position" means one or more jobs with one or more
- 25 participating public employers in which an eligible employee performs 600
- 26 or more hours of service in a full calendar year, or would perform 600 or
- 27 more hours of service if the employee were employed for the full calendar
- 28 year, excluding any service in a job for which benefits are not provided un-
- 29 der the Oregon Public Service Retirement Plan pursuant to ORS 238A.070 (2).
- 30 [(16)] (17) "Retired member" means a pension program member who is
- 31 receiving a pension as provided in ORS 238A.180 to 238A.195.

- [(17)(a)] (18)(a) "Salary" means the remuneration paid to an active mem-
- 2 ber in return for services to the participating public employer, including
- 3 remuneration in the form of living quarters, board or other items of value,
- 4 to the extent the remuneration is, or would be if the member were an Oregon
- 5 resident, includable in the employee's taxable income under Oregon law.
- 6 "Salary" includes the additional amounts specified in paragraph (b) of this
- 7 subsection, but does not include the amounts specified in paragraph (c) of
- 8 this subsection, regardless of whether those amounts are includable in taxa-
- 9 ble income.

- (b) "Salary" includes the following amounts:
- 11 (A) Payments of employee and employer money into a deferred compen-12 sation plan that are made at the election of the employee.
- 13 (B) Contributions to a tax-sheltered or deferred annuity that are made at 14 the election of the employee.
- 15 (C) Any amount that is contributed to a cafeteria plan or qualified 16 transportation fringe benefit plan by the employer at the election of the 17 employee and that is not includable in the taxable income of the employee 18 by reason of 26 U.S.C. 125 or 132(f)(4), as in effect on December 31, 2022.
- (D) Any amount that is contributed to a cash or deferred arrangement by the employer at the election of the employee and that is not included in the taxable income of the employee by reason of 26 U.S.C. 402(e)(3), as in effect on December 31, 2022.
- 23 (E) Retroactive payments described in ORS 238.008.
- (F) The amount of an employee contribution to the individual account program that is paid by the employer and deducted from the compensation of the employee, as provided under ORS 238A.335 (1) and (2)(a).
- 27 (G) The amount of an employee contribution to the individual account 28 program that is not paid by the employer under ORS 238A.335.
- 29 (H) Wages of a deceased member paid to a surviving spouse or dependent 30 children under ORS 652.190.
- 31 (c) "Salary" does not include the following amounts:

- 1 (A) Travel or any other expenses incidental to employer's business which is reimbursed by the employer. 2
- (B) Payments made on account of an employee's death. 3

- (C) Any lump sum payment for accumulated unused sick leave, vacation 4 leave or other paid leave. 5
- (D) Any severance payment, accelerated payment of an employment con-6 tract for a future period or advance against future wages. 7
- (E) Any retirement incentive, retirement bonus or retirement gratuitous 8 payment. 9
- (F) Payment for a leave of absence after the date the employer and em-10 ployee have agreed that no future services in a qualifying position will be 11 performed. 12
- (G) Payments for instructional services rendered to public universities 13 listed in ORS 352.002 or the Oregon Health and Science University when 14 those services are in excess of full-time employment subject to this chapter. 15 A person employed under a contract for less than 12 months is subject to this 16 subparagraph only for the months covered by the contract.
- (H) The amount of an employee contribution to the individual account 18 program that is paid by the employer and is not deducted from the compen-19 sation of the employee, as provided under ORS 238A.335 (1) and (2)(b). 20
- (I) Compensation described and authorized under ORS 341.556 that is not 21 paid by the community college employing the faculty member. 22
- (J) Compensation described and authorized under ORS 352.232 that is not 23 paid by the public university employing the officer or employee. 24
- (K) Compensation described and authorized under ORS 353.270 that is not 25 paid by Oregon Health and Science University. 26
- (L) For years before 2020, any amount in excess of \$200,000 for a calendar 27 year. If any period over which salary is determined is less than 12 months, 28 the \$200,000 limitation for that period shall be multiplied by a fraction, the 29 numerator of which is the number of months in the determination period and 30 the denominator of which is 12. The board shall adopt rules adjusting this 31

- 1 dollar limit to incorporate cost-of-living adjustments authorized by the
- 2 Internal Revenue Service.
- 3 (M) For years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, any amount in excess
- 4 of \$195,000 for a calendar year. If any period over which salary is determined
- 5 is less than 12 months, the \$195,000 limitation for that period shall be
- 6 multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of months in
- 7 the determination period and the denominator of which is 12. On January 1
- 8 of each year, the board shall adjust the dollar limit provided by this sub-
- 9 paragraph to reflect any percentage changes in the Consumer Price Index for
- 10 All Urban Consumers, West Region (All Items), as published by the Bureau
- of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor.
- [(18)] (19) "System" means the Public Employees Retirement System.
- 13 [(19)] (20) "Workers' compensation benefits" means:
- 14 (a) Payments made under ORS chapter 656; or
- 15 (b) Payments provided in lieu of workers' compensation benefits under 16 ORS 656.027 (6).
- SECTION 3. ORS 238A.125 is amended to read:
- 18 238A.125. (1) Upon retiring at normal retirement age, a vested pension
- 19 program member shall be paid an annual pension for the life of the member
- 20 as follows:
- 21 (a) For service as a police officer or firefighter, 1.8 percent of final aver-
- 22 age salary multiplied by the number of years of retirement credit attributable
- 23 to service as a police officer or firefighter.
- 24 (b) For service in a hazardous position, 1.8 percent of final average
- 25 salary multiplied by the number of years of retirement credit attrib-
- 26 utable to service in a hazardous position.
- [(b)] (c) For service as other than a police officer or firefighter or in a
- 28 hazardous position, 1.5 percent of final average salary multiplied by the
- 29 number of years of retirement credit attributable to service as other than a
- 30 police officer or firefighter or in a hazardous position.
- 31 (2) Notwithstanding any provision of ORS 238A.100 to 238A.250, the an-

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- 1 nual benefit payable to a member under the pension program and under any
- 2 other tax-qualified defined benefit plan maintained by the participating pub-
- 3 lic employer may not exceed the applicable limitations set forth in 26 U.S.C.
- 4 415(b), as in effect on December 31, 2022. The Public Employees Retirement
- 5 Board shall adopt rules for the administration of this limitation, including
- 6 adjustments in the annual dollar limitation to reflect cost-of-living adjust-
- 7 ments authorized by the Internal Revenue Service.
- 8 (3) The board shall make no actuarial adjustment in a member's pension
- 9 calculated under this section by reason of the member's retirement after
- 10 normal retirement age.
- SECTION 4. ORS 238A.160 is amended to read:
- 238A.160. (1) Except as provided in subsections (2) and (3) of this section,
- 13 normal retirement age for a member of the pension program is the earlier
- 14 of:
- 15 (a) 65 years of age; or
- (b) 58 years of age if the member has 30 years or more of retirement
- 17 credit.
- 18 (2)(a) Normal retirement age for a member of the pension program who
- 19 retires from service as a police officer or firefighter, and whose last 60
- 20 months of retirement credit preceding retirement eligibility under this sec-
- 21 tion is classified as retirement credit for service as a police officer or a
- 22 firefighter, is the earlier of:
- 23 (A) [60] **55** years of age; or
- 24 (B) 53 years of age if the member has 25 years or more of retirement
- 25 credit.
- 26 (b) A member who establishes retirement eligibility under this subsection
- 27 retains retirement eligibility as a police officer or firefighter, even if the
- 28 member performs service thereafter only as other than a police officer or
- 29 firefighter.
- 30 (c) A period of leave from a position as a police officer or firefighter for
- 31 which a member is entitled to retirement credit for service as a police officer

- or firefighter and which is part of the member's last 60 months of retirement
- 2 credit preceding retirement eligibility under this section shall be counted as
- 3 part of the last 60 months of retirement credit required for retirement eligi-
- 4 bility under this section.
- 5 (d) Retirement credit for a month in which a member performs service as
- 6 both a police officer or firefighter and as other than a police officer or fire-
- 7 fighter shall be classified as retirement credit for service as a police officer
- 8 or firefighter for purposes of this section.
- 9 (e) A member employed as a police officer or firefighter is not required
- to restart the last 60 months of retirement credit required for retirement el-
- 11 igibility under this section when the member:
- 12 (A) Is on unpaid leave from the member's position as a police officer or
- 13 firefighter and is receiving insurance payments for short-term or long-term
- 14 disability for which retirement credit is not available under ORS 238A.155;
- 15 and
- 16 (B) Is concurrently employed and performing service as other than a po-
- 17 lice officer or firefighter.
- 18 (3) Normal retirement age for a member of the pension program who re-
- 19 tires from service as a school employee as defined by ORS 238A.140 is the
- 20 earlier of:
- 21 (a) 65 years of age; or
- 22 (b) 58 years of age if the member has been an active member in 30 or more
- 23 calendar years.
- 24 (4) The normal retirement date of a member is the first day of the month
- 25 beginning on or after the date the member reaches normal retirement age.
- SECTION 5. ORS 238A.160, as amended by section 4 of this 2024 Act, is
- 27 amended to read:
- 28 238A.160. (1) Except as provided in subsections (2) [and (3)] to (4) of this
- 29 section, normal retirement age for a member of the pension program is the
- 30 earlier of:
- 31 (a) 65 years of age; or

- 1 (b) 58 years of age if the member has 30 years or more of retirement 2 credit.
- (2)(a) Normal retirement age for a member of the pension program who retires from service as a police officer or firefighter, and whose last 60 months of retirement credit preceding retirement eligibility under this section is classified as retirement credit for service as a police officer or a firefighter, is the earlier of:
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- 8 (A) 55 years of age; or
- 9 (B) 53 years of age if the member has 25 years or more of retirement 10 credit.
- 11 (b) A member who establishes retirement eligibility under this subsection 12 retains retirement eligibility as a police officer or firefighter, even if the 13 member performs service thereafter only as other than a police officer or 14 firefighter.
- (c) A period of leave from a position as a police officer or firefighter for which a member is entitled to retirement credit for service as a police officer or firefighter and which is part of the member's last 60 months of retirement credit preceding retirement eligibility under this section shall be counted as part of the last 60 months of retirement credit required for retirement eligibility under this section.
- 21 (d) Retirement credit for a month in which a member performs service as 22 both a police officer or firefighter and as other than a police officer or fire-23 fighter shall be classified as retirement credit for service as a police officer 24 or firefighter for purposes of this section.
- 25 (e) A member employed as a police officer or firefighter is not required 26 to restart the last 60 months of retirement credit required for retirement el-27 igibility under this section when the member:
- (A) Is on unpaid leave from the member's position as a police officer or firefighter and is receiving insurance payments for short-term or long-term disability for which retirement credit is not available under ORS 238A.155; and

- 1 (B) Is concurrently employed and performing service as other than a po-2 lice officer or firefighter.
- (3)(a) Normal retirement age for a member of the pension program
  who retires from service as a person in a hazardous position, and
  whose last 60 months of retirement credit preceding retirement eligibility under this section is classified as retirement credit for service
  in a hazardous position, is the earlier of:
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- 9 (B) 58 years of age if the member has 25 or more years of retirement 10 credit.
  - (b) A member who establishes retirement eligibility under this subsection retains retirement eligibility as a person serving in a hazardous position, even if the member performs service thereafter only in other than a hazardous position.
  - (c) A period of leave from a hazardous position for which a member is entitled to retirement credit for service in a hazardous position and which is part of the member's last 60 months of retirement credit preceding retirement eligibility under this section shall be counted as part of the last 60 months of retirement credit required for retirement eligibility under this section.
  - (d) Retirement credit for a month in which a member performs service both in a hazardous position and in other than a hazardous position shall be classified as retirement credit for service in a hazardous position for purposes of this section.
- 25 (e) A member employed in a hazardous position is not required to 26 restart the last 60 months of retirement credit required for retirement 27 eligibility under this section when the member:
- (A) Is on unpaid leave from the member's hazardous position and is receiving insurance payments for short-term or long-term disability for which retirement credit is not available under ORS 238A.155; and
  - (B) Is concurrently employed and performing service in other than

## 1 a hazardous position.

- 2 [(3)] (4) Normal retirement age for a member of the pension program who
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- 5 (a) 65 years of age; or
- 6 (b) 58 years of age if the member has been an active member in 30 or more calendar years.
- 8 [(4)] (5) The normal retirement date of a member is the first day of the 9 month beginning on or after the date the member reaches normal retirement 10 age.

## **SECTION 6.** ORS 238A.220 is amended to read:

- 238A.220. (1) A participating public employer shall make employer contributions to the Public Employees Retirement Board at intervals designated by the board in the amounts determined by the board under ORS 238.225. All participating public employers shall be considered to be a single employer for the purposes of the employer contributions under ORS 238.225 that are required for funding the pension program established under ORS 238A.025.
- (2) For the purpose of the actuarial computation required under ORS 238.225, the board shall separately establish the liability of participating public employers for police officers and firefighters under the pension program and shall require that public employers that employ police officers and firefighters who are members of the pension program make contributions for those employees based on the liability established under this subsection.
  - (3) For the purpose of the actuarial computation required under ORS 238.225, the board shall separately establish the liability of participating public employers for members in hazardous positions under the pension program and shall require that public employers that employ members in hazardous positions who are members of the pension program make contributions for those employees based on the liability established under this subsection.

## **SECTION 7.** ORS 238A.240 is amended to read:

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- 238A.240. (1) A participating public employer shall contribute to the pen-2 sion program, at intervals designated by the Public Employees Retirement 3 Board, all amounts determined by the board to be actuarially necessary to adequately fund the disability benefits to be provided under ORS 238A.235 5 and the reasonable costs of administering the provision of those benefits. 6 The board shall periodically determine the liabilities attributable to the 7 disability benefits and shall set the amount of contributions to be made by 8 participating public employers, and by other public employers who are re-9 quired to make contributions on behalf of members, to ensure that those li-10 abilities will be funded no more than 40 years after the date on which the 11 12 determination is made. All participating public employers shall be considered to be a single employer for the purposes of the contributions required under 13 this section. 14
  - (2) For the purpose of the actuarial computation required under subsection (1) of this section, the board shall separately establish the liability of participating public employers for police officers and firefighters, and shall require that public employers that employ police officers and firefighters make contributions for those employees based on the liability established under this section.
  - (3) For the purpose of the actuarial computation required under subsection (1) of this section, the board shall separately establish the liability of participating public employers for members in hazardous positions, and shall require that public employers that employ members in hazardous positions make contributions for those employees based on the liability established under this section.
- 27 **SECTION 8.** ORS 238A.134 is amended to read:
- 238A.134. For purposes of determining the salary, as defined in ORS 238A.005 [(17)] (18), of an active member of the Public Employees Retirement System, a housing allowance paid to a member in return for services as a prison chaplain shall be treated as if it were includable in the member's

1 taxable income under Oregon law.

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- 2 **SECTION 9.** ORS 338.135 is amended to read:
- 3 338.135. (1) Employee assignment to a public charter school shall be vol-4 untary.
- (2)(a) A public charter school or the sponsor of the public charter school 5 is considered the employer of any employees of the public charter school. If 6 a school district board is not the sponsor of the public charter school, the 7 school district board may not be the employer of the employees of the public 8 charter school and the school district board may not collectively bargain 9 with the employees of the public charter school. The public charter school 10 governing body shall control the selection of employees at the public charter 11 school. 12
  - (b) If a virtual public charter school or the sponsor of a virtual public charter school contracts with a for-profit entity to provide educational services through the virtual public charter school, the for-profit entity may not be the employer of any employees of the virtual public charter school unless:
- 17 (A) The employee is an administrator who does not have any teaching 18 responsibilities; and
- (B) Both the executive officer of the sponsor and the public charter school governing body approve employment by the for-profit entity. The executive officer or governing body may choose to grant approval under this subparagraph:
- 23 (i) For all employees of the for-profit entity who meet the description in 24 subparagraph (A) of this paragraph;
- 25 (ii) Based on the job categories of the employees who meet the description 26 in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph; or
- (iii) On a case-by-case basis for each employee who meets the description in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph.
- (3) The school district board of the school district within which the public charter school is located shall grant a leave of absence to any employee who chooses to work in the public charter school. The length and terms of the

- 1 leave of absence shall be set by negotiated agreement or by board policy.
- 2 However, the length of the leave of absence may not be less than two years
- 3 unless:
- 4 (a) The charter of the public charter school is terminated or the public
- 5 charter school is dissolved or closed during the leave of absence; or
- 6 (b) The employee and the school district board have mutually agreed to 7 a different length of time.
- 8 (4) An employee of a public charter school operating within a school
- 9 district who is granted a leave of absence from the school district and re-
- 10 turns to employment with the school district shall retain seniority and ben-
- 11 efits as an employee pursuant to the terms of the leave of absence.
- 12 Notwithstanding ORS 243.650 to 243.809, a school district that was the em-
- 13 ployer of an employee of a public charter school not operating within the
- 14 school district may make provisions for the return of the employee to em-
- 15 ployment with the school district.
- 16 (5)(a) For purposes of ORS chapters 238 and 238A, a public charter school
- 17 shall be considered a public employer and as such shall participate in the
- 18 Public Employees Retirement System.
- 19 (b) For purposes of determining the salary paid to an active member of
- 20 the Public Employees Retirement System under ORS 238A.005 [(17)] (18)
- 21 during the period between August 29, 2003, and January 1, 2020,
- 22 remuneration paid to a member in return for services to a public charter
- 23 school is deemed includable in the member's taxable income under Oregon
- 24 law during a period of continuous employment with any public charter
- 25 school if:
- 26 (A) The member was hired in a qualifying position by any public charter
- 27 school on or after August 29, 2003;
- 28 (B) The member was informed in writing by the public charter school
- 29 during the period of continuous employment that the member was eligible
- 30 to participate in the Public Employees Retirement System and the public
- 31 charter school made contributions to the system on the member's behalf;

- 1 (C) The remuneration was, or would have been if the member were an 2 Oregon resident, includable in the member's taxable income under Oregon 3 law during the period of continuous employment; and
- 4 (D) The member resided and performed services in the United States 5 during the period of continuous employment.
- 6 (c) As used in this subsection, "continuous employment" means employ-7 ment with a public charter school that is not interrupted by a period of more 8 than 30 consecutive calendar days.
- 9 (6) For teacher licensing, employment experience in public charter schools 10 shall be considered equivalent to experience in public schools.
- 11 (7)(a) Any person employed as an administrator in a public charter school 12 shall be licensed or registered to administer by the Teacher Standards and 13 Practices Commission.
- (b) Any person employed as a teacher in a public charter school shall be licensed or registered to teach by the commission.
- (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) or (b) of this subsection, at least onehalf of the total full-time equivalent (FTE) teaching and administrative staff at the public charter school shall be licensed by the commission pursuant to ORS 342.125.
- (8) Notwithstanding ORS 243.650, a public charter school shall be con-20 sidered a school district for purposes of ORS 243.650 to 243.809. An employee 21 of a public charter school may be a member of a labor organization or or-22 ganize with other employees to bargain collectively. Bargaining units at the 23 public charter school may be separate from other bargaining units of the 24 sponsor or of the school district in which the public charter school is lo-25 cated. Employees of a public charter school may be part of the bargaining 26 units of the sponsor or of the school district in which the public charter 27 school is located. 28
- 29 (9) An entity described in ORS 338.005 (4) may not waive the right to sponsor a public charter school in a collective bargaining agreement.
  - **SECTION 10.** ORS 352.138 is amended to read:

- 352.138. (1) The following entities are not subject to any provision of law enacted after January 1, 2013, that is unique to governmental entities unless the following entities are expressly named:
- 4 (a) A public university listed in ORS 352.002; and
- (b) Any not-for-profit organization or other entity if the equity of the entity is owned or controlled exclusively by a public university and if the organization or entity is created by the university to advance any of the university's statutory missions.
- 9 (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section and ORS 352.033, the provisions of ORS 30.260 to 30.460, 33.710, 33.720, 200.005 to 200.025, 200.045 to 200.090, 236.605 to 236.640, 279.835, 279.840, 279.850 and 297.040 and ORS chapters 35, 190, 192 and 244 apply to a public university listed in ORS 352.002 under the same terms as they apply to public bodies other than the state.
- 15 (3) Except as otherwise provided by law, the provisions of ORS 35.550 to 35.575, 180.060, 180.210 to 180.235, 184.305 to 184.345, 190.480, 190.490, 200.035, 243.696, 357.805 to 357.895 and 656.017 (2) and ORS chapters 182, 183, 240, 270, 273, 276, 278, 279A, 279B, 279C, 282, 283, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295 and 297 do not apply to a public university listed in ORS 352.002.
- (4)(a) Notwithstanding subsections (1) and (3) of this section and ORS 352.033, ORS 240.167, 279C.600 to 279C.625, 279C.800, 279C.810, 279C.825, 279C.827, 279C.830, 279C.835, 279C.836, 279C.838, 279C.840, 279C.845, 279C.850, 279C.855, 279C.860, 279C.865, 279C.870 and 292.043 apply to a public university listed in ORS 352.002 under the same terms as they apply to public bodies other than the state.
- (b) Notwithstanding subsections (1) and (3) of this section, ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870 apply to an agreement under the terms of which a private entity constructs, reconstructs, renovates or paints an improvement on real property owned by a public university listed in ORS 352.002 or by a not-for-profit organization or other entity that a public university owns or controls exclusively.

- 1 (5) Notwithstanding subsection (2) of this section, ORS 190.430 and 192.105 2 do not apply to a public university listed in ORS 352.002 or any organization 3 or other entity described in subsection (1) of this section.
- (6)(a) Notwithstanding ORS 352.033, except as set forth in subsection (3) of this section, ORS 243.650 to 243.809 and 276.073 to 276.090 and ORS chapters 238 and 238A apply to a public university listed in ORS 352.002 under the same terms as they apply to the state.
- 8 (b) For purposes of determining the salary of an active member of the Public Employees Retirement System under ORS 238A.005 [(17)] (18), 10 remuneration paid to a member in return for services to a public university 11 listed in ORS 352.002 is deemed includable in the member's taxable income 12 under Oregon law during a period of continuous employment with any public 13 university listed in ORS 352.002 if:
- (A) The member was hired in a qualifying position by a public university listed in ORS 352.002 on or after August 29, 2003, and on or before December 31, 2016; and
- 17 (B) The member resided and performed services in the United States dur-18 ing the period of continuous employment.
- 19 (7) ORS 350.285, 350.290, 352.198, 352.226, 352.232, 352.293, 352.296, 352.303, 352.309 and 352.313 apply to a public university listed in ORS 352.002.

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- (8) Notwithstanding ORS 352.033, a public university listed in ORS 352.002 and its agents and employees remain subject to all statutes and administrative rules of this state that create rights, benefits or protections in favor of military veterans, service members and families of service members to the same extent as an agency of this state would be subject to such statutes and administrative rules.
- 27 (9) Notwithstanding ORS 352.033, ORS 350.540, 350.545 and 350.550 apply 28 to a public university listed in ORS 352.002. A public university may not is-29 sue a tax credit certificate under ORS 350.540, 350.545 and 350.550 that will 30 cause the General Fund to be owed more than \$8.4 million at any one time 31 under ORS 350.540, 350.545 and 350.550.

- 1 (10) If state bonds are issued for the benefit of a public university listed 2 in ORS 352.002 under Article XI-Q of the Oregon Constitution:
- (a) The Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall have the powers and duties of a project agency, as defined in ORS 286A.816, to the extent necessary for the issuance of the state bonds and the administration of the proceeds of the state bonds; and
- (b) The university and the Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall enter into grant contracts or loan agreements that comply with rules adopted by the Oregon Department of Administrative Services relating to:
- 10 (A) Disbursement of project funds by a project agency through grant contracts or loan agreements;
- 12 (B) Submission of a request for project funds to the commission under 13 ORS 350.095; and
- 14 (C) Any other matters determined by the Oregon Department of Admin-15 istrative Services to be necessary for the administration of the Article XI-Q 16 bond program.
- 17 (11) Nothing in this section may be construed so that statutory provisions 18 that are not set forth in this section apply to a public university listed in 19 ORS 352.002.
- 20 **SECTION 11.** ORS 353.100 is amended to read:
- 353.100. (1) The provisions of ORS chapters 35, 190, 192, 244 and 295 and ORS 30.260 to 30.460, 200.005 to 200.025, 200.045 to 200.090, 236.605 to 236.640, 243.650 to 243.809, 297.040, 307.090 and 307.112 apply to Oregon Health and Science University under the same terms as they apply to public bodies other than the state.
- 26 (2) Except as otherwise provided by law, the provisions of ORS chapters 182, 183, 240, 270, 273, 276, 279A, 279B, 279C, 283, 291, 292, 293, 294 and 297 and ORS 35.550 to 35.575, 180.060, 180.210 to 180.235, 183.710 to 183.730, 183.745, 183.750, 184.305 to 184.345, 190.430, 190.480, 190.490, 192.105, 200.035, 243.105 to 243.585, 243.696, 243.853 to 243.855, 278.011 to 278.120, 278.315 to 278.415, 279.835 to 279.855, 282.010 to 282.150, 283.085 to 283.092, 357.805 to

- 1 357.895 and 656.017 (2) do not apply to the university or any not-for-profit
- 2 organization or other entity if the equity of the entity is owned exclusively
- 3 by the university and if the organization or entity is created by the univer-
- 4 sity to advance any of the university's statutory missions.
- 5 (3) The university, as a distinct governmental entity, or any organization
- 6 or entity described in subsection (2) of this section is not subject to any
- 7 provision of law enacted after January 1, 1995, with respect to any govern-
- 8 mental entity, unless the provision specifically provides that it applies to the
- 9 university or to the organization or entity.
- 10 (4) For purposes of determining the salary, as defined in ORS 238A.005
- 11 [(17)] (18), paid between August 29, 2003, and January 1, 2020, to a member
- of the Public Employees Retirement System, remuneration paid to a member
- of the system in return for services to the university is deemed includable
- in the member's taxable income under Oregon law during a period of con-
- tinuous employment with the Oregon Health and Science University if:
- 16 (a) The member was hired in a qualifying position, as defined in ORS
- 17 238A.005, by the university on or after August 29, 2003; and
- 18 (b) The remuneration was, or would have been if the member were an
- 19 Oregon resident, includable in the member's taxable income under Oregon
- 20 law during the period of continuous employment.
- 21 SECTION 12. (1) The amendments to ORS 238.005 by section 1 of this
- 22 2024 Act apply only to a person who:
- 23 (a) Is employed as a district attorney on the effective date of this
- 24 **2024** Act; or
- 25 (b) Becomes employed as a district attorney after the effective date
- 26 of this 2024 Act.
- 27 (2) A person who is employed as a district attorney on or after the
- 28 effective date of this 2024 Act is entitled to service under the Public
- 29 Employees Retirement System as a police officer only for service per-
- 30 formed as a district attorney on or after the effective date of this 2024
- 31 Act.

- SECTION 13. The amendments to ORS 238A.160 by section 4 of this 2024 Act apply to members of the Oregon Public Service Retirement Plan whose effective date of retirement is on or after the effective date of this 2024 Act.
- 5 <u>SECTION 14.</u> (1) The amendments to ORS 238A.005, 238A.125, 6 238A.134, 238A.160, 238A.220, 238A.240, 338.135, 352.138 and 353.100 by 7 sections 2, 3 and 5 to 11 of this 2024 Act become operative on January 8 1, 2030.
- 9 (2) The amendments to ORS 238A.125 by section 3 of this 2024 Act apply only to service in a hazardous position performed on or after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section.
- 12 (3) A member is of normal retirement age for purposes of ORS 13 238A.160 (3) if the member, on or after the operative date specified in 14 subsection (1) of this section:
- 15 (a) Meets the age or age and retirement credit requirements of ORS 238A.160 (3); and
- 17 (b) For the last 60 months of service preceding retirement eligibility 18 under ORS 238A.160 (3), held one or more positions that would qualify 19 as hazardous positions, as defined in ORS 238A.005.
  - (4) 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 of the duties, functions and powers conferred on the board by the amendments to ORS 238A.005, 238A.125, 238A.134, 238A.160, 238A.220, 238A.240, 338.135, 352.138 and 353.100 by sections 2, 3 and 5 to 11 of this 2024 Act.

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