

**161.580 Individual accounts to be kept -- Other data -- Summary plan description -
- Publication -- Recipients.**

- (1) The board of trustees shall provide for the maintenance of an individual account for each member showing the amount of the member's accumulated account balance. Such individual accounts shall be identified in the records of the system by name, date of birth, and Social Security number. It shall collect and keep in convenient form such data as is necessary for the preparation of the required mortality and service tables and for the compilation of such other information as is required for the actuarial valuation of the assets and liabilities of the various funds of the retirement system.
- (2) The board shall prepare and furnish to all active contributing members a summary plan description, written in a manner calculated to be understood by the average member or annuitant, and sufficiently accurate and comprehensive to reasonably apprise them of their rights and obligations under the Teachers' Retirement System. The board may furnish the summary plan description by posting it on the retirement system's Web site.
- (3) The summary plan description shall include:
 - (a) The name of the retirement system, the name and address of the executive secretary, and the name, address, and title of each member of the board of trustees;
 - (b) The name and address of the person designated for the service of legal process;
 - (c) The system's requirements for participation and benefits;
 - (d) A description of retirement formulas for normal, early, and disability retirement, and survivor benefits;
 - (e) A description of the requirements for vesting of pension benefits;
 - (f) A list of circumstances which would result in disqualification, ineligibility, or denial or loss of benefits;
 - (g) The sources of financing retirement benefits, and statutory requirements for funding;
 - (h) A statement after each actuarial valuation as to whether funding requirements are being met; and
 - (i) The procedures to be followed in presenting claims for benefits under the plan, and the remedies available under the plan for the redress of claims which are denied in whole or in part.
- (4) The board may publish the summary plan description in the form of a comprehensive pamphlet or booklet, or in the form of periodic newsletters which shall incorporate all the information required in the summary plan description within a period of two (2) years. Any changes in statutory requirements or administrative practices which alter the provisions of the plan as described in the summary plan description shall be summarized as required in subsection (2) of this section and furnished to active contributing members in the form of a supplement to

a comprehensive booklet, or reported in the periodic newsletter.

- (5) The board shall provide to annuitants so much of the summary plan description as they need to understand changes in benefits which apply to them.

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Legislative Research Commission Note (12/13/2018). On December 13, 2018, the Kentucky Supreme Court ruled that the passage of 2018 SB 151 (2018 Ky. Acts ch. 107), did not comply with the three-readings rule of Kentucky Constitution Section 46 and that the legislation is, therefore, constitutionally invalid and declared void. That ruling applies to changes made to this statute in that Act.