1		AN	ACT relating to the Kentucky Retirement Systems.
2	Be it	t enac	ted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:
3		→s	ection 1. KRS 61.645 is amended to read as follows:
4	(1)	The	County Employees Retirement System, Kentucky Employees Retirement
5		Syst	em, and State Police Retirement System shall be administered by the board of
6		trust	ees of the Kentucky Retirement Systems composed of seventeen (17) members,
7		who	shall be selected as follows:
8		(a)	The secretary of the Personnel Cabinet shall serve as trustee for as long as he
9			occupies the position of secretary under KRS 18A.015, except as provided
10			under subsections (5) and (6) of this section;
11		(b)	Three (3) trustees, who shall be members or retired from the County
12			Employees Retirement System, elected by the members and retired members
13			of the County Employees Retirement System;
14		(c)	One (1) trustee, who shall be a member or retired from the State Police
15			Retirement System, elected by the members and retired members of the State
16			Police Retirement System;
17		(d)	Two (2) trustees, who shall be members or retired from the Kentucky
18			Employees Retirement System, elected by the members and retired members
19			of the Kentucky Employees Retirement System; and
20		(e)	Ten (10) trustees, appointed by the Governor of the Commonwealth, subject
21			to Senate confirmation in accordance with KRS 11.160 for each appointment
22			or reappointment. Of the ten (10) trustees appointed by the Governor:
23			1. One (1) trustee shall be knowledgeable about the impact of pension
24			requirements on local governments;
25			2. One (1) trustee shall be appointed from a list of three (3) applicants
26			submitted by the Kentucky League of Cities;
27			3 One (1) trustee shall be appointed from a list of three (3) applicants

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1				subn	nitted by the Kentucky Association of Counties;
2			4.	One	(1) trustee shall be appointed from a list of three (3) applicants
3				subn	nitted by the Kentucky School Boards Association; and
4			5.	Six	(6) trustees shall have investment experience. For purposes of this
5				subp	aragraph, a trustee with "investment experience" means an
6				indiv	vidual who does not have a conflict of interest, as provided by KRS
7				61.6	55, and who has at least ten (10) years of experience in one (1) of
8				the f	ollowing areas of expertise:
9				a.	A portfolio manager acting in a fiduciary capacity;
10				b.	A professional securities analyst or investment consultant;
11				c.	A current or retired employee or principal of a trust institution,
12					investment or finance organization, or endowment fund acting in
13					an investment-related capacity;
14				d.	A chartered financial analyst in good standing as determined by the
15					CFA Institute; or
16				e.	A university professor, teaching investment-related studies.
17	(2)	The	board	is he	ereby granted the powers and privileges of a corporation, including
18		but i	not lim	ited t	to the following powers:
19		(a)	To su	ie and	d be sued in its corporate name;
20		(b)	To m	ake t	bylaws not inconsistent with the law;
21		(c)	To co	onduc	et the business and promote the purposes for which it was formed;
22		(d)	Exce	pt as	provided in KRS 61.650(6), to contract for investment counseling,
23			actua	rial,	auditing, medical, and other professional or technical services as
24			requi	red to	o carry out the obligations of the board subject to KRS Chapters 45,
25			45A,	56, a	nd 57;
26		(e)	То рі	urcha	se fiduciary liability insurance;
27		(f)	Exce	pt as	provided in KRS 61.650(6), to acquire, hold, sell, dispose of,

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pledge, lease, or mortgage, the goods or property necessary to exercise the board's powers and perform the board's duties subject to KRS Chapters 45, 45A, and 56; and

- 4 (g) The board shall reimburse any trustee, officer, or employee for any legal 5 expense resulting from a civil action arising out of the performance of his 6 official duties. The hourly rate of reimbursement for any contract for legal 7 services under this paragraph shall not exceed the maximum hourly rate 8 provided in the Legal Services Duties and Maximum Rate Schedule 9 promulgated by the Government Contract Review Committee established 10 pursuant to KRS 45A.705, unless a higher rate is specifically approved by the 11 secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet or his or her designee.
- 12 (3)(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, each trustee 13 shall serve a term of four (4) years or until his successor is duly qualified 14 except as otherwise provided in this section. An elected trustee or a trustee 15 appointed by the Governor under subsection (1)(e) of this section, shall not 16 serve more than three (3) consecutive four (4) year terms. An elected trustee 17 or a trustee appointed by the Governor under subsection (1)(e) of this section, 18 who has served three (3) consecutive terms may be elected or appointed again 19 after an absence of four (4) years from the board.
- (b) The term limits established by paragraph (a) of this subsection shall apply to
  trustees serving on or after July 1, 2012, and all terms of office served prior to
  July 1, 2012, shall be used to determine if the trustee has exceeded the term
  limits provided by paragraph (a) of this subsection.
- (4) (a) The trustees selected by the membership of each of the various retirement
  systems shall be elected by ballot. For each trustee to be elected, the board
  may nominate, not less than six (6) months before a term of office of a trustee
  is due to expire, three (3) constitutionally eligible individuals.

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1 (b) Individuals may be nominated by the retirement system members which are to 2 elect the trustee by presenting to the executive director, not less than four (4) 3 months before a term of office of a trustee is due to expire, a petition, bearing 4 the name, last four digits of the Social Security number, and signature of no 5 less than one-tenth (1/10) of the number voting in the last election by the 6 retirement system members.

- (c) Within four (4) months of the nominations made in accordance with
  paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection, the executive director shall cause to
  be prepared an official ballot. The ballot shall <u>include[carry]</u> the name,
  address, and position title of each individual nominated by the board and by
  petition. Provisions shall also be made for write-in votes.
- 12 (d) *Except as provided by paragraph (j) of this subsection*, the ballots shall be
  13 distributed to the eligible voters by mail to their last known residence address.
- (e) The ballots shall be addressed to the Kentucky Retirement Systems in care of
  a predetermined box number at a United States Post Office located within
  Kentucky *or submitted electronically as provided by paragraph (i) of this subsection*. Access to this post office box shall be limited to the board's
  contracted auditing firm. The individual receiving a plurality of votes shall be
  declared elected.
- (f) The eligible voter shall cast his ballot by checking a square opposite the name
  of the candidate of his choice. He shall sign and mail the ballot <u>or submit the</u>
  <u>electronic ballot</u> at least thirty (30) days prior to the date the term to be filled
  is due to expire. The latest mailing date, <u>or date of submission in the case of</u>
  <u>electronic ballots</u>, shall be <u>provided[printed]</u> on the ballot.
- (g) The board's contracted auditing firm shall report in writing the outcome to the
  chair of the board of trustees. Cost of an election shall be payable from the
  funds of the system for which the trustee is elected.

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- (h) For purposes of this subsection, an eligible voter shall be a person who was a member of the retirement system on December 31 of the year preceding the election year.
- 4 (i) Each individual who submits a request to be nominated by the board under
  5 paragraph (a) of this subsection and each individual who is nominated by the
  6 membership under paragraph (b) of this subsection shall:
- Complete an application developed by the retirement systems which
  shall include but not be limited to a disclosure of any prior felonies and
  any conflicts of interest that would hinder the individual's ability to
  serve on the board;
- Submit a resume detailing the individual's education and employment
  history and a cover letter detailing the member's qualifications for
  serving as trustee to the board; and
- Authorize the systems to have a criminal background check performed.
   The criminal background check shall be performed by the Department of
   Kentucky State Police.
- 17(i) In lieu of the ballots mailed to members and retired members as provided by18this subsection, the systems may by promulgation of administrative19regulation pursuant to KRS Chapter 13A conduct trustee elections using20electronic ballots, except that the systems shall mail a paper ballot upon21request of any eligible voter.

(5) Any vacancy which may occur in an appointed position shall be filled in the same
manner which provides for the selection of the particular trustee, and any vacancy
which may occur in an elected position shall be filled by appointment by a majority
vote of the remaining elected trustees with a person selected from the system in
which the vacancy occurs, and if the secretary of the Personnel Cabinet resigns his
position as trustee, it shall be filled by appointment made by the Governor;

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1		how	ever, any vacancy shall be filled only for the duration of the unexpired term. In
2		the o	event of a vacancy of an elected trustee, Kentucky Retirement Systems shall
3		notif	fy members of the system in which the vacancy occurs of the vacancy and the
4		oppo	ortunity to be considered for the vacant position. Any vacancy shall be filled
5		with	in ninety (90) days of the position becoming vacant.
6	(6)	(a)	Membership on the board of trustees shall not be incompatible with any other
7			office unless a constitutional incompatibility exists. No trustee shall serve in
8			more than one (1) position as trustee on the board; and if a trustee holds more
9			than one (1) position as trustee on the board, he shall resign a position.
10		(b)	A trustee shall be removed from office upon conviction of a felony or for a
11			finding of a violation of any provision of KRS 11A.020 or 11A.040 by a court
12			of competent jurisdiction.
13		(c)	A current or former employee of Kentucky Retirement Systems shall not be
14			eligible to serve as a member of the board.
15	(7)	Trus	tees who do not otherwise receive a salary from the State Treasury shall receive
16		a pe	r diem of eighty dollars (\$80) for each day they are in session or on official
17		duty	, and they shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses in
18		acco	rdance with state administrative regulations and standards.
19	(8)	(a)	The board shall meet at least once in each quarter of the year and may meet in
20			special session upon the call of the chair or the executive director.
21		(b)	The board shall elect a chair and a vice chair. The chair shall not serve more
22			than four (4) consecutive years as chair or vice-chair of the board. The vice-
23			chair shall not serve more than four (4) consecutive years as chair or vice-
24			chair of the board. A trustee who has served four (4) consecutive years as
25			chair or vice-chair of the board may be elected chair or vice-chair of the board
26			after an absence of two (2) years from the positions.
27		(c)	A majority of the trustees shall constitute a quorum and all actions taken by

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the board shall be by affirmative vote of a majority of the trustees present.

2 (9) (a) The board of trustees shall appoint or contract for the services of an executive
3 director and fix the compensation and other terms of employment for this
4 position without limitation of the provisions of KRS Chapters 18A and KRS
5 64.640. The executive director shall be the chief administrative officer of the
6 board.

7 (b) The board of trustees shall authorize the executive director to appoint the 8 employees deemed necessary to transact the business of the system. All 9 employees of the systems, except for the executive director, shall be subject to 10 the state personnel system established pursuant to KRS 18A.005 to 18A.204 11 and shall have their salaries determined by the secretary of the Personnel 12 Cabinet.

13 (c) The board shall require the executive director and the employees as it thinks
14 proper to execute bonds for the faithful performance of their duties
15 notwithstanding the limitations of KRS Chapter 62.

16 (d) The board shall establish a system of accounting.

17 The board shall do all things, take all actions, and promulgate all (e) 18 administrative regulations, not inconsistent with the provisions of KRS 16.505 19 to 16.652, 61.510 to 61.705, and 78.510 to 78.852, necessary or proper in 20 order to carry out the provisions of KRS 16.505 to 16.652, 61.510 to 61.705, 21 and 78.510 to 78.852. Notwithstanding any other evidence of legislative 22 intent, it is hereby declared to be the controlling legislative intent that the 23 provisions of KRS 16.505 to 16.652, 61.510 to 61.705, and 78.510 to 78.852 24 conform with federal statute or regulation and meet the qualification 25 requirements under 26 U.S.C. sec. 401(a), applicable federal regulations, and 26 other published guidance. Provisions of KRS 16.505 to 16.652, 61.510 to 27 61.705, and 78.510 to 78.852 which conflict with federal statute or regulation

1	or qualification under 26 U.S.C. sec. 401(a), applicable federal regulations,
2	and other published guidance shall not be available. The board shall have the
3	authority to promulgate administrative regulations to conform with federal
4	statute and regulation and to meet the qualification requirements under 26
5	U.S.C. sec. 401(a), including an administrative regulation to comply with 26
6	U.S.C. sec. 401(a)(9).[ The board shall have the authority to promulgate an
7	administrative regulation to comply with any consent decrees entered into by
8	the board in Civil Action No. 3:99CV500(C) in order to bring the systems into
9	compliance with the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, 29 U.S.C.
10	Section 621, et seq., as amended.]
11	(10) Notwithstanding any statute to the contrary, employees shall not be considered
12	legislative agents under KRS 6.611.
13	(11) The Attorney General, or an assistant designated by him, may attend each meeting
14	of the board and may receive the agenda, board minutes, and other information
15	distributed to trustees of the board upon request. The Attorney General may act as
16	legal adviser and attorney for the board, and the board may contract for legal
17	services, notwithstanding the limitations of KRS Chapter 12 or 13B.
18	(12) (a) The system shall publish an annual financial report showing all receipts,
19	disbursements, assets, and liabilities. The annual report shall include a copy of
20	an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards.
21	Except as provided by paragraph (b) of this subsection, the board may select
22	an independent certified public accountant or the Auditor of Public Accounts
23	to perform the audit. If the audit is performed by an independent certified
24	public accountant, the Auditor of Public Accounts shall not be required to
25	perform an audit pursuant to KRS 43.050(2)(a), but may perform an audit at
26	his discretion. All proceedings and records of the board shall be open for
27	inspection by the public. The system shall make copies of the audit required

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by this subsection available for examination by any member, retiree, or beneficiary in the office of the executive director of the Kentucky Retirement Systems and in other places as necessary to make the audit available to all members, retirees, and beneficiaries. A copy of the annual audit shall be sent to the Legislative Research Commission no later than ten (10) days after receipt by the board.

- (b) At least once every five (5) years, the Auditor of Public Accounts shall
  perform the audit described by this subsection, and the system shall reimburse
  the Auditor of Public Accounts for all costs of the audit. The Auditor of
  Public Accounts shall determine which fiscal year during the five (5) year
  period the audit prescribed by this paragraph will be completed.
- 12 (13) All expenses incurred by or on behalf of the system and the board in the 13 administration of the system during a fiscal year shall be paid from the retirement 14 allowance account. Any other statute to the contrary notwithstanding, authorization 15 for all expenditures relating to the administrative operations of the system shall be 16 contained in the biennial budget unit request, branch budget recommendation, and 17 the financial plan adopted by the General Assembly pursuant to KRS Chapter 48.
- (14) Any person adversely affected by a decision of the board, except as provided under
  subsection (16) of this section or KRS 61.665, involving KRS 16.505 to 16.652,
  61.510 to 61.705, and 78.510 to 78.852, may appeal the decision of the board to the
  Franklin Circuit Court within sixty (60) days of the board action.
- (15) (a) A trustee shall discharge his duties as a trustee, including his duties as a
  member of a committee:
- 24 1. In good faith;
  - 2. On an informed basis; and
- 26 3. In a manner he honestly believes to be in the best interest of the
  27 Kentucky Retirement Systems.

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1	(b)	A trustee discharges his duties on an informed basis if, when he makes an
2		inquiry into the business and affairs of the Kentucky Retirement Systems or
3		into a particular action to be taken or decision to be made, he exercises the
4		care an ordinary prudent person in a like position would exercise under similar
5		circumstances.
6	(c)	In discharging his duties, a trustee may rely on information, opinions, reports,
7		or statements, including financial statements and other financial data, if
8		prepared or presented by:
9		1. One (1) or more officers or employees of the Kentucky Retirement
10		Systems whom the trustee honestly believes to be reliable and competent
11		in the matters presented;
12		2. Legal counsel, public accountants, actuaries, or other persons as to
13		matters the trustee honestly believes are within the person's professional
14		or expert competence; or
15		3. A committee of the board of trustees of which he is not a member if the
16		trustee honestly believes the committee merits confidence.
17	(d)	A trustee shall not be considered as acting in good faith if he has knowledge
18		concerning the matter in question that makes reliance otherwise permitted by
19		paragraph (c) of this subsection unwarranted.
20	(e)	Any action taken as a trustee, or any failure to take any action as a trustee,
21		shall not be the basis for monetary damages or injunctive relief unless:
22		1. The trustee has breached or failed to perform the duties of the trustee's
23		office in compliance with this section; and
24		2. In the case of an action for monetary damages, the breach or failure to
25		perform constitutes willful misconduct or wanton or reckless disregard
26		for human rights, safety, or property.
27	(f)	A person bringing an action for monetary damages under this section shall

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have the burden of proving by clear and convincing evidence the provisions of
 paragraph (e)1. and 2. of this subsection, and the burden of proving that the
 breach or failure to perform was the legal cause of damages suffered by the
 Kentucky Retirement Systems.

- (g) Nothing in this section shall eliminate or limit the liability of any trustee for
  any act or omission occurring prior to July 15, 1988.
- (h) In discharging his or her administrative duties under this section, a trustee
  shall strive to administer the retirement system in an efficient and costeffective manner for the taxpayers of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

10 (16) When an order by the system substantially impairs the benefits or rights of a 11 member, retired member, or recipient, except action which relates to entitlement to 12 disability benefits, or when an employer disagrees with an order of the system as 13 provided by KRS 61.598, the affected member, retired member, recipient, or 14 employer may request a hearing to be held in accordance with KRS Chapter 13B. 15 The board may establish an appeals committee whose members shall be appointed 16 by the chair and who shall have authority to act upon the recommendations and 17 reports of the hearing officer on behalf of the board. The member, retired member, 18 recipient, or employer aggrieved by a final order of the board following the hearing 19 may appeal the decision to the Franklin Circuit Court, in accordance with KRS 20 Chapter 13B.

# (17) The board shall give the Kentucky Education Support Personnel Association twenty-four (24) hours notice of the board meetings, to the extent possible.

- (18) The board shall establish a formal trustee education program for all trustees of the
  board. The program shall include but not be limited to the following:
- (a) A required orientation program for all new trustees elected or appointed to the
  board. The orientation program shall include training on:
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- 1. Benefits and benefits administration;

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- 12. Investment concepts, policies, and current composition and2administration of retirement systems investments;
- 3 3. Laws, bylaws, and administrative regulations pertaining to the
  4 retirement systems and to fiduciaries; and
  - 4. Actuarial and financial concepts pertaining to the retirement systems.

6 If a trustee fails to complete the orientation program within one (1) year from 7 the beginning of his or her first term on the board, the retirement systems shall 8 withhold payment of the per diem and travel expenses due to the board 9 member under this section and KRS 16.640 and 78.780 until the trustee has 10 completed the orientation program;

- 11 (b) Annual required training for board members on the administration, benefits, 12 financing, and investing of the retirement systems. If a trustee fails to 13 complete the annual required training during the calendar or fiscal year, the 14 retirement systems shall withhold payment of the per diem and travel 15 expenses due to the board member under this section and KRS 16.640 and 16 78.780 until the board member has met the annual training requirements; and
- 17 (c) The retirement systems shall incorporate by reference in an administrative
  18 regulation, pursuant to KRS 13A.2251, the trustee education program.
- (19) In order to improve public transparency regarding the administration of the systems,
   the board of trustees shall adopt a best practices model by posting the following
   information to the retirement systems' Web site and shall make available to the
   public:
- (a) Meeting notices and agendas for all meetings of the board. Notices and
  agendas shall be posted to the retirement systems' Web site at least seventytwo (72) hours in advance of the board or committee meetings, except in the
  case of special or emergency meetings as provided by KRS 61.823;
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(b) The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report with the information as follows:

1		1. A general overview and update on the retirement systems by the
2		executive director;
3		2. A listing of the board of trustees;
4		3. A listing of key staff;
5		4. An organizational chart;
6		5. Financial information, including a statement of plan net assets, a
7		statement of changes in plan net assets, an actuarial value of assets, a
8		schedule of investments, a statement of funded status and funding
9		progress, and other supporting data;
10		6. Investment information, including a general overview, a list of the
11		retirement system's professional consultants, a total net of fees return on
12		retirement systems investments over a historical period, an investment
13		summary, contracted investment management expenses, transaction
14		commissions, and a schedule of investments;
15		7. The annual actuarial valuation report on the pension benefit and the
16		medical insurance benefit; and
17		8. A general statistical section, including information on contributions,
18		benefit payouts, and retirement systems' demographic data;
19	(c)	All external audits;
20	(d)	All board minutes or other materials that require adoption or ratification by
21		the board of trustees. The items listed in this paragraph shall be posted within
22		seventy-two (72) hours of adoption or ratification of the board;
23	(e)	All bylaws, policies, or procedures adopted or ratified by the board of trustees;
24	(f)	The retirement systems' summary plan description;
25	(g)	A document containing an unofficial copy of the statutes governing the
26		systems administered by Kentucky Retirement Systems;
27	(h)	A listing of the members of the board of trustees and membership on each

1 committee established by the board, including any investment committees; 2 (i) All investment holdings in aggregate, fees, and commissions for each fund 3 administered by the board, which shall be updated on a quarterly basis for 4 fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2017. The systems shall request from 5 all managers, partnerships, and any other available sources all information 6 regarding fees and commissions and shall, based on the requested information 7 received: 8 1. Disclose the dollar value of fees and commissions paid to each 9 individual manager or partnership; 10 2. Disclose the dollar value of any profit sharing, carried interest, or any 11 other partnership incentive arrangements, partnership agreements, or any 12 other partnership expenses received by or paid to each manager or 13 partnership; and 14 3. As applicable, report each fee or commission by manager or partnership 15 consistent with standards established by the Institutional Limited 16 Partners Association (ILPA). 17 In addition to the requirements of this paragraph, the systems shall also 18 disclose the name and address of all individual underlying managers or 19 partners in any fund of funds in which system assets are invested; 20 (i) An update of net of fees investment returns, asset allocations, and the 21 performance of the funds against benchmarks adopted by the board for each 22 fund, for each asset class administered by the board, and for each manager. 23 The update shall be posted on a quarterly basis for fiscal years beginning on or 24 after July 1, 2017; 25 A searchable database of the systems' expenditures and a listing of each (k) 26 individual employed by the systems along with the employee's salary or 27 wages. In lieu of posting the information required by this paragraph to the

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- systems' Web site, the systems may provide the information through a Web
   site established by the executive branch to inform the public about executive
   branch agency expenditures and public employee salaries and wages;
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 (1) All contracts or offering documents for services, goods, or property purchased or utilized by the systems; and

6 7 (m) Information regarding the systems' financial and actuarial condition that is easily understood by the members, retired members, and the public.

8 (20) Notwithstanding the requirements of subsection (19) of this section, the retirement 9 systems shall not be required to furnish information that is protected under KRS 10 61.661, exempt under KRS 61.878, or that, if disclosed, would compromise the 11 retirement systems' ability to competitively invest in real estate or other asset 12 classes, except that no provision of this section or KRS 61.878 shall exclude 13 disclosure and review of all contracts, including investment contracts, by the board, 14 the Auditor of Public Accounts, and the Government Contract Review Committee 15 established pursuant to KRS 45A.705 or the disclosure of investment fees and 16 commissions as provided by this section. If any public record contains material 17 which is not excepted under this section, the systems shall separate the excepted 18 material by removal, segregation, or redaction, and make the nonexcepted material 19 available for examination.

20 (21) Notwithstanding any other provision of KRS 16.505 to 16.652, 61.510 to 61.705, 21 and 78.510 to 78.852 to the contrary, no funds of the systems administered by 22 Kentucky Retirement Systems, including fees and commissions paid to an 23 investment manager, private fund, or company issuing securities, who manages 24 systems assets, shall be used to pay fees and commissions to placement agents. For 25 purposes of this subsection, "placement agent" means a third-party individual, who 26 is not an employee, or firm, wholly or partially owned by the entity being hired, 27 who solicits investments on behalf of an investment manager, private fund, or

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1		company issuing securities.			
2		→ Section 2. KRS 78.625 is amended to read as follows:			
3	(1)	The agency reporting official of the county shall file the following at the retirement			
4		office on or before the tenth day of the month following the period being reported:			
5		(a) The employee and employer contributions required under KRS 78.610,			
6		61.565, and 61.702;			
7		(b) The employer contributions and reimbursements for retiree health insurance			
8		premiums required under KRS 61.637; and			
9		(c) A record of all contributions to the system on the forms prescribed by the			
10		systems.			
11	(2)	(a) If the agency reporting official fails to file at the retirement office all			
12		contributions and reports on or before the tenth day of the month following			
13		the period being reported, interest on the delinquent contributions at the			
14		actuarial rate adopted by the board compounded annually, but not less than			
15		one thousand dollars (\$1,000), <u>may[shall]</u> be added to the amount due the			
16		system.			
17		(b) Delinquent contributions, with interest at the rate adopted by the board			
18		compounded annually, or penalties may be recovered by action in the Franklin			
19		Circuit Court against the county liable or may, at the request of the board, be			
20		deducted from any other moneys payable to the county by any department or			
21		agency of the state.			
22	(3)	If an agency is delinquent in the payment of contributions due in accordance with			
23		any of the provisions of KRS 78.510 to 78.852, refunds and retirement allowance			
24		payments to members of this agency may be suspended until the delinquent			
25		contributions, with interest at the rate adopted by the board compounded annually,			
26		or penalties have been paid to the system.			
27		Section 3. KRS 61.675 is amended to read as follows:			

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- (1) The employer shall prepare the records and, from time to time, shall furnish the
   information the system may require in the discharge of its duties. Upon employment
   of an employee, the employer shall inform him of his duties and obligations in
   connection with the system as a condition of employment.
- 5 (2)The system may at any time conduct an audit of the employer in order to determine 6 if the employer is complying with the provisions of KRS 16.505 to 16.652, 61.610 7 to 61.705, or 78.510 to 78.852. The system shall have access to and may examine 8 all books, accounts, reports, correspondence files, and records of any employer. 9 Every employer, employee, or agency reporting official of a department or county, 10 as defined in KRS 78.510(3), having records in his possession or under his control, 11 shall permit access to and examination of the records upon the request of the 12 system.
- (3) (a) Any agency participating in the Kentucky Employees Retirement System
  which is not an integral part of the executive branch of state government shall
  file the following at the retirement office on or before the tenth day of the
  month following the period being reported:
- The employer and employee contributions required under KRS 61.560,
   61.565, and 61.702;
- 192. The employer contributions and reimbursements for retiree health20insurance premiums required under KRS 61.637; and
- 213. A record of all contributions to the system on the forms prescribed by22the board.
- (b) If the agency fails to file all contributions and reports on or before the tenth day of
  the month following the period being reported, interest on the delinquent
  contributions at the actuarial rate adopted by the board compounded annually, but
  not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), *may*[shall] be added to the amount due
  the system.

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→ Section 4. KRS 61.702 is amended to read as follows:

2 1. The board of trustees of Kentucky Retirement Systems shall arrange by (1)(a) 3 appropriate contract or on a self-insured basis to provide a group 4 hospital and medical insurance plan for present and future recipients of a retirement allowance from the Kentucky Employees Retirement System, 5 6 County Employees Retirement System, and State Police Retirement 7 System, except as provided in subsection (8) of this section. The board shall also arrange to provide health care coverage through an insurer 8 9 licensed pursuant to Subtitle 38 of KRS Chapter 304 and offering a 10 managed care plan as defined in KRS 304.17A-500, as an alternative to group hospital and medical insurance for any person eligible for hospital 11 12 and medical benefits under this section.

Any person who chooses coverage under a hospital and medical
insurance plan shall pay, by payroll deduction from the retirement
allowance or by another method, the difference in premium between the
cost of the hospital and medical insurance plan coverage and the benefits
to which he would be entitled under this section.

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3. For purposes of this section, "hospital and medical insurance plan" may
19 include, at the board's discretion, any one (1) or more of the following:

20a.Any hospital and medical expense policy or certificate, provider-21sponsored integrated health delivery network, self-insured medical22plan, health maintenance organization contract, or other health23benefit plan;

b. Any health savings account as permitted by 26 U.S.C. sec. 223 or
health reimbursement arrangement or a similar account as may be
permitted by 26 U.S.C. sec. 105 or 106. Such arrangement or
account, in the board's discretion, may reimburse any medical

1			expense permissible under 26 U.S.C. sec. 213; or
2			c. A medical insurance reimbursement program established by the
3			board through the promulgation of administrative regulation under
4			which members purchase individual health insurance coverage
5			through a health insurance exchange established under 42 U.S.C.
6			sec. 18031 or 18041.
7		(b)	The board may authorize present and future recipients of a retirement
8			allowance from any of the three (3) retirement systems to be included in the
9			state employees' group for hospital and medical insurance and shall provide
10			benefits for recipients equal to those provided to state employees having the
11			same Medicare hospital and medical insurance eligibility status, except as
12			provided in subsection (8) of this section. Notwithstanding the provisions of
13			any other statute, recipients shall be included in the same class as current state
14			employees in determining medical insurance policies and premiums.
15		(c)	For recipients of a retirement allowance who are not eligible for the same
16			level of hospital and medical benefits as recipients living in Kentucky having
17			the same Medicare hospital and medical insurance eligibility status, the board
18			shall provide a medical insurance reimbursement plan as described in
19			subsection (7) of this section.
20		(d)	Notwithstanding anything in KRS Chapter 61 to the contrary, the board of
21			trustees, in its discretion, may take necessary steps to ensure compliance with
22			42 U.S.C. secs. 300bb-1 et seq., including but not limited to receiving
23			contributions and premiums from, and providing benefits pursuant to this
24			section to, persons entitled to continuation coverage under 42 U.S.C. secs.
25			300bb-1 et seq., regardless of whether such persons are recipients of a
26			retirement allowance.
27	(2)	(a)	Each employer participating in the State Police Retirement System as

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1 provided for in KRS 16.505 to 16.652, each employer participating in the 2 County Employees Retirement System as provided in KRS 78.510 to 78.852, 3 and each employer participating in the Kentucky Employees Retirement 4 System as provided for in KRS 61.510 to 61.705 shall contribute to the 5 Kentucky Retirement Systems insurance trust fund the amount necessary to 6 provide hospital and medical insurance as provided for under this section. 7 Such employer contribution rate shall be developed by appropriate actuarial 8 method as a part of the determination of each respective employer 9 contribution rate to each respective retirement system determined under KRS 61.565. 10

11 (b) 1. Each employer described in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall deduct 12 from the creditable compensation of each member having a membership date on or after September 1, 2008, and effective January 1, 2019, of 13 14 each member having a membership date on or after July 1, 2003, but 15 prior to September 1, 2008], an amount equal to one percent (1%) of the 16 member's creditable compensation. The deducted amounts shall, at the 17 discretion of the board, be credited to accounts established pursuant to 18 26 U.S.C. sec. 401(h), within the funds established in KRS 16.510, 19 61.515, and 78.520, or the Kentucky Retirement Systems insurance 20 trust fund established under KRS 61.701, or partially to one fund with 21 the remainder deposited to the other fund. Notwithstanding the 22 provisions of this paragraph, a transfer of assets between the accounts established pursuant to 26 U.S.C. sec. 401(h), within the funds 23 24 established in KRS 16.510, 61.515, and 78.520, and the Kentucky 25 Retirement Systems insurance trust fund established under KRS 26 61.701 shall not be allowed.

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2. The employer shall file the contributions as provided by subparagraph 1.

1		of this paragraph at the retirement office in accordance with KRS 61.675
2		and 78.625. Any interest or penalties paid on any delinquent
3		contributions shall be credited to accounts established pursuant to 26
4		U.S.C. sec. 401(h), within the funds established in KRS 16.510, 61.515,
5		and 78.520, or the Kentucky Retirement Systems insurance trust fund
6		established under KRS 61.701. Notwithstanding any minimum
7		compensation requirements provided by law, the deductions provided by
8		this paragraph shall be made, and the compensation of the member shall
9		be reduced accordingly.
10	3.	Each employer shall submit payroll reports, contributions lists, and other
11		data as may be required by administrative regulation promulgated by the
12		board of trustees pursuant to KRS Chapter 13A.
13	4.	Every member shall be deemed to consent and agree to the deductions
14		made pursuant to this paragraph, and the payment of salary or
15		compensation less the deductions shall be a full and complete discharge
16		of all claims for services rendered by the person during the period
17		covered by the payment, except as to any benefits provided by KRS
18		16.505 to 16.652, 61.510 to 61.705, and 78.510 to 78.852. No member
19		may elect whether to participate in, or choose the contribution amount
20		payable to accounts established pursuant to 26 U.S.C. sec. 401(h) within
21		the funds established in KRS 16.510, 61.515, and 78.520, or the
22		Kentucky Retirement Systems insurance trust fund established under
23		KRS 61.701. The member shall have no option to receive the
24		contribution required by this paragraph directly instead of having the
25		contribution paid to accounts established pursuant to 26 U.S.C. sec.
26		401(h) within the funds established in KRS 16.510, 61.515, and $78.520_{\underline{1}}$
27		or the Kentucky Retirement Systems insurance trust fund established

1				under KRS 61.701. No member may receive a rebate or refund of
2				contributions. If a member establishes a membership date prior to
3				September 1, 2008, pursuant to KRS 61.552(1) or 61.552(20), then this
4				paragraph shall not apply to the member and all contributions previously
5				deducted in accordance with this paragraph shall be refunded to the
6				member without interest. The contribution made pursuant to this
7				paragraph shall not act as a reduction or offset to any other contribution
8				required of a member or recipient under KRS 16.505 to 16.652, 61.510
9				to 61.705, and 78.510 to 78.852.
10			5.	The board of trustees, at its discretion, may direct that the contributions
11				required by this paragraph be accounted for within accounts established
12				pursuant to 26 U.S.C. sec. 401(h) within the funds established in KRS
13				16.510, 61.515, and 78.520, or the Kentucky Retirement Systems
14				insurance trust fund established under KRS 61.701, through the use of
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1		insurance trust fund or accounts established pursuant to 26 U.S.C. sec.
2		401(h) within the funds established in KRS 16.510, 61.515, and 78.520
3		under a reciprocal agreement shall not exceed the amount that would be
4		payable under this section if all the member's service were in one (1) of
5		the systems administered by the Kentucky Retirement Systems;
6	5.	Partly from subparagraphs 1. to 4. of this paragraph, except that any
7		premium for hospital and medical insurance over the amount contributed
8		by the Kentucky Retirement Systems insurance trust fund; accounts
9		established pursuant to 26 U.S.C. sec. 401(h) within the funds
10		established in KRS 16.510, 61.515, and 78.520; or another state-
11		administered retirement system under a reciprocal agreement shall be
12		paid by the recipient by an automatic electronic transfer of funds. If the
13		board provides for cross-referencing of insurance premiums, the
14		employer's contribution for the working member or spouse shall be
15		applied toward the premium, and the Kentucky Retirement Systems
16		insurance trust fund or accounts established pursuant to 26 U.S.C. sec.
17		401(h) within the funds established in KRS 16.510, 61.515, and 78.520
18		shall pay the balance, not to exceed the monthly contribution; or
19	6.	In full from the Kentucky Retirement Systems insurance trust fund or
20		accounts established pursuant to 26 U.S.C. sec. 401(h) within the funds
21		established in KRS 16.510, 61.515, and 78.520 for all recipients of a
22		retirement allowance from any of the three (3) retirement systems where
23		such recipient is a retired former member of one (1) or more of the three
24		(3) retirement systems (not a beneficiary or dependent child receiving
25		benefits) and had two hundred and forty (240) months or more of service
26		upon retirement. Should such recipient have less than two hundred forty

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1	months of service, seventy-five percent (75%) of such premium shall be
2	paid from the insurance trust fund or accounts established pursuant to 26
3	U.S.C. sec. 401(h) within the funds established in KRS 16.510, 61.515,
4	and 78.520, provided such recipient agrees to pay the remaining twenty-
5	five percent (25%) by payroll deduction from his retirement allowance
6	or by another method. Should such recipient have less than one hundred
7	eighty (180) months of service but have at least one hundred twenty
8	(120) months of service, fifty percent (50%) of such premium shall be
9	paid from the insurance trust fund or accounts established pursuant to 26
10	U.S.C. sec. 401(h) within the funds established in KRS 16.510, 61.515,
11	and 78.520, provided such recipient agrees to pay the remaining fifty
12	percent (50%) by payroll deduction from his retirement allowance or by
13	another method. Should such recipient have less than one hundred
14	twenty (120) months of service but have at least forty-eight (48) months
15	of service, twenty-five percent (25%) of such premium shall be paid
16	from the insurance trust fund or accounts established pursuant to 26
17	U.S.C. sec. 401(h) within the funds established in KRS 16.510, 61.515,
18	and 78.520, provided such recipient agrees to pay the remaining seventy-
19	five percent (75%) by payroll deduction from his retirement allowance
20	or by another method. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this
21	subsection, an employee participating in one (1) of the retirement
22	systems administered by the Kentucky Retirement Systems who
23	becomes disabled as a direct result of an act in line of duty as defined in
24	KRS 16.505 or as a result of a duty-related injury as defined in KRS
25	61.621, shall have his premium paid in full as if he had two hundred
26	forty (240) months or more of service. Further, an employee
27	participating in one (1) of the retirement systems administered by the

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1 Kentucky Retirement Systems who is killed as a direct result of an act in 2 line of duty as defined in KRS 16.505 or as a result of a duty-related injury as defined in KRS 61.621, shall have the premium for the 3 4 beneficiary, if the beneficiary is the member's spouse, and for each 5 dependent child as defined in KRS 16.505, paid so long as they individually remain eligible for a monthly retirement benefit. "Months of 6 7 service" as used in this section shall mean the total months of combined service used to determine benefits under any or all of the three (3) 8 9 retirement systems, except service added to determine disability benefits 10 shall not be counted as "months of service." For current and former 11 employees of the Council on Postsecondary Education who were 12 employed prior to January 1, 1993, and who earn at least fifteen (15) years of service credit in the Kentucky Employees Retirement System, 13 14 "months of service" shall also include vested service in another 15 retirement system other than the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System 16 sponsored by the Council on Postsecondary Education. For a member electing insurance coverage through the Kentucky 17 (b) 1.

- 17(b)1.For a member electing insurance coverage through the Kentucky18Retirement Systems, "months of service" shall include, in addition to19service as described in paragraph (a) of this subsection, service credit in20one (1) of the other state-administered retirement plans.
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1		retirement plan annually shall pay to the insurance trust fund the
2		percentage of the system's cost of the retiree's monthly contribution for
3		single coverage for hospital and medical insurance which shall be equal
4		to the percentage of the member's number of months of service in the
5		other state-administered retirement plan divided by his total combined
6		service. The amounts paid by the other state-administered retirement
7		plans and the insurance trust fund or accounts established pursuant to 26
8		U.S.C. sec. 401(h) within the funds established in KRS 16.510, 61.515,
9		and 78.520 shall not be more than one hundred percent (100%) of the
10		monthly contribution adopted by the respective boards of trustees.
11		3. A member may not elect coverage for hospital and medical benefits
12		under this subsection through more than one (1) of the state-
13		administered retirement plans.
14		4. A state-administered retirement plan shall not pay any portion of a
15		member's monthly contribution for medical insurance unless the member
16		is a recipient or annuitant of the plan.
17		5. The premium paid by the Kentucky Retirement Systems insurance trust
18		fund or accounts established pursuant to 26 U.S.C. sec. 401(h) within
19		the funds established in KRS 16.510, 61.515, and 78.520 shall not
20		exceed one hundred percent (100%) of the monthly contribution rate
21		toward hospital and medical insurance coverage approved by the board
22		of trustees of the Kentucky Retirement Systems.
23	(4) (a)	Group rates under the hospital and medical insurance plan shall be made
24		available to the spouse, each dependent child, and each disabled child,
25		regardless of the disabled child's age, of a recipient who is a former member
26		or the beneficiary, if the premium for the hospital and medical insurance for
27		the spouse, each dependent child, and each disabled child, or beneficiary is

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paid by payroll deduction from the retirement allowance or by another method. For purposes of this subsection only, a child shall be considered disabled if he has been determined to be eligible for federal Social Security disability benefits or meets the dependent disability standard established by the Department of Employee Insurance in the Personnel Cabinet.

6 The other provisions of this section notwithstanding, the insurance trust fund (b) 7 or accounts established pursuant to 26 U.S.C. sec. 401(h) within the funds 8 established in KRS 16.510, 61.515, and 78.520 shall pay a percentage of the 9 monthly contribution for the spouse and for each dependent child of a 10 recipient who was a member of the General Assembly and is receiving a 11 retirement allowance based on General Assembly service, of the Kentucky 12 Employees Retirement System and determined to be in a hazardous position, 13 of the County Employees Retirement System, and determined to be in a 14 hazardous position or of the State Police Retirement System. The percentage 15 of the monthly contribution paid for the spouse and each dependent child of a 16 recipient who was in a hazardous position shall be based solely on the member's service with the State Police Retirement System or service in a 17 18 hazardous position using the formula in subsection (3)(a) of this section, 19 except that for any recipient of a retirement allowance from the County 20 Employees Retirement System who was contributing to the system on January 21 1, 1998, for service in a hazardous position, the percentage of the monthly 22 contribution shall be based on the total of hazardous service and any 23 nonhazardous service as a police or firefighter with the same agency, if that 24 agency was participating in the County Employees Retirement System but did 25 not offer hazardous duty coverage for its police and firefighters at the time of 26 initial participation.

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(c) The insurance trust fund or accounts established pursuant to 26 U.S.C. sec.

1 401(h) within the funds established in KRS 16.510, KRS 61.515, and 78.520 2 shall continue the same level of coverage for a recipient who was a member of 3 the County Employees Retirement System after the age of sixty-five (65) as 4 before the age of sixty-five (65), if the recipient is not eligible for Medicare 5 coverage. If the insurance trust fund or accounts established pursuant to 26 6 U.S.C. sec. 401(h) within the funds established in KRS 16.510, 61.515, and 7 78.520 provides coverage for the spouse or each dependent child of a former 8 member of the County Employees Retirement System, the insurance trust fund 9 or accounts established pursuant to 26 U.S.C. sec. 401(h) within the funds 10 established in KRS 16.510, 61.515, and 78.520 shall continue the same level 11 of coverage for the spouse or each dependent child after the age of sixty-five 12 (65) as before the age of sixty-five (65), if the spouse or dependent child is not 13 eligible for Medicare coverage.

14 (5) After July 1, 1998, notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, a member 15 who holds a judicial office but did not elect to participate in the Judicial Retirement 16 Plan and is participating instead in the Kentucky Employees Retirement System, the 17 County Employees Retirement System, or the State Police Retirement System, as 18 provided in KRS 61.680, and who has at least twenty (20) years of total service, 19 one-half (1/2) of which is in a judicial office, shall receive the same hospital and medical insurance benefits, including paid benefits for spouse and dependents, as 20 provided to persons retiring under the provisions of KRS 21.427. The 21 22 Administrative Office of the Courts shall pay the cost of the medical insurance 23 benefits provided by this subsection.

(6) Premiums paid for hospital and medical insurance coverage procured under
authority of this section shall be exempt from any premium tax which might
otherwise be required under KRS Chapter 136. The payment of premiums by the
insurance trust fund or accounts established pursuant to 26 U.S.C. sec. 401(h)

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within the funds established in KRS 16.510, 61.515, and 78.520 shall not constitute taxable income to an insured recipient. No commission shall be paid for hospital and medical insurance procured under authority of this section.

(7) 4 The board shall promulgate an administrative regulation to establish a medical 5 insurance reimbursement plan to provide reimbursement for hospital and medical 6 insurance premiums of recipients of a retirement allowance who are not eligible for 7 the same level of hospital and medical benefits as recipients living in Kentucky and 8 having the same Medicare hospital and medical insurance eligibility status. An 9 eligible recipient shall file proof of payment for hospital and medical insurance at 10 the retirement office. Reimbursement to eligible recipients shall be made on a 11 quarterly basis. The recipient shall be eligible for reimbursement of substantiated 12 medical insurance premiums for an amount not to exceed the total monthly 13 premium determined under subsection (3) of this section. The plan shall not be 14 made available if all recipients are eligible for the same coverage as recipients 15 living in Kentucky.

- 16 (8) (a) 1. For employees having a membership date on or after July 1, 2003, and
  17 before September 1, 2008, participation in the insurance benefits
  18 provided under this section shall not be allowed until the employee has
  19 earned at least one hundred twenty (120) months of service in the state20 administered retirement systems.
- For an employee having a membership date on or after September 1,
   2008, participation in the insurance benefits provided under this section
   shall not be allowed until the employee has earned at least one hundred
   eighty (180) months of service credited under KRS 16.543(1),
   61.543(1), or 78.615(1) or another state-administered retirement system.
- (b) An employee who meets the minimum service requirements as provided by
  paragraph (a) of this subsection shall be eligible for benefits as follows:

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 For employees who are not in a hazardous position, a monthly insurance contribution of ten dollars (\$10) for each year of service as a participating employee.

4 2. For employees who are in a hazardous position or who participate in the State Police Retirement System, a monthly insurance contribution of 5 fifteen dollars (\$15) for each year of service as a participating employee 6 7 in a hazardous position or as a participating member of the State Police Retirement System. Upon the death of the retired member, the 8 9 beneficiary, if the beneficiary is the member's spouse, shall be entitled to 10 a monthly insurance contribution of ten dollars (\$10) for each year of service the member attained as a participating employee in a hazardous 11 12 position or as a participating member of the State Police Retirement 13 System.

14(c)1.The minimum service requirement to participate in benefits as provided15by paragraph (a) of this subsection shall be waived for a member who is16disabled as a direct result of an act in line of duty as defined in KRS1716.505, and the member or his spouse and eligible dependents shall be18entitled to the benefits payable under this subsection as though the19member had twenty (20) years of service in a hazardous position.

20 2. The minimum service required to participate in benefits as provided by 21 paragraph (a) of this subsection shall be waived for a member who is 22 disabled by a duty-related injury as defined in KRS 61.621, and the 23 member shall be entitled to the benefits payable under this subsection as 24 though the member has twenty (20) years of service in a nonhazardous 25 position.

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3. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the minimum service
27 required to participate in benefits as provided by paragraph (a) of this

- subsection shall be waived for a member who dies as a direct result of an
  act in line of duty as defined in KRS 16.505 or who dies as a result of a
  duty-related injury as defined in KRS 61.621, and the premium for the
  member's spouse and for each dependent child as defined in KRS 16.505
  shall be paid in full by the systems so long as they individually remain
  eligible for a monthly retirement benefit.
- (d) Except as provided by paragraph (c)3. of this subsection, the monthly
  insurance contribution amount shall be increased July 1 of each year by one
  and one-half percent (1.5%). The increase shall be cumulative and shall
  continue to accrue after the member's retirement for as long as a monthly
  insurance contribution is payable to the retired member or beneficiary.
- (e) The benefits of this subsection provided to a member whose participation
  begins on or after July 1, 2003, shall not be considered as benefits protected
  by the inviolable contract provisions of KRS 61.692, 16.652, and 78.852. The
  General Assembly reserves the right to suspend or reduce the benefits
  conferred in this subsection if in its judgment the welfare of the
  Commonwealth so demands.
- (f) An employee whose membership date is on or after September 1, 2008, who
  retires and is reemployed in a regular full-time position required to participate
  in one (1) of the systems administered by Kentucky Retirement Systems shall
  not be eligible for health insurance coverage or benefits provided by this
  section and shall take coverage with his or her employing agency during the
  period of reemployment in a regular full-time position.
- Section 5. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1 of this Act or 2013 Ky.
  Acts ch. 120 to the contrary, the successor of the County Employees Retirement System
  trustee whose election as trustee was completed in accordance with 2013 Ky. Acts ch.
  120, sec. 82, shall be elected during the period of January 1, 2021, through March 31,

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- 1 2021, in accordance with procedures set forth in Section 1 of this Act and the election
- 2 policy adopted by the board of trustees, but shall not take office until November 1, 2021,
- 3 and shall serve a term of office ending March 31, 2025.