

**SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

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FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 2120

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Senate

and

McDaniel (Randy) of the  
House

An Act relating to the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System; creating the Future State Employee Retirement Act; requiring the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System to establish defined contribution system; specifying persons eligible for participation in system; prescribing procedures related to date of service accrual; requiring defined contribution system to be qualified pursuant to provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended; prescribing minimum employee contribution amount; prescribing maximum employee contribution amount; providing for salary deductions for employee contributions; providing for employer matching contributions; specifying amount of employer matching contributions; prescribing procedures related to employer matching contributions; providing for modifications to matching amounts; prescribing procedures for cost computation; providing for payment of certain costs related to administration of defined contribution system; providing for vesting schedule; providing for applicability of provisions of Section 414(h) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, with respect to employee contributions; imposing duty on Board of Trustees of Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System with respect to investment of funds in defined contribution system accounts; providing for payment of certain revenues to the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System; providing for deposit of funds with existing defined benefit plan; amending 74 O.S.

2011, Sections 913.4, as last amended by Section 113, Chapter 15, O.S.L. 2012, 920, as amended by Section 929, Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012 and 920A (74 O.S. Supp. 2013, Sections 913.4 and 920), which relate to the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System; requiring certain elected officials to participate in defined contribution retirement system; modifying provisions related to employer contributions; requiring payment of certain differential amount to the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System for specified purpose; providing for effect of enactment on certain rights; prohibiting certain collection activity with respect to funds; authorizing offsets; providing for enforcement of qualified domestic orders; defining term; prescribing procedures with respect to alternate payees; prescribing content; imposing restrictions; authorizing rules; amending 74 O.S. 2011, Sections 1316.2, as amended by Section 962, Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012 and 1707, as amended by Section 986, Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012 (74 O.S. Supp. 2013, Sections 1316.2 and 1707), which relate to certain provisions affecting the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System; modifying provisions based on certain employee election; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 935.1 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Future State Employee Retirement Act".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 935.2 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1       Effective November 1, 2015, the Oklahoma Public Employees  
2 Retirement System ("System") shall establish a defined contribution  
3 system for those persons who first become employed by any  
4 participating employer of the System, as defined by paragraph (25)  
5 of Section 902 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes, on or after  
6 November 1, 2015. Such eligible persons shall become participants  
7 in the defined contribution system, exempting those members  
8 classified as Hazardous Duty Employees.

9       SECTION 3.       NEW LAW       A new section of law to be codified  
10 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 935.3 of Title 74, unless there  
11 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

12       The Board of Trustees of the Oklahoma Public Employees  
13 Retirement System ("Board") shall take whatever action is reasonable  
14 and necessary to have the defined contribution system authorized by  
15 this act recognized as a tax-qualified plan as that term is defined  
16 by Section 401 et seq. of Title 26 of the United States Code, or any  
17 other applicable provisions of federal law. The Board is also  
18 authorized to establish a plan or use an existing plan established  
19 under Section 457(b) of Title 26 of the United States Code, if it is  
20 necessary to carry out the intent of this act. The Board shall take  
21 whatever action is reasonable and necessary to obtain confirmation  
22 from the Internal Revenue Service that any such 457(b) plan is  
23 consistent with the requirements of Section 457(b).

SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 935.4 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. All employees participating in the defined contribution retirement system established by this act shall contribute a minimum of three percent (3%) of compensation. Participating employees may elect to contribute amounts above the required minimum contribution and contributions shall be eligible for matching employer contributions as provided by subsection B of this section.

B. Employers participating in the defined contribution retirement system shall match employee contributions on a monthly or more frequent basis according to the following schedule based on the same compensation amount used to compute the employee contribution amount:

| Employee Contribution Rate | Employer Match |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| 3.0%                       | 3.0%           |
| 4.0%                       | 4.0%           |
| 5.0%                       | 5.0%           |
| 6.0%                       | 6.0%           |
| 7.0%                       | 7.0%           |

C. The initial three-percent employee contribution shall be the only mandatory contribution of an employee participating in the defined contribution retirement system created by this act. These funds shall be placed by the System in either a 401(a) plan or a

1 457(b) plan, to be determined by the Board to maintain the plan  
2 consistent with the Internal Revenue Code. Any employee  
3 contributions over the three-percent (3%) initial contribution shall  
4 be considered voluntary deferrals of compensation and placed in a  
5 457(b) plan. All employer matching funds shall be placed in a  
6 401(a) plan.

7 D. A participating employee may elect to make contributions  
8 above the mandatory contribution rate of three percent (3%). The  
9 participating employee may make such an election upon initial entry  
10 into the defined contribution system and can only be changed once  
11 per calendar year during an option period as the Board determines.  
12 The employee contribution rate elected by the participating employee  
13 shall continue until the next option period.

14 E. The employer match as set forth in subsection B of this  
15 section may be adjusted at any time by the Legislature without  
16 affecting the then-existing rights of members and beneficiaries.

17 SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 935.5 of Title 74, unless there  
19 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 A. Except as otherwise provided by this section, employers  
21 shall make payment of the required matching amount as provided by  
22 Section 4 of this act within five (5) business days of the  
23 participating employees payroll pay date. The System shall ensure  
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1 the payment is credited to the defined contribution system account  
2 of the employee as soon as possible.

3 B. All employee contributions to the defined contribution  
4 system shall be affected by salary deductions from the salary of the  
5 participating employee and shall be remitted by the participating  
6 employer to the System for deposit into the defined contribution  
7 system account maintained on behalf of the employee.

8 C. Participating employers whose salary deductions and employer  
9 contributions are not remitted to the System through the Office of  
10 Management and Enterprise Services shall either:

11 1. Send all such remittances by electronic funds transfer; or

12 2. Place all such remittances in a bank account from which the  
13 System can debit the amount due;

14 both within five (5) business days of the payroll pay date of the  
15 employee. Payroll data shall be remitted by the same deadline.

16 D. The Office of Management and Enterprise Services shall  
17 cooperate with the Board to ensure that any necessary programming  
18 changes are made to the state's payroll system to carry out the  
19 requirements of this act.

20 E. Participating employers shall pay to the System in the same  
21 manner and at the same time required for contributions under this  
22 section an amount to reimburse the cost of administration of the  
23 defined contribution system, as determined by the Board.

1        1. The Board shall certify each year to the Office of  
2 Management and Enterprise Services and to participating employers  
3 whose salary deductions and employer contributions are not remitted  
4 to the System through the Office of Management and Enterprise  
5 Services, the determined amount for the administrative cost of the  
6 defined contribution system which will be required to be paid for  
7 each participant. The Board shall promulgate such rules as  
8 necessary to implement the provisions of this subsection and provide  
9 the methodology for the determination.

10       2. Each employer shall pay, at least monthly, to the System a  
11 sum sufficient to satisfy the obligation under this section as  
12 certified by the Board.

13       F. The account of each employee participating in the defined  
14 contribution system shall consist of the amount in the account plus  
15 credits representing employer and employee contributions, profits,  
16 income and other increments attributable to such contributions,  
17 minus debits representing any losses, other decrements, or expenses  
18 under the system and any distributions made to the employee under  
19 the System. **The Board shall promulgate rules prohibiting**  
20 **participating employees from borrowing or receiving an extension of**  
21 **credit based on the value of the employee's defined contribution**  
22 **account.**  
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SECTION 6. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 935.6 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Participating employees shall at all times be vested at one hundred percent (100%) of the amount of the employee contributions. Participating employees shall have investment discretion over the contributions within the available options offered by the Board.

B. Participating employees shall be vested with respect to the employer matching amounts deposited into their defined contribution system account based upon years of participating service according to the following schedule:

|                       |      |
|-----------------------|------|
| Year 1                | 20%  |
| Year 2                | 40%  |
| Year 3                | 60%  |
| Year 4                | 80%  |
| Year 5 and thereafter | 100% |

C. Participating employees shall have investment discretion over all employer contributions. For purposes of determining an employee's right to withdraw employer matching contributions and any investment gains upon such amounts, the vesting percentages apply at the end of each full year of service above. The Board shall establish default investment options for both the employee and employer contributions. To the extent that participants leave employment and have not vested in all of the employer contributions,

1 the nonvested contributions may be used to offset costs of  
2 administering the plan.

3 SECTION 7. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
4 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 935.7 of Title 74, unless there  
5 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

6 A. Each participating employer shall pick up under the  
7 provisions of Section 414(h) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of  
8 1986, as amended, and pay the contribution which the participating  
9 employee is required by law to make to the System for all  
10 compensation earned after the date as of which an employee elects to  
11 participate in the defined contribution system. Although the  
12 contributions so picked up are designated as participating employee  
13 contributions, such contributions shall be treated as contributions  
14 being paid by the employee in lieu of contributions by the  
15 participating employee in determining tax treatment under the  
16 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and such picked-up  
17 contributions shall not constitute gross income of the member until  
18 such amounts are distributed or made available to the member or the  
19 beneficiary of the member. The participating employee, by the terms  
20 of this System, shall not have any option to choose to receive the  
21 contributions so picked up directly and the picked-up contributions  
22 shall be paid by the employer to the System.

23 B. Contributions by the participating employee into a 457(b)  
24 plan may not be picked up by the employer but shall be a voluntary

1 deferral of the employee's compensation. Participating employers  
2 within the System that are not eligible to participate in the  
3 Oklahoma State Employees Deferred Savings Incentive Plan as provided  
4 by Section 1707 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes, and have  
5 established a plan pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code, Section  
6 457(b) for their employees, shall ensure that their employees do not  
7 exceed the maximum annual contributions to a 457(b) plan under the  
8 Internal Revenue Code.

9 SECTION 8. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
10 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 935.8 of Title 74, unless there  
11 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

12 The Board of Trustees shall contract with one or more business  
13 entities in order to create a range of choices regarding investment  
14 of funds deposited into defined contribution system accounts. The  
15 investment options shall be substantially similar to the options  
16 provided to members of the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement  
17 System that maintain a Deferred Savings Incentive Plan account as  
18 offered by the System pursuant to the provisions of the Deferred  
19 Savings Incentive Plan. The Board of Trustees shall only enter into  
20 a contract with a business that offers an annuity option. The Board  
21 may amend any of its existing contracts with its current service  
22 providers to perform substantially the same type of service the  
23 provider is currently performing for the Board, in order to  
24 facilitate the timely introduction of the new defined contribution

1 system created by this act. Thereafter, the contracting process for  
2 the selection of service providers carrying out duties related to  
3 the administration of the plan shall be the same as the selection  
4 process for other providers selected by the Board under subsection D  
5 of Section 909.1 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

6 SECTION 9. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
7 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 935.9 of Title 74, unless there  
8 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

9 Notwithstanding any other provision of the statutes governing  
10 the System to the contrary, each participating employer shall remit  
11 to the System the difference between the amount of money which would  
12 be remitted to the System using the employer contribution rate  
13 required by either Section 920 or Section 920A of Title 74 of the  
14 Oklahoma Statutes and the amount of money required for the  
15 participating employer to make the required matching contribution  
16 amount on behalf of a participating employee in the defined  
17 contribution system authorized pursuant to the provisions of Section  
18 4 of this act.

19 SECTION 10. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 935.10 of Title 74, unless there  
21 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 A. Except as otherwise provided by this section or in  
23 subsection D of Section 4 of this act, no alteration, amendment, or  
24 repeal of this act shall affect the then-existing rights of members

1 and beneficiaries, but shall be effective only as to rights which  
2 would otherwise accrue hereunder as a result of services rendered by  
3 an employee after such alteration, amendment, or repeal. Any  
4 benefits, fund, property, or rights created by or accruing to any  
5 person under the provisions of this act shall not be subject to  
6 execution, garnishment or attachment, or any other process or claim  
7 whatsoever, and shall be unassignable, except as specifically  
8 provided by this section. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board  
9 may offset any amounts held by a participant in the plan or  
10 beneficiary to pay a judgment or settlement against a member or  
11 beneficiary for a crime involving the System, for a fraud or breach  
12 of the member's fiduciary duty to the System, or for funds or monies  
13 incorrectly paid to a member or a beneficiary, provided such offset  
14 is in accordance with the requirements of Section 401(a)(13) or  
15 similar provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. The offset applies  
16 to any assets held in the plan which may otherwise be payable to a  
17 member or beneficiary from the plan administered by the Board.

18 B. 1. The provisions of subsection A of this section shall not  
19 apply to a qualified domestic order as provided pursuant to this  
20 subsection.

21 2. The term "qualified domestic order" means an order issued by  
22 a district court of this state pursuant to the domestic relation  
23 laws of the State of Oklahoma which relate to the provision of  
24 marital property rights to a spouse or former spouse of a member or

1 provision of support for a minor child or children and which creates  
2 or recognizes the existence of the right of an alternate payee, or  
3 assigns to an alternate payee the right, to receive a portion of the  
4 funds payable with respect to a participant in the plan.

5 3. For purposes of the payment of marital property, to qualify  
6 as an alternate payee, a spouse or former spouse must have been  
7 married to the related member for a period of not less than thirty  
8 (30) continuous months immediately preceding the commencement of the  
9 proceedings from which the qualified domestic order issues.

10 4. A qualified domestic order is valid and binding on the Board  
11 and the related member only if it meets the requirements of this  
12 subsection.

13 5. A qualified domestic order shall clearly specify:

- 14 a. the name and last-known mailing address (if any) of  
15 the member and the name and mailing address of the  
16 alternate payee covered by the order,
- 17 b. the amount or percentage of the member's funds or  
18 assets to be paid by the System to the alternate  
19 payee,
- 20 c. the number of payments or period to which such order  
21 applies,
- 22 d. the characterization of the benefit as to marital  
23 property rights or child support, and
- 24 e. each plan to which such order applies.

1       6. A qualified domestic order meets the requirements of this  
2 subsection only if such order:

3           a. does not require the System to provide any type or  
4 form of benefit, or any option not otherwise provided  
5 under state law as relates to the System,

6           b. does not require the System to provide increased  
7 benefits, and

8           c. does not require the payment of funds or assets to an  
9 alternate payee which are required to be paid to  
10 another alternate payee pursuant to another order  
11 previously determined to be a qualified domestic order  
12 or an order recognized by the System as a valid order  
13 prior to the effective date of this act.

14       7. A qualified domestic order shall not require payment of  
15 funds or assets to an alternate payee prior to the actual permitted  
16 distribution date or withdrawal of the related member.

17       8. The obligation of the System to pay an alternate payee  
18 pursuant to a qualified domestic order shall cease upon the death of  
19 the related member.

20       9. This subsection shall not be subject to the provisions of  
21 the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), 29  
22 U.S.C.A. Section 1001 et seq., as amended from time to time, or  
23 rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, and court cases  
24 interpreting said act.

1        10. The Board shall promulgate such rules as are necessary to  
2 implement the provisions of this subsection.

3        11. An alternate payee who has acquired beneficiary rights  
4 pursuant to a valid qualified domestic order must fully comply with  
5 all provisions of the rules promulgated by the Board pursuant to  
6 this subsection in order to continue receiving his or her benefit.

7        SECTION 11.        AMENDATORY        74 O.S. 2011, Section 913.4, as  
8 last amended by Section 113, Chapter 15, O.S.L. 2013 (74 O.S. Supp.  
9 2013, Section 913.4), is amended to read as follows:

10        Section 913.4    A.    1. Except as otherwise provided in this  
11 subsection, an elected official may elect to participate in the  
12 System and if he or she elects to do so shall have the option of  
13 participating at any one of the computation factors set forth in  
14 paragraph 3 or 4 of this subsection and will receive retirement  
15 benefits in accordance with the computation factor chosen. The  
16 election on participation in the System must be in writing, must  
17 specify the computation factor chosen, and must be filed with the  
18 System within ninety (90) days after the elected official takes  
19 office. The election to participate and the election of a  
20 computation factor shall be irrevocable. Reelection to the same  
21 office will not permit new elections. Failure of an elected  
22 official to file such election form within the ninety-day period  
23 shall be deemed an irrevocable election to participate in the System  
24 at the maximum computation factor.

2. Contributions and benefits will be based upon the elected official's annual compensation as defined in Section 902 of this title. Employer and elected official contributions shall be remitted at least monthly, or as the Board may otherwise provide, to the System for deposit in the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement Fund. Effective July 1, 1994, and thereafter, the participating employer shall contribute as provided in Section 920 of this title.

3. Except as provided in paragraph 4 of this subsection, effective July 1, 1994, the computation factor selected and the corresponding elected official contribution rate shall be as follows:

| Elected official<br>Contribution Rate | Computation<br>Factor | Alternate<br>Formula |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 4.5%                                  | 1.9%                  | \$12.50              |
| 6%                                    | 2.5%                  | \$20.00              |
| 7.5%                                  | 3.0%                  | \$25.00              |
| 8.5%                                  | 3.4%                  | \$27.50              |
| 9%                                    | 3.6%                  | \$30.00              |
| 10%                                   | 4.0%                  | \$40.00              |

4. Elected officials who are first elected or appointed to an elected office on or after November 1, 2010, shall elect a computation factor of either 1.9% or 4%. The elected official contribution rate for the 1.9% computation factor is currently 4.5% and the contribution rate for the 4% computation factor is currently

1 10%. All other computation factors and contribution rates set forth  
2 in paragraph 3 of this subsection shall not be available to any  
3 person first elected or appointed to an elected office on or after  
4 November 1, 2010.

5 5. The contribution rate for elected officials who are first  
6 elected or appointed to an elected office on or after November 1,  
7 2011, shall be in the amount specified in paragraph (a) of  
8 subsection (1) of Section 919.1 of this title. The amount of the  
9 retirement benefit for elected officials who are first elected or  
10 appointed to an elected office on or after November 1, 2011, shall  
11 be based on the provisions of paragraph (1) of subsection A of  
12 Section 915 of this title.

13 6. The computation factors and corresponding elected official  
14 contribution rates provided for in paragraphs 3 and 4 of this  
15 subsection shall be based on the entire compensation as an elected  
16 official subject to the definition and maximum compensation levels  
17 as set forth in paragraph (9) of Section 902 of this title.

18 7. Elected officials who are first elected or appointed on or  
19 after November 1, 2011, shall also be eligible to make the election  
20 of an alternate multiplier and contribution rate pursuant to  
21 paragraph 2 of subsection A of Section 915 of this title.

22 8. Elected officials who are first elected or appointed on or  
23 after November 1, 2015, shall be a participant in the defined  
24 contribution system created by Sections 1 through 10 of this act and

such elected official shall not accrue any service credit in the defined benefit plan of the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System created pursuant to Section 901 et seq. of this title. **For the purposes of this paragraph, an elected official shall not include a person elected to a county office.**

B. The normal retirement date for an elected official shall be the first day of the month coinciding with or following the official's sixtieth birthday or the first day of the month coinciding with or following the date at which the sum of the elected official's age and number of years of credited service total eighty (80). The normal retirement date for an elected official first elected or appointed to an elected office on or after November 1, 2011, shall be the first day of the month coinciding with or following the official's sixty-fifth birthday or the date upon which the elected or appointed official attains the age of sixty-two (62) and who has at least ten (10) years of elected or appointed service. Any elected official first elected or appointed to an elected office before November 1, 2011, who has a minimum of ten (10) years' participating service may retire under the early retirement provisions of this act, including those electing a vested benefit and shall receive an adjustment of annual benefits in accordance with the following percentage schedule:

| Age | Percentage of Normal Retirement Benefits |
|-----|------------------------------------------|
|-----|------------------------------------------|

|   |    |      |
|---|----|------|
| 1 | 60 | 100% |
| 2 | 59 | 94%  |
| 3 | 58 | 88%  |
| 4 | 57 | 82%  |
| 5 | 56 | 76%  |
| 6 | 55 | 70%  |

7 Any elected official first elected or appointed to an elected  
8 office on or after November 1, 2011, who has a minimum of ten (10)  
9 years' participating service may retire under the early retirement  
10 provisions of this act, including those electing a vested benefit  
11 and shall receive an adjustment of annual benefits in accordance  
12 with the following percentage schedule:

|    |     |                      |
|----|-----|----------------------|
| 13 |     | Percentage of Normal |
| 14 | Age | Retirement Benefits  |
| 15 | 62  | 100%                 |
| 16 | 61  | 93.33%               |
| 17 | 60  | 86.67%               |

18 C. 1. Any elected official shall receive annual benefits  
19 computed based upon the computation factor selected multiplied by  
20 the member's highest annual compensation received as an elected  
21 official prior to retirement or termination of employment multiplied  
22 by the number of years of credited service. No elected official  
23 shall retire using such highest annual compensation unless the

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1 | elected official has made the required election and has paid the  
2 | required contributions on such salary.

3 |       2. The retirement benefit may be computed pursuant to the  
4 | provisions of paragraph (1) of subsection A of Section 915 of this  
5 | title if the benefit would be higher. Elected officials who have a  
6 | vested benefit prior to July 1, 1980, may elect to receive annual  
7 | benefits based on the alternate formula provided above. Such annual  
8 | benefits shall be paid in equal monthly installments.

9 |       3. Elected officials who become members of the Oklahoma Public  
10 | Employees Retirement System on or after August 22, 2008, will  
11 | receive retirement benefits in accordance with the computation  
12 | factor selected pursuant to subsection A of this section multiplied  
13 | by the member's highest annual compensation received as an elected  
14 | official and only for those years of credited service the member  
15 | served as an elected official. If such elected official has  
16 | participating service as a nonelected member, then such nonelected  
17 | service shall be computed separately pursuant to the provisions of  
18 | paragraph (1) of subsection A of Section 915 of this title with the  
19 | final benefit result added to the final benefit result for elected  
20 | service. In no event shall the elected official be entitled to  
21 | apply the computation factor selected pursuant to subsection A of  
22 | this section or the compensation received as an elected official to  
23 | the computation of nonelected service.

1        4. Elected officials who are first elected or appointed to an  
2 elected office on or after August 22, 2008, may not receive a  
3 maximum benefit greater than their single highest annual  
4 compensation received as a member of the Oklahoma Public Employees  
5 Retirement System.

6        D. Any elected official making an election to participate at a  
7 computation factor less than the maximum and later selecting a  
8 higher computation factor shall contribute to the System a sum equal  
9 to the amount which the elected official would have contributed if  
10 the elected official had made such election at the time the elected  
11 official first became eligible, plus interest as determined by the  
12 Board, in order to receive the additional benefits for all service  
13 as an elected official; otherwise, the additional benefits shall be  
14 applicable only to service for which the elected official pays the  
15 appropriate percent of contributions to the System.

16        E. The surviving spouse of a deceased elected official who was  
17 first elected or appointed to an elected office before November 1,  
18 2011, and who has at least six (6) years of participating service  
19 and the surviving spouse of a deceased elected official who was  
20 first elected or appointed to an elected office on or after November  
21 1, 2011, and who has at least eight (8) years of participating  
22 service shall be entitled to receive survivor benefits in the amount  
23 herein prescribed, if married to the decedent continuously for a  
24 period of at least three (3) years immediately preceding the elected

1 official's death. Provided the elected official had met the service  
2 requirements, survivor benefits shall be payable when the deceased  
3 member would have met the requirements for normal or early  
4 retirement. The amount of the benefits the surviving spouse may  
5 receive shall be fifty percent (50%) of the amount of benefits the  
6 deceased elected official was receiving or will be eligible to  
7 receive. Remarriage of a surviving spouse shall disqualify the  
8 spouse for the receipt of survivor benefits. Elected officials may  
9 elect a retirement option as provided in Section 918 of this title  
10 in lieu of the survivors benefit provided ~~above~~ in this subsection.

11 F. Any elected official who served in the Armed Forces of the  
12 United States, as defined in paragraph (23) of Section 902 of this  
13 title, prior to membership in the Oklahoma Public Employees  
14 Retirement System shall be granted credited service of not to exceed  
15 five (5) years for those periods of active military service during  
16 which the elected official was a war veteran.

17 G. Anyone appointed or elected to an elected position after  
18 July 1, 1990, shall not be eligible to receive benefits as provided  
19 in this section until such person has participated as an elected  
20 official for six (6) years. Anyone appointed or elected to an  
21 elected position on or after November 1, 2011, shall not be eligible  
22 to receive benefits as provided in this section until such person  
23 has participated as an elected official for eight (8) years.

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1       H. Elected officials who terminate participation in the System  
2 and who have a minimum of six (6) years of participating service  
3 shall be entitled to elect a vested benefit and shall be entitled to  
4 the retirement options as provided in Section 918 of this title in  
5 lieu of the survivors benefit provided in subsection E of this  
6 section. Elected officials, first elected or appointed to an  
7 elected office on or after November 1, 2011, who terminate  
8 participation in the System and who have a minimum of eight (8)  
9 years of participating service shall be entitled to elect a vested  
10 benefit and shall be entitled to retirement options as provided in  
11 Section 918 of this title in lieu of the survivors benefits provided  
12 in subsection E of this section.

13       I. In determining the number of years of credited service, a  
14 fractional year of six (6) months or more shall be considered as one  
15 (1) year, and less than six (6) months or more shall be disregarded.  
16 For members who joined the System on or after November 1, 2011, the  
17 number of years of credited service shall be based on actual years  
18 and months of credited service without rounding up or down.

19       SECTION 12.       AMENDATORY       74 O.S. 2011, Section 920, as  
20 amended by Section 929, Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012 (74 O.S. Supp.  
21 2013, Section 920), is amended to read as follows:

22       Section 920. (1) Effective July 1, 1994, every state agency  
23 which is a participating employer shall contribute to the System an  
24 amount equal to eleven and one-half percent (11 1/2%) of the monthly

1 compensation of each member, but not in excess of Forty Thousand  
2 Dollars (\$40,000.00).

3 (2) Effective July 1, 1995, every state agency which is a  
4 participating employer shall contribute to the System an amount  
5 equal to eleven and one-half percent (11 1/2%) of the monthly  
6 compensation of each member, not to exceed the allowable annual  
7 compensation as defined in paragraph (9) of Section 902 of this  
8 title.

9 (3) Effective July 1, 1996, every state agency which is a  
10 participating employer shall contribute to the System an amount  
11 equal to twelve percent (12%) of the monthly compensation of each  
12 member, not to exceed the allowable annual compensation defined in  
13 paragraph (9) of Section 902 of this title.

14 (4) Effective July 1, 1999, and through the fiscal year ending  
15 June 30, 2005, every state agency which is a participating employer  
16 shall contribute to the System an amount equal to ten percent (10%)  
17 of the monthly compensation of each member, not to exceed the  
18 allowable annual compensation defined in paragraph (9) of Section  
19 902 of this title.

20 (5) Effective July 1, 2005, except as otherwise provided by  
21 subsection (11) of this section, every state agency which is a  
22 participating employer shall contribute an amount to the System  
23 equal to a percentage of monthly compensation of each member, not to  
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1 exceed the allowable annual compensation defined in paragraph (9) of  
 2 Section 902 of this title as follows:

3        July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006        11 1/2%

4        July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007        12 1/2%

5        July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008        13 1/2%

6        July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009        14 1/2%

7        July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2011        15 1/2%

8        July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012

9        and each year thereafter                16 1/2%

10        (6) The Board shall certify, on or before November 1 of each  
 11 year, to the Office of Management and Enterprise Services an  
 12 actuarially determined estimate of the rate of contribution which  
 13 will be required, together with all accumulated contributions and  
 14 other assets of the System, to be paid by each participating  
 15 employer to pay all liabilities which shall exist or accrue under  
 16 the System, including amortization of the past service cost over a  
 17 period of not to exceed forty (40) years from June 30, 1987, and the  
 18 cost of administration of the System, as determined by the Board,  
 19 upon recommendation of the actuary.

20        (7) The Office of Management and Enterprise Services and the  
 21 Governor shall include in the budget and in the budget request for  
 22 appropriations the sum required to satisfy the state's obligation  
 23 under this section as certified by the Board and shall present the  
 24 same to the Legislature for allowance and appropriation.

1       (8) Each other participating employer shall appropriate and pay  
2 to the System a sum sufficient to satisfy the obligation under this  
3 section as certified by the Board.

4       (9) Each participating employer is hereby authorized to pay the  
5 employer's contribution from the same fund that the compensation for  
6 which said contribution is paid from or from any other funds  
7 available to it for such purpose.

8       (10) Forfeitures arising from severance of employment, death or  
9 for any other reason may not be applied to increase the benefits any  
10 member would otherwise receive under the System's law. However,  
11 forfeitures may be used to reduce an employer's contribution.

12       (11) The System shall deposit the monies remitted to it by  
13 employers having members that participate in the defined  
14 contribution system created by this act, as described by Section 9  
15 of this act, into the existing defined benefit pension plan  
16 authorized pursuant to Section 901 et seq. of Title 74 of the  
17 Oklahoma Statutes in order to reduce the liabilities of the defined  
18 benefit pension plan.

19       (12) Effective November 1, 2015, an employer shall be required  
20 to make payment to the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System  
21 of the amount described by Section 9 of this act with respect to any  
22 employee who is a participant in the defined contribution system  
23 created pursuant to the provisions of Sections 1 through 10 of this  
24 act. The employer shall be required to make the required matching

1 contribution amount for all employees that participate in the  
2 defined contribution system and to remit the difference between such  
3 amount and the amount the employer would otherwise have paid  
4 pursuant to the provisions of this section to the Oklahoma Public  
5 Employees Retirement System.

6 SECTION 13. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2011, Section 1316.2, as  
7 amended by Section 962, Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012 (74 O.S. Supp.  
8 2013, Section 1316.2), is amended to read as follows:

9 Section 1316.2. A. Any employee, other than an education  
10 employee, who retires pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma  
11 Public Employees Retirement System or who has a vested benefit  
12 pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Public Employees  
13 Retirement System may continue in force the health and dental  
14 insurance benefits authorized by the provisions of the Oklahoma  
15 Employees Insurance and Benefits Act, or other employer insurance  
16 benefits if the employer does not participate in the plans offered  
17 by the Office of Management and Enterprise Services, if such  
18 election to continue in force is made within thirty (30) days from  
19 the date of termination of service. Except as otherwise provided  
20 for in Section 840-2.27I of this title and subsection H of this  
21 section, health and dental insurance coverage may not be reinstated  
22 at a later time if the election to continue in force is declined.  
23 Vested employees other than education employees who have terminated  
24 service and are not receiving benefits and effective July 1, 1996,

1 nonvested persons who have terminated service with more than eight  
2 (8) years of participating service with a participating employer,  
3 who within thirty (30) days from the date of termination of service  
4 elect to continue such coverage, shall pay the full cost of said  
5 insurance premium at the rate and pursuant to the terms and  
6 conditions established by the Office. Provided also, any employee  
7 other than an education employee who commences employment with a  
8 participating employer on or after September 1, 1991, who terminates  
9 service with such employer on or after July 1, 1996, but who  
10 otherwise has insufficient years of service to retire or terminate  
11 service with a vested benefit pursuant to the provisions of the  
12 Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System or to elect to continue  
13 coverage as a nonvested employee as provided in this section, but  
14 who, immediately prior to employment with the participating employer  
15 was covered as a dependent on the health and dental insurance policy  
16 of a spouse who was an active employee other than an education  
17 employee, may count as part of his or her credited service for the  
18 purpose of determining eligibility to elect to continue coverage  
19 under this section, the time during which said terminating employee  
20 was covered as such a dependent.

21 B. 1. Health insurance benefit plans offered pursuant to this  
22 section shall include:

23 a. indemnity plans offered through the Office,  
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- 1           b.    managed care plans offered as alternatives to the  
2                indemnity plans offered through the Office,  
3           c.    Medicare supplements offered pursuant to the Oklahoma  
4                Employees Insurance and Benefits Act,  
5           d.    Medicare risk-sharing contracts offered as  
6                alternatives to the Medicare supplements offered  
7                through the Office. All Medicare risk-sharing  
8                contracts shall be subject to a risk adjustment  
9                factor, based on generally accepted actuarial  
10              principles for adverse selection which may occur, and  
11           e.    for the Oklahoma Public Employee Retirement System,  
12                other employer-provided health insurance benefit plans  
13                if the employer does not participate in the plans  
14                offered pursuant to the Oklahoma Employees Insurance  
15                and Benefits Act.

16           2. Health insurance benefit plans offered pursuant to this  
17 section shall provide prescription drug benefits, except for plans  
18 designed pursuant to the Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and  
19 Modernization Act of 2003, for which provision of prescription drug  
20 benefits is optional, and except for plans offered pursuant to  
21 subparagraph e of paragraph 1 of this subsection.

22           C. 1. Designated public retirement systems shall contribute a  
23 monthly amount towards the health insurance premium of certain  
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1 individuals receiving benefits from the public retirement system as  
2 follows:

- 3       a.    a retired employee, other than an education employee,  
4           or an employee who participates in the defined  
5           contribution system administered by the Oklahoma  
6           Public Employees Retirement System on or after  
7           November 1, 2015, who is receiving benefits from the  
8           Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System after  
9           September 30, 1988, shall have One Hundred Five  
10          Dollars (\$105.00), or the premium rate of the health  
11          insurance benefit plan, whichever is less, paid by the  
12          Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System to the  
13          Board or other insurance carrier of the employer if  
14          the employer does not participate in the plans offered  
15          by the Office in the manner specified in subsection G  
16          of this section,
- 17       b.    a retired employee or surviving spouse other than an  
18           education employee who is receiving benefits from the  
19           Oklahoma Law Enforcement Retirement System after  
20           September 30, 1988, is under sixty-five (65) years of  
21           age and is not otherwise eligible for Medicare shall  
22           have the premium rate for the health insurance benefit  
23           plan or One Hundred Five Dollars (\$105.00), whichever  
24           is less, paid by the Oklahoma Law Enforcement

1 Retirement System to the Office in the manner  
2 specified in subsection G of this section,

- 3 c. a retired employee other than an education employee  
4 who is receiving benefits from the Oklahoma Law  
5 Enforcement Retirement System after September 30,  
6 1988, is sixty-five (65) years of age or older or who  
7 is under sixty-five (65) years of age and is eligible  
8 for Medicare shall have One Hundred Five Dollars  
9 (\$105.00), or the premium rate of the health insurance  
10 benefit plan, whichever is less, paid by the Oklahoma  
11 Law Enforcement Retirement System to the Office in the  
12 manner specified in subsection G of this section, and  
13 d. a retired employee other than an education employee  
14 who is receiving benefits from the Uniform Retirement  
15 System for Justices and Judges after September 30,  
16 1988, shall have One Hundred Five Dollars (\$105.00),  
17 or the premium rate of the health insurance plan,  
18 whichever is less, paid by the Uniform Retirement  
19 System for Justices and Judges to the Office in the  
20 manner specified in subsection G of this section.

21 2. Premium payments made pursuant to this section shall be made  
22 subject to the following conditions:

- 23 a. the health plan shall be authorized by the provisions  
24 of the Oklahoma Employees Insurance and Benefits Act,

1           except that if an employer from which an employee  
2           retired or with a vested benefit pursuant to the  
3           provisions of the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement  
4           System does not participate in the plans authorized by  
5           the provisions of the Oklahoma Employees Insurance and  
6           Benefits Act, the health plan will be the health  
7           insurance benefits of the employer from which the  
8           individual retired or vested,

9           b.   for plans offered by the Oklahoma Employees Insurance  
10           and Benefits Act, the amount to be paid shall be  
11           determined pursuant to the provisions of this  
12           subsection and shall first be applied in whole or in  
13           part to the prescription drug coverage premium. Any  
14           remaining amount shall be applied toward the medical  
15           coverage premium,

16           c.   for all plans, if the amount paid by the public  
17           retirement system does not cover the full cost of the  
18           elected coverage, the individual shall pay the  
19           remaining premium amount, and

20           d.   payment shall be made by the retirement systems in the  
21           manner specified under subsection G of this section.

22           D.   For any member of the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Retirement  
23           System killed in the line of duty, whether the member was killed in  
24           the line of duty prior to ~~the effective date of this act~~ May 18,

1 2005, or on or after ~~the effective date of this act~~ May 18, 2005, or  
2 if the member was on a disability leave status at the time of death,  
3 the surviving spouse or dependents of such deceased member of the  
4 Oklahoma Law Enforcement Retirement System may elect to continue or  
5 commence health and dental insurance benefits provided said  
6 dependents pay the full cost of such insurance and for deaths  
7 occurring on or after July 1, 2002, such election is made within  
8 thirty (30) days of the date of death. The eligibility for said  
9 benefits shall terminate for the surviving children when said  
10 children cease to qualify as dependents.

11 E. Effective July 1, 2004, a retired member of the Oklahoma Law  
12 Enforcement Retirement System who retired from the System by means  
13 of a personal and traumatic injury of a catastrophic nature and in  
14 the line of duty and any surviving spouse of such retired member and  
15 any surviving spouse of a member who was killed in the line of duty  
16 shall have one hundred percent (100%) of the retired member's or  
17 surviving spouse's health care premium cost, whether the member or  
18 surviving spouse elects coverage under the Medicare supplement or  
19 Medicare risk-sharing contract, paid by the Oklahoma Law Enforcement  
20 Retirement System to the Office in the manner specified in  
21 subsection H of this section. For plans offered by the Office, such  
22 contributions will first be applied in whole or in part to the  
23 prescription drug coverage premium, if any.

1 F. Dependents of a deceased employee who was on active work  
2 status or on a disability leave at the time of death or of a  
3 participating retardant or of any person who has elected to receive  
4 a vested benefit under the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement  
5 System, the Uniform Retirement System for Justices and Judges or the  
6 Oklahoma Law Enforcement Retirement System may continue the health  
7 and dental insurance benefits in force provided said dependents pay  
8 the full cost of such insurance and they were covered as eligible  
9 dependents at the time of such death and such election is made  
10 within thirty (30) days of date of death. The eligibility for said  
11 benefits shall terminate for the surviving children when said  
12 children cease to qualify as dependents.

13 G. The amounts required to be paid by the Oklahoma Public  
14 Employees Retirement System, the Uniform Retirement System for  
15 Justices and Judges and the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Retirement  
16 System pursuant to this section shall be forwarded no later than the  
17 tenth day of each month following the month for which payment is due  
18 by the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees  
19 or the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Retirement Board to the Office for  
20 deposit in the Health, Dental and Life Insurance Reserve Fund or to  
21 another insurance carrier as provided for in subsection H of Section  
22 1315 of this title.

23 H. Upon retirement from employment of the Board of Regents of  
24 the University of Oklahoma, any person who was or is employed at the

George Nigh Rehabilitation Institute and who transferred employment pursuant to Section 3427 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes, any person who was employed at the Medical Technology and Research Authority and who transferred employment pursuant to Section 7068 of this title, and any person who is a member of the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Retirement System pursuant to the authority of Section 2-314 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes may participate in the benefits authorized by the provisions of the Oklahoma Employees Insurance and Benefits Act for retired participants, including health, dental and life insurance benefits, if such election to participate is made within thirty (30) days from the date of termination of service. Life insurance benefits for any such person who transferred employment shall not exceed the coverage the person had at the time of such transfer. Retirees who transferred employment and who participate pursuant to this paragraph shall pay the premium for elected benefits less any amounts paid by a state retirement system pursuant to this section.

SECTION 14. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2011, Section 1707, as amended by Section 986, Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012 (74 O.S. Supp. 2013, Section 1707), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1707. A. Effective January 1, 1998, for each qualified participant as defined in this section who is a state employee as defined in this section, the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System shall pay each month from funds appropriated or deposited to

1 the Oklahoma State Employees Deferred Savings Incentive Plan Fund  
2 created pursuant to this section the sum of Twenty-five Dollars  
3 (\$25.00) to a plan established pursuant to the Internal Revenue  
4 Code, Section 401(a), for the benefit of the employee; provided, if  
5 monies in the fund are insufficient to fully fund the contributions  
6 in any month, payments shall be suspended until such time as  
7 sufficient monies are available. Employees receiving payroll other  
8 than monthly shall have an amount contributed which is equivalent to  
9 Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) per month.

10 B. For the purposes of this section, "qualified participant"  
11 means a state employee as defined in this section who is an active  
12 participant in the Oklahoma State Employees Deferred Compensation  
13 Plan making deferrals of at least Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) per  
14 month. A qualified participant shall not include an employee who  
15 participates in the defined contribution system administered by the  
16 Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System after November 1, 2015.  
17 Effective July 1, 2000, each qualified participant shall be eligible  
18 for a contribution of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) to the Oklahoma  
19 State Employees Deferred Savings Incentive Plan beginning with the  
20 first employee deferral into the Oklahoma State Employees Deferred  
21 Compensation Plan. The Director of the Office of Management and  
22 Enterprise Services shall be responsible for the provision of such  
23 information and assistance as may be necessary to determine which  
24 employees are qualified participants and shall provide for

1 appropriate payroll transactions to accomplish contributions to the  
2 Oklahoma State Employees Deferred Savings Incentive Plan and the  
3 Oklahoma State Employees Deferred Compensation Plan. The Oklahoma  
4 Public Employees Retirement System shall be responsible for  
5 establishing rules and plan documents for administration of such  
6 contributions. Funds so credited shall be held and invested in the  
7 same manner as the Oklahoma State Employees Deferred Compensation  
8 Plan, as provided in Section 1701 of this title.

9 C. For the purposes of this section, "state employee" means any  
10 officer or employee of the executive, legislative, or judicial  
11 branches of the government of this state who is an active member of  
12 a public retirement system of this state, but does not include:

13 1. Employees of the public elementary, secondary, or area  
14 vocational school districts;

15 2. Employees of The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education  
16 except employees of the Oklahoma State Regents of Higher Education,  
17 employees of the governing boards and employees of the Board of  
18 Regents of the University of Oklahoma who are participating members  
19 of the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System;

20 3. Persons on temporary, student, internship, or other limited-  
21 term appointments except for Executive Fellows in the Carl Albert  
22 Public Internship Program created in Section 840-3.4 of this title;  
23 or  
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1        4. Persons employed pursuant to Section 1.6a of Title 53 of the  
2 Oklahoma Statutes.

3        D. No public official shall be able to make contributions to  
4 the Section 401(a) plan described by this section during a term of  
5 office which commenced prior to July 1, 1997. A public official may  
6 make contributions to the Section 401(a) plan described by this  
7 section during a term of office which commences after July 1, 1997.  
8 No legislator shall be eligible to make contributions to the Section  
9 401(a) plan described by this section until such contributions have  
10 been approved by the Board on Legislative Compensation. The  
11 provisions of this subsection shall be applicable only in the event  
12 that the Plan permits employee contributions.

13        E. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving  
14 fund to be designated the "Oklahoma State Employees Deferred Savings  
15 Incentive Plan Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not  
16 subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of any monies  
17 the Legislature may appropriate or transfer to the fund and any  
18 monies contributed for the fund from any other sources, public or  
19 private. All monies accruing to the credit of said fund are hereby  
20 appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Oklahoma Public  
21 Employees Retirement System for the matching of deferred  
22 compensation contributions pursuant to this section and in  
23 accordance with rules promulgated by the Oklahoma Public Employees  
24 Retirement System and for reimbursement of expenses for

1 administration of the Deferred Savings Incentive Plan and the  
2 Oklahoma State Employees Deferred Compensation Plan. Expenditures  
3 from the fund shall be made by warrants issued by the State  
4 Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the  
5 Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services for  
6 approval and payment.

7 F. Effective July 1, 2000, every employer which has state  
8 employees participating in the Oklahoma State Employees Deferred  
9 Savings Incentive Plan shall pay to the Fund an amount equal to  
10 Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) each month for each qualified  
11 participant as defined in this section, along with an amount to  
12 reimburse the cost of administration of the Oklahoma State Employees  
13 Deferred Savings Incentive Plan and the Oklahoma State Employees  
14 Deferred Compensation Plan for each qualified participant, as  
15 determined by the Board.

16 1. The Board shall certify each year to the Office of  
17 Management and Enterprise Services the determined amount for the  
18 administrative cost of the Oklahoma State Deferred Savings Incentive  
19 Plan and the Oklahoma State Employees Deferred Compensation Plan  
20 which will be required to be paid for each qualified participant.  
21 The Board of Trustees shall promulgate such rules as are necessary  
22 to implement the provisions of this subsection and provide the  
23 methodology for the determination.

1        2. Each employer shall pay at least monthly to the Fund the sum  
2 sufficient to satisfy the obligation under this section as certified  
3 by the Board.

4        3. Each employer is hereby authorized to pay the employer's  
5 contribution from the same fund that the compensation for which said  
6 contribution is paid from or from any other funds available to it  
7 for such purpose.

8        SECTION 15. This act shall become effective November 1, 2014.

9        COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PENSIONS  
10       February 10, 2014 - DO PASS AS AMENDED  
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