CHAPTER 354B

INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNT PLAN

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354B.21 COVERAGE.

Subdivision 1. **Eligibility.** The following persons are eligible to have coverage by the individual retirement account plan and to be participants in the plan:

- (1) employees of the board who are employed as faculty in an employment classification included in the state university instructional unit or the state college instructional unit under section 179A:10, subdivision 2;
- (2) the chancellor and employees of the board in eligible unclassified administrative positions;
- (3) the employees in eligible unclassified administrative positions in the state universities;
- (4) the employees in eligible unclassified administrative positions in the technical colleges; and
- (5) the employees in eligible unclassified administrative positions of the higher education services office or of the community colleges.

[For text of subds 2 to 6, see M.S.2000].

History: 2001 c 133 s 3

354B.25 INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNT PLAN ADMINISTRATION.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.2000].

- Subd. 1a. Advisory committee. (a) A committee is created to advise the state board of investment and the board of trustees of the Minnesota state colleges and universities concerning administration of the individual retirement account plan and the supplemental retirement plan established in chapter 354C. The committee shall adopt recommendations by majority vote of those members voting on each issue. The exclusive representatives of the state university instructional unit and the state college instructional unit shall each appoint two members to the committee. The exclusive representatives of the general professional unit, the supervisory employees unit and the state university administrative unit shall each appoint one member to the committee. The chancellor of the Minnesota state colleges and universities shall appoint three members, at least one of whom shall be a personnel administrator. No member of the committee shall be retired. Members serve at the pleasure of the applicable appointing authority, but no member shall serve for more than a total of five years. Members shall be reimbursed from the administrative expense account of the individual retirement account plan for expenses as provided in section 15.059, subdivision 3.
 - (b) The committee shall:
- (1) advise the board of trustees of the Minnesota state colleges and universities on the structure and operation of the individual retirement account plan and the supplemental retirement plan;
- (2) along with any other consultants selected by the board, advise the state board of investment on selection of financial institutions and on the type of investment products to be offered by these institutions for the plans;
- (3) advise the board of trustees of the Minnesota state colleges and universities on administration of the plans, including selection of a third-party plan administrator, if any, for the individual retirement account plan.

- (c) The board of trustees of the Minnesota state colleges and universities shall provide the advisory committee with meeting space and other administrative support.
- (d) Expenses of the advisory committee are considered administrative expenses of the plans under subdivision 5 and section 354C.12, subdivision 4, and must be allocated between the two plans in proportion to the market value of the total assets of the plans as of the most recent prior audited annual financial report.

[For text of subds 2 to 5, see M.S.2000]

History: 2001 c 133 s 4

354B.32 TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO IRAP.

A participant in the individual retirement account plan established in this chapter who has less than ten years of allowable service under the teachers retirement association or the teachers retirement fund association may elect to transfer an amount equal to the participant's accumulated member contributions to the teachers retirement association or the teachers retirement fund association, plus compound interest at the rate of six percent per annum, to the individual retirement account plan. The transfers are irrevocable fund to fund transfers, and in no event may the participant receive direct payment of the money transferred prior to retirement. If a participant elects the contribution transfer, all of the participant's allowable and formula service credit in the teachers retirement association or the teachers retirement fund association associated with the transferred amount is forfeited.

The executive director of the teachers retirement association and the chief administrative officers of the teachers retirement fund associations, in cooperation with the chancellor of the Minnesota state colleges and universities system, shall notify participants who are eligible to transfer of their right to transfer and the amount that they are eligible to transfer, and shall, upon request, provide forms to implement the transfer. The chancellor of the Minnesota state colleges and universities system shall assist the teachers retirement association and the teachers retirement fund associations in developing transfer forms and in implementing the transfers.

Authority to elect a transfer under this section expires on July 1, 2004.

History: 1Sp2001 c 10 art 12 s 2