

CHAPTER 354A

TEACHERS RETIREMENT, CERTAIN CITIES

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354A.011 DEFINITIONS.*[For text of subs 1 to 26, see M.S.2002]*

Subd. 27. **Teacher.** (a) "Teacher" means any person who renders service for a public school district, other than a charter school, located in the corporate limits of one of the cities of the first class which was so classified on January 1, 1979, as any of the following:

(1) a full-time employee in a position for which a valid license from the state Department of Education is required;

(2) an employee of the teachers retirement fund association located in the city of the first class unless the employee has exercised the option pursuant to Laws 1955, chapter 10, section 1, to retain membership in the Minneapolis employees retirement fund established pursuant to chapter 422A;

(3) a part-time employee in a position for which a valid license from the state Department of Education is required; or

(4) a part-time employee in a position for which a valid license from the state Department of Education is required who also renders other nonteaching services for the school district, unless the board of trustees of the teachers retirement fund association determines that the combined employment is on the whole so substantially dissimilar to teaching service that the service may not be covered by the association.

(b) The term does not mean any person who renders service in the school district as any of the following:

(1) an independent contractor or the employee of an independent contractor;

(2) an employee who is a full-time teacher covered by the Teachers Retirement Association or by another teachers retirement fund association established pursuant to this chapter or chapter 354;

(3) an employee exempt from licensure pursuant to section 122A.30;

(4) an employee who is a teacher in a technical college located in a city of the first class unless the person elects coverage by the applicable first class city teacher retirement fund association under section 354B.21, subdivision 2;

(5) a teacher employed by a charter school, irrespective of the location of the school; or

(6) an employee who is a part-time teacher in a technical college in a city of the first class and who has elected coverage by the applicable first class city teacher retirement fund association under section 354B.21, subdivision 2, but (i) the teaching service is incidental to the regular nonteaching occupation of the person; (ii) the applicable technical college stipulates annually in advance that the part-time teaching service will not exceed 300 hours in a fiscal year; and (iii) the part-time teaching actually does not exceed 300 hours in the fiscal year to which the certification applies.

*[For text of subd 28, see M.S.2002]***History:** 2003 c 130 s 12**354A.12 CONTRIBUTIONS BY EMPLOYEE AND EMPLOYER.***[For text of subs 1 to 3a, see M.S.2002]*

Subd. 3b. **Special direct state matching aid to the Minneapolis Teachers Retirement Fund Association.** (a) Special School District No. 1 may make an additional

employer contribution to the Minneapolis Teachers Retirement Fund Association. The city of Minneapolis may make a contribution to the Minneapolis Teachers Retirement Fund Association. This contribution may be made by a levy of the board of estimate and taxation of the city of Minneapolis and the levy, if made, is classified as that of a special taxing district for purposes of sections 275.065 and 276.04, and for all other property tax purposes.

(b) For every \$1,000 contributed in equal proportion by Special School District No. 1 and by the city of Minneapolis to the Minneapolis teachers retirement fund association under paragraph (a), the state shall pay to the Minneapolis Teachers Retirement Fund Association \$1,000, but not to exceed \$2,500,000 in total in fiscal year 1994. The superintendent of Special School District No. 1, the mayor of the city of Minneapolis, and the executive director of the Minneapolis Teachers Retirement Fund Association shall jointly certify to the commissioner of finance the total amount that has been contributed by Special School District No. 1 and by the city of Minneapolis to the Minneapolis Teachers Retirement Fund Association. Any certification to the commissioner of education must be made quarterly. If the total certifications for a fiscal year exceed the maximum annual direct state matching aid amount in any quarter, the amount of direct state matching aid payable to the Minneapolis Teachers Retirement Fund Association must be limited to the balance of the maximum annual direct state matching aid amount available. The amount required under this paragraph, subject to the maximum direct state matching aid amount, is appropriated annually to the commissioner of finance.

(c) The commissioner of finance may prescribe the form of the certifications required under paragraph (b).

[For text of subs 3c to 5, see M.S.2002]

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354A.31 COORDINATED PROGRAM RETIREMENT BENEFITS.

[For text of subs 1 to 5, see M.S.2002]

Subd. 6. **Reduced retirement annuity.** This subdivision applies only to a person who first became a coordinated member or a member of a pension fund listed in section 356.30, subdivision 3, before July 1, 1989, and whose annuity is higher when calculated using the retirement annuity formula percentage in subdivision 4, paragraph (c), or subdivision 4a, paragraph (c), in conjunction with this subdivision than when calculated under subdivision 4, paragraph (d), or subdivision 4a, paragraph (d), in conjunction with subdivision 7.

(a) Upon retirement at an age before normal retirement age with three years of service credit or prior to age 62 with at least 30 years of service credit, a coordinated member shall be entitled to a retirement annuity in an amount equal to the normal retirement annuity calculated using the retirement annuity formula percentage in subdivision 4, paragraph (c), or subdivision 4a, paragraph (c), reduced by one-quarter of one percent for each month that the coordinated member is under normal retirement age if the coordinated member has less than 30 years of service credit or is under the age of 62 if the coordinated member has at least 30 years of service credit.

(b) Any coordinated member whose attained age plus credited allowable service totals 90 years is entitled, upon application, to a retirement annuity in an amount equal to the normal retirement annuity calculated using the retirement annuity formula percentage in subdivision 4, paragraph (c), or subdivision 4a, paragraph (c), without any reduction by reason of early retirement.

Subd. 7. **Actuarial reduction for early retirement.** This subdivision applies to a person who has become at least 55 years old and first becomes a coordinated member after June 30, 1989, and to any other coordinated member who has become at least 55 years old and whose annuity is higher when calculated using the retirement annuity formula percentage in subdivision 4, paragraph (d), and subdivision 4a, paragraph (d), in conjunction with this subdivision than when calculated under subdivision 4, para-

graph (c), or subdivision 4a, paragraph (c), in conjunction with subdivision 6. A coordinated member who retires before the full benefit age shall be paid the retirement annuity calculated using the retirement annuity formula percentage in subdivision 4, paragraph (d), or subdivision 4a, paragraph (d), reduced so that the reduced annuity is the actuarial equivalent of the annuity that would be payable to the member if the member deferred receipt of the annuity and the annuity amount were augmented at an annual rate of three percent compounded annually from the day the annuity begins to accrue until the normal retirement age.

[For text of subd 8, see M.S.2002]

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