

353F.025 CERTIFICATION AND DECERTIFICATION OF MEDICAL FACILITIES AND OTHER PUBLIC EMPLOYING UNITS.

Subdivision 1. **Eligibility determination.** (a) The chief clerical officer of a governmental subdivision may submit a resolution from the governing body to the executive director of the Public Employees Retirement Association which supports providing coverage under this chapter for employees of that governmental subdivision who are privatized, and which states that the governing body will pay for actuarial calculations, as further specified in paragraph (c).

(b) The governing body must also provide a copy of any applicable purchase or lease agreement and any other information requested by the executive director to allow the executive director to verify that under the proposed employer change, the new employer does not qualify as a governmental subdivision under section 353.01, subdivision 6, making the employees ineligible for continued coverage as active members of the general employees retirement plan of the Public Employees Retirement Association.

(c) Following receipt of a resolution and a determination by the executive director that the new employer is not a governmental subdivision, the executive director shall direct the consulting actuary retained under section 356.214 to determine whether the general employees retirement plan of the Public Employees Retirement Association, if coverage under this chapter is provided, is expected to receive a net gain or a net loss if privatization occurs. A net gain is expected if the actuarial liability of the special benefit coverage provided under this chapter, if extended to the applicable employees under the privatization, is less than the actuarial gain otherwise to accrue to the plan. A net loss is expected if the actuarial accrued liability of the special benefit coverage provided under this chapter, if extended to the applicable employees under the privatization, is more than the actuarial gain otherwise to accrue to the plan. The date of the actuarial calculations used to make this determination must be within one year of the effective date, as defined in section 353F.02, subdivision 3.

Subd. 2. **Recommendation to legislature.** (a) If the actuarial calculations under subdivision 1, paragraph (c), indicate that a net gain to the general employees retirement plan of the Public Employees Retirement Association is expected due to the privatization, or if paragraph (c) applies, the executive director shall forward a recommendation and supporting documentation to the chair of the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement, the chair of the Governmental Operations, Reform, Technology and Elections Committee of the house of representatives, the chair of the State and Local Government Operations and Oversight Committee of the senate, and the executive director of the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement. The recommendation must be in the form of an addition to the definition of "medical facility" under section 353F.02, subdivision 4, or to "other public employing unit" under section 353F.02, subdivision 5, whichever is applicable. The recommendation must be forwarded to the legislature before January 15 for the recommendation to be considered in that year's legislative session. The recommendation may be included as part of public pension administrative legislation under section 356B.05.

(b) If a medical facility or other public employing unit listed under section 353F.02, subdivision 4 or 5, fails to privatize within one year of the final enactment date of the legislation adding the entity to the applicable definition, its inclusion under this chapter is voided, and the executive director shall include in the subsequent proposed legislation under paragraph (a) a recommendation that the applicable entity be stricken from the definition.

(c) If the calculations under subdivision 1, paragraph (c), indicate a net loss, the executive director shall forward a recommendation that the privatization be included as an addition under paragraph (a) if the chief clerical officer of the applicable governmental subdivision submits a resolution from the governing body specifying that a lump sum payment will be made to the executive director equal to the net loss, plus interest. The interest must be computed using the applicable preretirement interest rate assumption under section 356.215, subdivision 8, expressed as a monthly rate, from the date of the actuarial valuation from which the actuarial accrued liability data was used to determine the net loss in the actuarial study under subdivision 1, to the date of payment, with annual compounding. Payment must be made on or after the effective date defined under section 353F.02.

Subd. 3. **Date of application.** For any privatization added to this chapter after May 28, 2008, the first date of coverage is the effective date as defined in section 353F.02, subdivision 3.

History: 2008 c 349 art 5 s 27; 2010 c 359 art 5 s 18,19