353G.082 FUNDING OF FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS AND ANNUAL ALLOCATION TO INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNTS IN DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN.

Subdivision 1. **Fire department accounts and individual accounts established.** (a) The executive director must establish a fire department account for each participating employer in the defined contribution plan that consists of individual accounts for the volunteer firefighters providing firefighting services to the participating employer.

(b) The executive director must establish an individual account within each fire department account for each volunteer firefighter covered by the defined contribution plan, to which the executive director must credit an allocation of state aid, contributions, forfeitures, and investment earnings and from which the executive director must deduct investment losses and administrative expenses.

Subd. 2. **State aid and contributions by the participating employer.** Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the executive director must deposit in each fire department account in the defined contribution plan for allocation to individual accounts under subdivision 3:

(1) any fire state aid payable under chapter 477B or police and firefighter retirement supplemental state aid payable under section 423A.022 on behalf of the participating employer with which the fire department is associated; and

(2) any contributions from the participating employer with which the fire department is associated.

Subd. 3. **Annual allocation and deduction in equal shares.** (a) As of the end of each calendar year, the executive director must credit to the individual account of each firefighter providing services to a fire department and who did not leave firefighting service with the fire department during the calendar year an equal share of:

(1) any fire state aid payable under chapter 477B and police and firefighter retirement supplemental state aid payable under section 423A.022 received by the retirement fund that is attributable to the participating employer associated with the fire department as soon as practicable after the aid is received by the retirement fund;

(2) any contributions made by the participating employer to the retirement fund for the benefit of the volunteer firefighters providing firefighting services to the participating employer as soon as practicable after the contribution is received by the retirement fund; and

(3) any forfeiture under section 353G.10, subdivision 4, attributable to a former volunteer firefighter of the fire department.

(b) As of the end of each calendar year, the executive director must deduct an equal share of administrative expenses from each individual account.

(c) As of the end of the calendar year, the executive director must allocate to the individual account of a volunteer firefighter who has less than a full year of service a fractional share of the amount that would have been allocated to the individual account for a full year of service. The fractional amount is equal to the number of months of service divided by twelve. A month will be credited if the volunteer firefighter was credited with at least 16 days of service.

Subd. 4. **Investment earnings and losses.** As of the end of each calendar year or more frequently, if determined necessary by the executive director to make distributions or for other purposes, the executive director must:

(1) credit investment earnings on the assets of each fire department account to each individual account in proportion to the share of the assets of the fire department account credited to the individual account; and

(2) deduct investment losses on the assets of each fire department account from each individual account in proportion to the share of the assets of the fire department account credited to the individual account.

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