

**353H.01 DEFINITIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Terms.** For purposes of this chapter, unless the language or context indicates that a different meaning is intended, the following terms have the meanings given. The definitions in section 353.01 apply to this chapter unless the term is defined in this section.

Subd. 2. **Executive director.** "Executive director" means the executive director of the Public Employees Retirement Association appointed under section 353.03, subdivision 3a.

Subd. 3. **Fund.** "Fund" means the local government probation and telecommunicator retirement fund.

Subd. 4. **General plan.** "General plan" means the general employees retirement plan of the Public Employees Retirement Association.

Subd. 5. **Member.** "Member" means an individual identified as a member under section 353H.03 for whom retirement coverage is provided by the plan.

Subd. 6. **Normal retirement age.** "Normal retirement age" means age 60.

Subd. 7. **Offset amount.** "Offset amount" means an amount available to offset the cost to purchase credit for past service upon the election by a member under section 353H.08, if state funding becomes available.

Subd. 8. **Past service.** "Past service" means allowable service credited to a member before January 1, 2027, and covered by the general plan that would have been service covered by the local government probation and telecommunicator retirement plan had that plan been in effect before January 1, 2027.

Subd. 9. **Plan.** "Plan" means the local government probation and telecommunicator retirement plan of the Public Employees Retirement Association.

Subd. 10. **Probation officer.** "Probation officer" means an individual who the employer certifies, in the form prescribed by the executive director, is a public employee as defined in section 353.01 and:

(1) is employed as a probation officer by a county, community corrections agency, or state probation agency and provides community supervision services with direct offender contact; or

(2) directly supervises one or more individuals described in clause (1).

Subd. 11. **Public safety telecommunicator.** "Public safety telecommunicator" means an individual who the employer certifies, in the form prescribed by the executive director, is a public employee as defined in section 353.01, employed by a primary or secondary public safety answering point and:

(1) serves as a first responder by receiving, assessing, or processing requests for assistance from the public and other public safety partners and coordinates the appropriate public safety response;

(2) as part of the individual's employment position, is assigned less than 50 percent of the time to perform employment duties other than the duties described in clause (1); or

(3) directly supervises one or more individuals described in clause (1) or (2).

Subd. 12. **Vesting or vested.** "Vesting" or "vested" means obtaining or having obtained a nonforfeitable entitlement to an annuity or benefit under the plan by having earned credit for no less than three years of allowable service covered by the plan or the general plan.

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