



2023 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1119

Introduced by: **Representative Kull**

1 **An Act to to classify 911 telecommunicators as Class B members of the South Dakota**
 2 **Retirement System.**

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 **Section 1. That § 3-12C-101 be AMENDED:**

5 **3-12C-101.** Terms as used in this chapter mean:

- 6 (1) "Actuarial accrued liability," the present value of all benefits less the present value
 7 of future normal cost contributions;
- 8 (2) "Actuarial experience analysis," a periodic report that reviews basic experience data
 9 and furnishes actuarial analysis that substantiates the assumptions adopted for the
 10 purpose of making an actuarial valuation of the system;
- 11 (3) "Actuarial valuation," a projection of the present value of all benefits and the current
 12 funded status of the system, based upon stated assumptions as to rates of interest,
 13 mortality, disability, salary progressions, withdrawal, and retirement as established
 14 by a periodic actuarial experience analysis that takes into account census data of
 15 all active members, vested terminated members, and retired members and their
 16 beneficiaries under the system;
- 17 (4) "Actuarial value funded ratio," the actuarial value of assets divided by the actuarial
 18 accrued liability;
- 19 (5) "Actuarial value of assets," equal to the fair value of assets;
- 20 (6) "Actuarially determined contribution rate," the fixed, statutory contribution rate, no
 21 less than the normal cost rate with expenses assuming the minimum COLA, and
 22 no greater than the normal cost rate with expenses assuming the maximum COLA;
- 23 (7) "Air rescue firefighters," employees of the Department of the Military who are
 24 stationed at Joe Foss Field, Sioux Falls, and who are directly involved in firefighting
 25 activities on a daily basis;

- 1 (8) "Approved actuary," any actuary who is a member of the American Academy of
2 Actuaries or an Associate or a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries who meets the
3 qualification standards of the American Academy of Actuaries to issue actuarial
4 opinions regarding the system or any firm retaining such an actuary on its staff
5 and who is appointed by the board to perform actuarial services;
- 6 (9) "Assumed rate of return," the actuarial assumption adopted by the board pursuant
7 to § 3-12C-227 as the annual assumed percentage return on trust fund assets,
8 compounded;
- 9 (10) "Beneficiary," the person designated by a member of the system to receive any
10 payments after the death of such member;
- 11 (11) "Benefits," the amounts paid to a member, spouse, child, or beneficiary as a result
12 of the provisions of this chapter;
- 13 (12) "Board," the Board of Trustees of the South Dakota Retirement System;
- 14 (13) "Calendar quarter," a period of three calendar months ending March thirty-first,
15 June thirtieth, September thirtieth, or December thirty-first of any year;
- 16 (14) "Campus security officers," employees of the Board of Regents whose positions are
17 subject to the minimal educational training standards established by the law
18 enforcement standards commission pursuant to chapter 23-3, who satisfactorily
19 complete the training required by chapter 23-3 within one year of employment,
20 and whose primary duty as sworn law enforcement officers is to preserve the safety
21 of the students, faculty, staff, visitors, and the property of the university. The
22 employer shall file with the system evidence of the appointment as a sworn law
23 enforcement officer at the time of employment and shall file evidence of
24 satisfactory completion of the training program pursuant to chapter 23-3 within
25 one year of employment;
- 26 (15) "Certified school employee," any employee of a participating unit who is required
27 to have a certificate as defined in subdivision 13-42-1(3);
- 28 (16) "Class A credited service," service credited as a Class A member of the system;
- 29 (17) "Class A member," any member other than a Class B member or a Class C member
30 and is either a foundation member or a generational member;
- 31 (18) "Class B credited service," service credited as a Class B member of the system;
- 32 (19) "Class B member," a member who is a justice, judge, state law enforcement officer,
33 magistrate judge, police officer, firefighter, county sheriff, deputy county sheriff,
34 correctional security staff, parole agent, air rescue firefighter, campus security
35 officer, court services officer, juvenile corrections agent, gaming enforcement

- 1 agent, conservation officer,~~or~~ park ranger, or a full-time county 911
2 telecommunicator, if the county in which the 911 telecommunicator works has
3 adopted an ordinance designating 911 telecommunicators as Class B members and
4 is either a foundation member or a generational member;
- 5 (20) "Class C credited service," service credited as a Class C member of the system;
- 6 (21) "Class C member," any member of the cement plant retirement plan including any
7 retiree or any vested member;
- 8 (22) "Class D credited service," service credited as a Class D member of the system;
- 9 (23) "Class D member," any member that was a member of the Department of Labor
10 and Regulation employees' retirement plan as of June 30, 2020;
- 11 (24) "Classified employee," an employee of a public school district who is not required
12 by law to be a certified school employee, an employee of any college or university
13 under the control of the Board of Regents who is not a faculty member or an
14 administrator and comes within the provisions of chapter 3-6D, an employee of a
15 public corporation, an employee of a chartered governmental unit, and any other
16 participating employee not elsewhere provided for in this chapter;
- 17 (25) "Comparable level position," a member's position of employment that is generally
18 equivalent to the member's prior position of employment in terms of required
19 education, required experience, required training, required work history,
20 geographic location, and compensation and benefits;
- 21 (26) "Conservation officers," employees of the Department of Game, Fish and Parks and
22 the Division of Wildlife or Division of Custer State Park who are employed pursuant
23 to § 41-2-11 and whose positions are subject to the requirements as to education
24 and training provided in chapter 23-3;
- 25 (27) "Consumer price index," the consumer price index for urban wage earners and
26 clerical workers calculated by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics;
- 27 (28) "Contributory service," service to a participating unit during which contributions
28 were made to a South Dakota retirement system, which may not include years of
29 credited service as granted in § 3-12C-509 or 3-12C-511;
- 30 (29) "Correctional security staff," the warden, deputy warden, and any other correctional
31 staff holding a security position as verified by the Department of Corrections and
32 approved by the Bureau of Human Resources and the Bureau of Finance and
33 Management, and determined by the board as Class B members;
- 34 (30) "Court services officers," persons appointed pursuant to § 26-7A-8;

- 1 (31) "Covered employment," a member's employment as a full-time employee of a
2 participating unit;
- 3 (32) "Deputy county sheriff," an employee of a county that is a participating unit,
4 appointed by the board of county commissioners pursuant to §§ 7-12-9 and 7-12-
5 10, whose position is subject to the minimum educational and training standards
6 established by the law enforcement standards commission pursuant to chapter 23-
7 3. The term does not include jailers or clerks appointed pursuant to §§ 7-12-9 and
8 7-12-10 unless the participating unit has requested that the jailer be considered
9 as a deputy county sheriff and the board has approved the request;
- 10 (33) "Effective date of retirement," the first day of the month in which retirement
11 benefits are payable;
- 12 (34) "Eligible retirement plan," the term eligible retirement plan includes those plans
13 described in section 402(c)(8)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code;
- 14 (35) "Eligible rollover distribution," any distribution to a member of accumulated
15 contributions pursuant to § 3-12C-602. The term does not include any portion of a
16 distribution that represents contributions made to the system on an after tax basis
17 nor distributions paid as a result of the member reaching the required beginning
18 date;
- 19 (36) "Employer," the State of South Dakota and any department, bureau, board, or
20 commission of the State of South Dakota, or any of its governmental or political
21 subdivisions or any public corporation of the State of South Dakota that elects to
22 become a participating unit;
- 23 (37) "Employer contributions," amounts contributed by the employer of a contributing
24 member, excluding member contributions made by an employer after June 30,
25 1984, pursuant to § 3-12C-401;
- 26 (38) "Equivalent public service," any public service other than as a justice, a judge, or a
27 magistrate judge and comparable to Class B service as defined by this section, if
28 the service is in the employ of a public entity that is not a participating unit;
- 29 (39) "Fair value of assets," the total assets of the system at fair market value for
30 securities traded on exchanges; for securities not traded on exchanges, a value
31 based on similar securities; and for alternative investments, reported net asset
32 value;
- 33 (40) "Fair value funded ratio," the fair value of assets divided by the actuarial accrued
34 liability;

- 1 (41) "Fiduciary," any person who exercises any discretionary authority or control over
2 the management of the system or the management or disposition of its assets,
3 renders investment advice for a fee or other compensation, direct or indirect, or
4 has any authority or responsibility to do so, or has any discretionary authority or
5 responsibility in the administration of the system;
- 6 (42) "Foundation member," any member of the system whose contributory service
7 began before July 1, 2017;
- 8 (43) "Foundation retiree," any foundation member who has retired with a benefit payable
9 from the system;
- 10 (44) "Firefighter," any full-time firefighter who works at least twenty hours a week and
11 at least six months a year. The term does not include any volunteer firefighter;
- 12 (45) "Full-time employee," any employee who is considered full-time by the participating
13 unit and is customarily employed by the participating unit for twenty hours or more
14 a week and at least six months a year, regardless of classification of employment
15 as seasonal, temporary, leased, contract, or any other designation;
- 16 (46) "Fund," public employees' retirement fund or funds established for the purposes of
17 administration of this chapter;
- 18 (47) "Gaming enforcement agent," any employee of the South Dakota Commission on
19 Gaming who is appointed pursuant to § 42-7B-56 and who must, as a condition of
20 employment, be law enforcement certified;
- 21 (48) "General employee," any full-time municipal employee who is not a firefighter or a
22 police officer;
- 23 (49) "Generational member," any member of the system whose contributory service
24 began after June 30, 2017;
- 25 (50) "Generational retiree," any generational member who has retired with a benefit
26 payable from the system;
- 27 (51) "Health care provider," a physician or other health care practitioner licensed,
28 registered, certified, or otherwise authorized by law to provide specified health
29 services;
- 30 (52) "Internal Revenue Code," or "code," the Internal Revenue Code as in effect as of
31 January 1, 2022;
- 32 (53) "Juvenile corrections agent," a designee of the secretary of corrections charged with
33 the care, custody, and control of juveniles committed to the Department of
34 Corrections until the age of twenty-one or a person who is charged with the care,

- 1 custody, and control of juveniles at a juvenile corrections facility under the control
2 of a participating unit;
- 3 (54) "Law enforcement officer," any agent of the state division of criminal investigation,
4 officer of the South Dakota Highway Patrol, police officer, county sheriff, deputy
5 county sheriff, or firefighter;
- 6 (55) "Member," any person who is contributing or has made contributions to the system
7 and is either a foundation member or generational member. A person's
8 membership ceases when the person withdraws his or her accumulated
9 contributions after termination of employment;
- 10 (56) "Member contributions," amounts contributed by members, including member
11 contributions made by an employer after June 30, 1984, pursuant to § 3-12C-401;
- 12 (57) "Military service," a period of active duty with the United States Army, the United
13 States Navy, the United States Air Force, the United States Marine Corps, or the
14 United States Coast Guard, from which duty the member received an honorable
15 discharge or an honorable release;
- 16 (58) "Municipality," any incorporated municipal government under chapter 9-3 or any
17 chartered governmental unit under the provisions of Article IX of the Constitution
18 of the State of South Dakota;
- 19 (59) "Noncontributory service," for foundation members, service delineated in
20 subdivisions 3-12C-502(2), (5), (7), and (8), and for generational members,
21 service pursuant to § 3-12C-514;
- 22 (60) "Normal cost," the expected long-term cost of the system benefits and expenses
23 expressed as a percentage of payroll;
- 24 (61) "Normal retirement," the termination of employment and application for benefits by
25 a member with three or more years of contributory service or noncontributory
26 service on or after the member's normal retirement age;
- 27 (62) "Other public benefits," eighty percent of the primary insurance amount or primary
28 social security benefits that would be provided under federal social security;
- 29 (63) "Other public service," service for the government of the United States, including
30 military service; service for the government of any state or political subdivision
31 thereof; service for any agency or instrumentality of any of the foregoing; or
32 service as an employee of an association of government entities described in this
33 subdivision;
- 34 (64) "Park rangers," employees of the Department of Game, Fish and Parks within the
35 Division of Parks and Recreation and whose positions are subject to the

- 1 requirements as to education and training provided in chapter 23-3 and whose
2 primary duty is law enforcement in the state park system;
- 3 (65) "Parole agent," an employee of the Department of Corrections employed pursuant
4 to § 24-15-14 who is actually involved in direct supervision of parolees on a daily
5 basis;
- 6 (66) "Participating unit," the State of South Dakota and any department, bureau, board,
7 or commission of the State of South Dakota, and any of its political subdivisions or
8 any public corporation of the State of South Dakota that has employees who are
9 members of the retirement system created in this chapter;
- 10 (67) "Plan year," a period extending from July first of one calendar year through June
11 thirtieth of the following calendar year;
- 12 (68) "Police officer," any employee in the police department of any participating
13 municipality holding the rank of patrol officer, including probationary patrol officer,
14 or higher rank and whose position is subject to the minimum educational and
15 training standards established by the law enforcement officers standards
16 commission pursuant to chapter 23-3. The term does not include civilian employees
17 of a police department nor any person employed by a municipality whose services
18 as a police officer require less than twenty hours a week and six months a year. If
19 a municipality which is a participating unit operates a city jail, the participating unit
20 may request that any jailer appointed pursuant to § 9-29-25 be considered a police
21 officer, subject to the approval of the board;
- 22 (69) "Political subdivision" includes any municipality, school district, county, chartered
23 governmental unit, public corporation or entity, and special district created for any
24 governmental function;
- 25 (70) "Present value of all benefits," the present value of all benefits expected to be paid
26 to all retired, terminated, and active members and beneficiaries, based on past
27 and future credited service and future compensation increases;
- 28 (71) "Present value of benefits earned to date," the present value of the benefits
29 currently being paid to retired members and their beneficiaries and the present
30 value of benefits payable at retirement to active members, based on their earnings
31 and credited service to date of the actuarial valuation;
- 32 (72) "Projected compensation," a deceased or disabled member's final average
33 compensation multiplied by the COLA commencing each July first for each complete
34 twelve-month period elapsed between the date of the member's death or disability,

- 1 whichever occurred earlier, and the date the member would attain normal
2 retirement age or the benefit commences, whichever occurred earlier;
- 3 (73) "Projected service," the credited service plus the service that the member would
4 have been credited with at normal retirement age had the member continued in
5 the system and received credit at the same rate the member was credited during
6 the year covered by the compensation that was used in the calculation of the
7 disability or family benefit;
- 8 (74) "Qualified military service," service in the uniformed services as defined in
9 § 414(u)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code;
- 10 (75) "Required beginning date," the later of April first of the calendar year following the
11 calendar year in which the member attains age seventy and one-half or April first
12 of the calendar year following the calendar year in which the member retires;
- 13 (76) "Retiree," any foundation or generational member who retires with a lifetime benefit
14 payable from the system;
- 15 (77) "Retirement," the severance of a member from the employ of a participating unit
16 with a retirement benefit payable from the system;
- 17 (78) "Retirement benefit," the monthly amount payable upon the retirement of a
18 member;
- 19 (79) "Single premium," the lump-sum amount paid by a supplemental pension
20 participant pursuant to a supplemental pension contract in consideration for a
21 supplemental pension benefit;
- 22 (80) "Social investment," investment, divestment, or prohibition of investment of the
23 assets of the system for purposes other than maximum risk-adjusted investment
24 return, which other purposes include ideological purposes, environmental
25 purposes, political purposes, religious purposes, or purposes of local or regional
26 economic development;
- 27 (81) "State employees," employees of the departments, bureaus, commissions, and
28 boards of the State of South Dakota;
- 29 (82) "Supplemental pension benefit," any single-premium immediate pension benefit
30 payable pursuant to §§ 3-12C-1504 and 3-12C-1505;
- 31 (83) "Supplemental pension contract," any agreement between a participant and the
32 system upon which a supplemental pension is based, including the amount of the
33 single premium, the type of pension benefit, and the monthly supplemental pension
34 payment amount;

- 1 (84) "Supplemental pension contract record," the record for each supplemental pension
2 participant reflecting relevant participant data; a designation of any beneficiary, if
3 any; the amount of the participant's funds rolled into the fund; the provisions of
4 the participant's supplemental pension contract; and supplemental pension
5 payments made pursuant to the contract;
- 6 (85) "Supplemental pension participant," any member who is a retiree receiving a benefit
7 from the system, or, if the member is deceased, the member's surviving spouse
8 who is receiving a benefit from the system, and who chooses to purchase a
9 supplemental pension benefit pursuant to the provisions of this chapter;
- 10 (86) "Supplemental pension spouse," any person who was married to a supplemental
11 pension participant at the time the participant entered into the supplemental
12 pension contract;
- 13 (87) "System," the South Dakota Retirement System created in this chapter;
- 14 (88) "Trustee," a member of the board of trustees;
- 15 (89) "Unfunded actuarial accrued liability," the actuarial accrued liability less the
16 actuarial value of assets.

17 **Section 2. That § 34-45-22 be AMENDED:**

18 **34-45-22.** The term, 911 telecommunicator, as used in §§ 34-45-22 to 34-45-32,
19 inclusive, and in subdivision 3-12C-101(19), means any employee of the state, or any
20 political subdivision thereof, whose primary full-time or part-time duties are receiving,
21 processing, and transmitting public safety information received through a 911 emergency
22 reporting system as defined in § 34-45-1.