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4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 1426By: Loring and **May**8 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

9 An Act relating to public retirement systems;
10 amending 62 O.S. 2011, Section 3103, as last amended
11 by Section 2, Chapter 245, O.S.L. 2018 (62 O.S. Supp.
12 2018, Section 3103), which relates to the Oklahoma
13 Pension Legislation Actuarial Analysis Act; modifying
14 definition; amending 11 O.S. 2011, Sections 49-100.1,
15 as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 388, O.S.L.
16 2013, 49-103, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 36,
17 O.S.L. 2016, 49-104 and 49-122, as amended by Section
18 4, Chapter 165, O.S.L. 2013 (11 O.S. Supp. 2018,
19 Sections 49-100.1, 49-103 and 49-122), which relate
20 to the Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and Retirement
21 System; modifying definition; providing for
22 membership by certain firefighters employed by
23 federally recognized Native American tribes;
24 modifying provisions related to local retirement
 boards; providing for service in designated
 capacities with respect to federally recognized
 Native American tribes; providing for actuarial
 analysis of normal cost; requiring reports;
 prescribing procedures; and providing effective
 dates.

23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

1 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 62 O.S. 2011, Section 3103, as
2 last amended by Section 2, Chapter 245, O.S.L. 2018 (62 O.S. Supp.
3 2018, Section 3103), is amended to read as follows:

4 Section 3103. As used in the Oklahoma Pension Legislation
5 Actuarial Analysis Act:

6 1. "Amendment" means any amendment, including a substitute
7 bill, made to a retirement bill by any committee of the House or
8 Senate, any conference committee of the House or Senate or by the
9 House or Senate;

10 2. "RB number" means that number preceded by the letters "RB"
11 assigned to a retirement bill by the respective staffs of the
12 Oklahoma State Senate and the Oklahoma House of Representatives when
13 the respective staff office prepares a retirement bill for a member
14 of the Legislature;

15 3. "Legislative Actuary" means the firm or entity that enters
16 into a contract with the Legislative Service Bureau pursuant to
17 Section 452.15 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes to provide the
18 actuarial services and other duties provided for in the Oklahoma
19 Pension Legislation Actuarial Analysis Act;

20 4. "Nonfiscal amendment" means an amendment to a retirement
21 bill having a fiscal impact, which amendment does not change any
22 factor of an actuarial investigation specified in subsection A of
23 Section 3109 of this title;

24 5. "Nonfiscal retirement bill" means a retirement bill:

- 1 a. which does not affect the cost or funding factors of a
2 retirement system, or
- 3 b. which affects such factors only in a manner which does
4 not:
- 5 (1) grant a benefit increase under the retirement
6 system affected by the bill,
- 7 (2) create an actuarial accrued liability for or
8 increase the actuarial accrued liability of the
9 retirement system affected by the bill, or
- 10 (3) increase the normal cost of the retirement system
11 affected by the bill,
- 12 c. which authorizes the purchase by an active member of
13 the retirement system, at the actuarial cost for the
14 purchase as computed pursuant to the statute in effect
15 on the effective date of the measure allowing such
16 purchase, of years of service for purposes of reaching
17 a normal retirement date in the applicable retirement
18 system, but which cannot be used in order to compute
19 the number of years of service for purposes of
20 computing the retirement benefit for the member,
- 21 d. which provides for the computation of a service-
22 connected disability retirement benefit for members of
23 the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Retirement System
24 pursuant to Section 2-305 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma

- 1 Statutes if the members were unable to complete twenty
2 (20) years of service as a result of the disability,
3 e. which requires membership in the defined benefit plan
4 authorized by Section 901 et seq. of Title 74 of the
5 Oklahoma Statutes for persons whose first elected or
6 appointed service occurs on or after November 1, 2018,
7 if such persons had any prior service in the Oklahoma
8 Public Employees Retirement System prior to November
9 1, 2015, ~~or~~
10 f. which provides for a one-time increase in retirement
11 benefits if the increase in retirement benefits is not
12 a permanent increase in the gross annual retirement
13 benefit payable to a member or beneficiary, occurs
14 only once pursuant to a single statutory authorization
15 and does not exceed:
16 (1) the lesser of two percent (2%) of the gross
17 annual retirement benefit of the member or One
18 Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) and requires that
19 the benefit may only be provided if the funded
20 ratio of the affected retirement system would not
21 be less than sixty percent (60%) but not greater
22 than eighty percent (80%) after the benefit
23 increase is paid,
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- 1 (2) the lesser of two percent (2%) of the gross
2 annual retirement benefit of the member or One
3 Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$1,200.00) and
4 requires that the benefit may only be provided if
5 the funded ratio of the affected retirement
6 system would be greater than eighty percent (80%)
7 but not greater than one hundred percent (100%)
8 after the benefit increase is paid,
- 9 (3) the lesser of two percent (2%) of the gross
10 annual retirement benefit of the member or One
11 Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$1,400.00) and
12 requires that the benefit may only be provided if
13 the funded ratio of the affected retirement
14 system would be greater than one hundred percent
15 (100%) after the benefit increase is paid, or
- 16 (4) the greater of two percent (2%) of the gross
17 annual retirement benefit of the volunteer
18 firefighter or One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for
19 persons who retired from the Oklahoma
20 Firefighters Pension and Retirement System as
21 volunteer firefighters and who did not retire
22 from the Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and
23 Retirement System as a paid firefighter.
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1 As used in this subparagraph, "funded ratio" means the
2 figure derived by dividing the actuarial value of
3 assets of the applicable retirement system by the
4 actuarial accrued liability of the applicable
5 retirement system, or

6 g. which allows for the participation of firefighters of
7 a fire department, within Oklahoma, of an Oklahoma-
8 based federally recognized Native American tribe
9 pursuant to the provisions of Sections 2 through 5 of
10 this act.

11 A nonfiscal retirement bill shall include any retirement bill that
12 has as its sole purpose the appropriation or distribution or
13 redistribution of monies in some manner to a retirement system for
14 purposes of reducing the unfunded liability of such system or the
15 earmarking of a portion of the revenue from a tax to a retirement
16 system or increasing the percentage of the revenue earmarked from a
17 tax to a retirement system;

18 6. "Reduction-in-cost amendment" means an amendment to a
19 retirement bill having a fiscal impact which reduces the cost of the
20 bill as such cost is determined by the actuarial investigation for
21 the bill prepared pursuant to Section 3109 of this title;

22 7. "Retirement bill" means any bill or joint resolution
23 introduced or any bill or joint resolution amended by a member of
24 the Oklahoma Legislature which creates or amends any law directly

1 affecting a retirement system. A retirement bill shall not mean a
2 bill or resolution that impacts the revenue of any state tax in
3 which a portion of the revenue generated from such tax is earmarked
4 for the benefit of a retirement system;

5 8. "Retirement bill having a fiscal impact" means any
6 retirement bill creating or establishing a retirement system and any
7 other retirement bill other than a nonfiscal retirement bill; and

8 9. "Retirement system" means the Teachers' Retirement System of
9 Oklahoma, the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System, the
10 Uniform Retirement System for Justices and Judges, the Oklahoma
11 Firefighters Pension and Retirement System, the Oklahoma Police
12 Pension and Retirement System, the Oklahoma Law Enforcement
13 Retirement System, or a retirement system established after January
14 1, 2006.

15 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 11 O.S. 2011, Section 49-100.1, as
16 last amended by Section 2, Chapter 388, O.S.L. 2013 (11 O.S. Supp.
17 2018, Section 49-100.1), is amended to read as follows:

18 Section 49-100.1 As used in this article:

19 1. "System" means the Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and
20 Retirement System and all predecessor municipal firefighters pension
21 and retirement systems;

22 2. "Article" means Article 49 of this title;

23 3. "State Board" means the Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and
24 Retirement Board;

1 4. "Local board" means the local firefighters pension and
2 retirement boards;

3 5. "Fund" means the Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and
4 Retirement Fund;

5 6. "Member" means all eligible firefighters of a participating
6 municipality or a fire protection district who perform the essential
7 functions of fire suppression, prevention, and life safety duties in
8 a fire department. The term "member" shall include but not be
9 limited to the person serving as fire chief of any participating
10 municipality, provided that a person serving as fire chief of a
11 participating municipality shall meet the age, agility, physical and
12 other eligibility requirements required by law at the time said
13 person becomes a member of the System. Effective July 1, 1987, a
14 member does not include a "leased employee". The term "leased
15 employee" means any person (other than an employee of the recipient)
16 who pursuant to an agreement between the recipient and any other
17 person ("leasing organization") has performed services for the
18 recipient (or for the recipient and related persons determined in
19 accordance with Section 414(n)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of
20 1986, as amended) on a substantially full-time basis for a period of
21 at least one (1) year, and such services are performed under primary
22 direction or control by the recipient. Contributions or benefits
23 provided a leased employee by the leasing organization which are
24 attributable to services performed for the recipient employer shall

1 be treated as provided by the recipient employer. A leased employee
2 shall not be considered an employee of the recipient if the
3 requirements of the safe harbor provisions of Section 414(n)(5) of
4 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, are satisfied.
5 Effective July 1, 1999, any individual who agrees with the
6 participating municipality that the individual's services are to be
7 performed as a leased employee or an independent contractor shall
8 not be a member regardless of any classification as a common law
9 employee by the Internal Revenue Service or any other governmental
10 agency, or any court of competent jurisdiction. Effective November
11 1, 2019, "member" shall include any firefighter who otherwise meets
12 the requirements to become a member, including but not limited to
13 the age requirements in Section 49-135 of this title, and who is
14 employed by a fire department, within Oklahoma, of an Oklahoma-based
15 federally recognized Native American tribe that adopts a resolution
16 or other affirmative act allowing a fire department to become a
17 participating municipality as defined in paragraph 9 of this
18 section;

19 7. "Normal retirement date" means the date at which the member
20 is eligible to receive the unreduced payments of the member's
21 accrued retirement benefit. Such date shall be the first day
22 following the date the member completes twenty (20) years of
23 credited service. For a member whose first employment with a
24 participating employer of the System occurs on or after November 1,

1 2013, such date shall be the first day following the date the member
2 completes twenty-two (22) years of credited service and has attained
3 the age of at least fifty (50) years. If the member's employment
4 continues past the normal retirement date of the member, the actual
5 retirement date of the member shall be the first day following the
6 date the member terminates employment with more than twenty (20)
7 years of credited service, or with respect to members who are
8 required to complete twenty-two (22) years of service, the first day
9 following the date the member terminates employment with more than
10 twenty-two (22) years of service and who has also attained the age
11 of at least fifty (50) years;

12 8. "Credited service" means the period of service used to
13 determine the eligibility for and the amount of benefits payable to
14 a member. Credited service shall consist of the period during which
15 the member participated in the System or the predecessor municipal
16 systems as an active employee in an eligible membership
17 classification, plus any service prior to the establishment of the
18 predecessor municipal systems which was credited under the
19 predecessor municipal systems; provided, however, "credited service"
20 for members from a fire protection district shall not begin accruing
21 before July 1, 1982;

22 9. "Participating municipality" means a municipality, county
23 fire department organized pursuant to subsection D of Section 351 of
24 Title 19 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or fire protection district which

1 is making contributions to the System on behalf of its firefighters.
2 All participating municipalities shall appoint a fire chief who
3 shall supervise and administer the fire department;

4 10. "Disability" means the complete inability of the
5 firefighter to perform any and every duty of the firefighter's
6 regular occupation; provided further, that once benefits have been
7 paid for twenty-four (24) months the provisions of Section 49-110 of
8 this title shall apply to the firefighter;

9 11. "Executive Director" means the managing officer of the
10 System employed by the State Board;

11 12. "Eligible employer" means any municipality with a municipal
12 fire department, any county fire department organized pursuant to
13 subsection D of Section 351 of Title 19 of the Oklahoma Statutes or
14 any fire protection district with an organized fire department, and
15 effective November 1, 2019, a fire department within Oklahoma of an
16 Oklahoma-based federally recognized Native American tribe with
17 respect to firefighters employed by such fire department on or after
18 November 1, 2019, if the tribe adopts a resolution or other
19 affirmative act allowing such fire department to become a
20 participating employer of the System as defined in paragraph 9 of
21 this section;

22 13. "Entry date" means the date as of which an eligible
23 employer joins the System. The first entry date pursuant to this
24 article shall be January 1, 1981;

1 14. "Final average salary" means the average paid gross salary
2 of the firefighter for normally scheduled hours over the highest
3 salaried thirty (30) consecutive months of the last sixty (60)
4 months of credited service. Gross salary shall not include payment
5 for accumulated sick or annual leave upon termination of employment,
6 any uniform allowances or any other compensation for reimbursement
7 of out-of-pocket expenses. Only salary on which the required
8 contributions have been made may be used in computing the final
9 average salary. Effective January 1, 1988, gross salary shall
10 include any amount of elective salary reduction under Section 125 of
11 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Gross salary shall
12 include any amount of elective salary reduction under Section 457 of
13 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and any amount of
14 nonelective salary reduction under Section 414(h) of the Internal
15 Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Effective July 1, 1998, for
16 purposes of determining a member's compensation, any contribution by
17 the member to reduce the member's regular cash remuneration under
18 132(f)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, shall be
19 treated as if the member did not make such an election. Only salary
20 on which required contributions have been made may be used in
21 computing final average salary.

22 In addition to other applicable limitations, and notwithstanding
23 any other provision to the contrary, for plan years beginning on or
24 after July 1, 2002, the annual gross salary of each "Noneligible

1 Member" taken into account under the System shall not exceed the
2 Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 ("EGTRRA")
3 annual salary limit. The EGTRRA annual salary limit is Two Hundred
4 Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00), as adjusted by the Commissioner for
5 increases in the cost of living in accordance with Section
6 401(a)(17)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The
7 annual salary limit in effect for a calendar year applies to any
8 period, not exceeding twelve (12) months, over which salary is
9 determined ("determination period") beginning in such calendar year.
10 If a determination period consists of fewer than twelve (12) months,
11 the EGTRRA salary limit will be multiplied by a fraction, the
12 numerator of which is the number of months in the determination
13 period, and the denominator of which is twelve (12). For purposes
14 of this subsection, a "Noneligible Member" is any member who first
15 became a member during a plan year commencing on or after July 1,
16 1996.

17 For plan years beginning on or after July 1, 2002, any reference
18 to the annual salary limit under Section 401(a)(17) of the Internal
19 Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, shall mean the EGTRRA salary limit
20 set forth in this subsection.

21 Effective June 9, 2010, gross salary shall also include gross
22 salary, as described above, for services, but paid by the later of
23 two and one-half (2 1/2) months after a firefighter's severance from
24 employment or the end of the calendar year that includes the date

1 the firefighter terminated employment, if it is a payment that,
2 absent a severance from employment, would have been paid to the
3 firefighter while the firefighter continued in employment with the
4 participating municipality.

5 Effective June 9, 2010, any payments not described above shall
6 not be considered gross salary if paid after severance from
7 employment, even if they are paid by the later of two and one-half
8 (2 1/2) months after the date of severance from employment or the
9 end of the calendar year that includes the date of severance from
10 employment, except payments to an individual who does not currently
11 perform services for the participating municipality by reason of
12 qualified military service within the meaning of Section 414(u)(5)
13 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, to the extent
14 these payments do not exceed the amounts the individual would have
15 received if the individual had continued to perform services for the
16 participating municipality rather than entering qualified military
17 service.

18 Effective June 9, 2010, back pay, within the meaning of Section
19 1.415(c)-2(g)(8) of the Income Tax Regulations, shall be treated as
20 gross salary for the year to which the back pay relates to the
21 extent the back pay represents wages and compensation that would
22 otherwise be included in this definition.

1 Effective for years beginning after December 31, 2008, gross
2 salary shall also include differential wage payments under Section
3 414(u) (12) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;

4 15. "Accrued retirement benefit" means two and one-half percent
5 (2 1/2%) of the firefighter's final average salary multiplied by the
6 member's years of credited service not to exceed thirty (30) years;

7 16. "Beneficiary" means a member's surviving spouse or any
8 surviving children, including biological and adopted children, at
9 the time of the member's death. The surviving spouse must have been
10 married to the firefighter for the thirty (30) continuous months
11 preceding the firefighter's death provided a surviving spouse of a
12 member who died while in, or as a consequence of, the performance of
13 the member's duty for a participating municipality, shall not be
14 subject to the marriage limitation for survivor benefits. A
15 surviving child of a member shall be a beneficiary until reaching
16 eighteen (18) years of age or twenty-two (22) years of age if the
17 child is enrolled full time and regularly attending a public or
18 private school or any institution of higher education. Any child
19 adopted by a member after the member's retirement shall be a
20 beneficiary only if the child is adopted by the member for the
21 thirty (30) continuous months preceding the member's death. Any
22 child who is adopted by a member after the member's retirement and
23 such member dies accidentally or as a consequence of the performance
24 of the member's duty as a firefighter shall not be subject to the

thirty-month adoption requirement. This definition of beneficiary shall be in addition to any other requirement set forth in this article;

17. "Accumulated contributions" means the sum of all contributions made by a member to the System and includes both contributions deducted from the compensation of a member and contributions of a member picked up and paid by the participating municipality of the member. Accumulated contributions shall not include any interest on the contributions of the member, interest on any amount contributed by the municipality or state and any amount contributed by the municipality or state; and

18. "Limitation year" means the year used in applying the limitations of Section 415 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, which year shall be the calendar year.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 11 O.S. 2011, Section 49-103, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 36, O.S.L. 2016 (11 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 49-103), is amended to read as follows:

Section 49-103. A. The mayor, the clerk and the treasurer of every incorporated municipality (or the equivalent officers of an Oklahoma-based federally recognized Native American tribe that is a participating municipality) are, in addition to the duties now required of them, hereby created and constituted, together with three members from the fire department of such municipality, a local firefighters pension and retirement board of each such municipality,

1 which board shall be known as the Local Firefighters Pension and
2 Retirement Board. The fire department of each such municipality
3 shall elect, by ballot, three members of such fire department, one
4 of whom shall serve for the term of one (1) year, and one for the
5 term of two (2) years, and one for the term of three (3) years, and
6 thereafter such fire department shall, every year, elect by ballot
7 one of its members to serve for the term of three (3) years upon the
8 local board; provided, the provisions of this article shall not
9 apply to any municipality where no regularly organized fire
10 department is maintained, nor to any municipality where the fire
11 department has firefighting apparatus of less than One Thousand
12 Dollars (\$1,000.00) value.

13 B. Local firefighter pension and retirement boards of
14 participating employers of the System shall be terminated on
15 December 31, 2016, and all powers, duties and functions shall be
16 assumed by the Executive Director unless a majority of the active
17 firefighters of an affected fire department elect to continue their
18 local firefighter pension and retirement board before the
19 termination date prescribed by this subsection~~7~~; provided~~,~~ that an
20 election shall be held within twenty (20) days of the date a
21 petition is presented to the fire chief of a fire department signed
22 by at least ten percent (10%) of the active firefighters on the
23 rolls as of the petition date requesting an election to continue the
24 local firefighter pension and retirement board.

1 SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 11 O.S. 2011, Section 49-104, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 Section 49-104. The mayor shall be an ex officio member and
4 chairman of the local board, the municipal clerk shall be ex officio
5 secretary, and the municipal treasurer shall be ex officio treasurer
6 of the local board. The mayor shall have a casting vote with the
7 members only when necessary to avoid a tie vote among them. In the
8 case of an Oklahoma-based federally recognized Native American tribe
9 that is a participating municipality, the persons serving in
10 equivalent offices to a mayor, municipal clerk and municipal
11 treasurer shall serve in those positions for purposes of this
12 section. The members shall elect a vice chairman from among them
13 and promulgate such other rules and offices as may be necessary to
14 insure the orderly conduct of business.

15 SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 11 O.S. 2011, Section 49-122, as
16 amended by Section 4, Chapter 165, O.S.L. 2013 (11 O.S. Supp. 2018,
17 Section 49-122), is amended to read as follows:

18 Section 49-122. A. Each municipality having a paid member of a
19 fire department shall deduct monthly from the salary of each member
20 of the fire department of such municipality an amount equal to nine
21 percent (9%) of the actual paid gross salary of each member of the
22 fire department. The deduction shall be considered the minimum
23 deduction. At the option of the municipality, the municipality may
24 pay all or any part of the member's required contribution. The

1 treasurer of each municipality shall deduct the authorized
2 deductions from the salary of each paid member of the fire
3 department. The treasurer of the municipality shall deposit within
4 ten (10) days from each ending payroll date in the System the amount
5 deducted from the salary of each member of the fire department.
6 Amounts deducted from the salary of a member and not paid to the
7 System after thirty (30) days from each ending payroll date shall be
8 subject to a monthly late charge of one and one-half percent (1
9 1/2%) of the unpaid balance to be paid by the municipality to the
10 System.

11 Each municipality shall pick up under the provisions of Section
12 414(h) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and pay
13 the contribution which the member is required by law to make to the
14 System for all compensation earned after December 31, 1988.

15 Although the contributions so picked up are designated as member
16 contributions, such contributions shall be treated as contributions
17 being paid by the municipality in lieu of contributions by the
18 member in determining tax treatment under the Internal Revenue Code
19 of 1986, as amended, and such picked up contributions shall not be
20 includable in the gross income of the member until such amounts are
21 distributed or made available to the member or the beneficiary of
22 the member. The member, by the terms of this System, shall not have
23 any option to choose to receive the contributions so picked up
24

1 directly and the picked up contributions must be paid by the
2 municipality to the System.

3 Member contributions which are picked up shall be treated in the
4 same manner and to the same extent as member contributions made
5 prior to the date on which member contributions were picked up by
6 the municipality. Member contributions so picked up shall be
7 included in salary for purposes of the System.

8 The municipality shall pay the member contributions from the
9 same source of funds used in paying salary to the member, by
10 effecting an equal cash reduction in gross salary of the member, or
11 by an offset against future salary increases, or by a combination of
12 reduction in gross salary and offset against future salary
13 increases.

14 The treasurer of each municipality shall deduct the picked up
15 contributions from the salary of each paid member of the fire
16 department. The treasurer of the municipality shall deposit monthly
17 in the System the amount picked up from the salary of each member of
18 the fire department.

19 B. Each municipality having a paid member of a fire department
20 shall deposit monthly with the State Board an amount equal to the
21 following:

22 1. Prior to July 1, 1991, ten percent (10%) of the total actual
23 paid gross salaries of the members of the fire department;
24

1 2. Beginning July 1, 1991 through June 30, 1992, ten and one-
2 half percent (10 1/2%) of the total actual paid gross salaries of
3 the members of the fire department;

4 3. Beginning July 1, 1992 through June 30, 1993, eleven percent
5 (11%) of the total actual paid gross salaries of the members of the
6 fire department;

7 4. Beginning July 1, 1993 through June 30, 1994, eleven and
8 one-half percent (11 1/2%) of the total actual paid gross salaries
9 of the members of the fire department;

10 5. Beginning July 1, 1994 through June 30, 1995, twelve percent
11 (12%) of the total actual paid gross salaries of the members of the
12 fire department;

13 6. Beginning July 1, 1995 through June 30, 1996, twelve and
14 one-half percent (12 1/2%) of the total actual paid gross salaries
15 of the members of the fire department;

16 7. Beginning July 1, 1996, thirteen percent (13%) of the total
17 actual paid gross salaries of the members of the fire department;
18 and

19 8. Beginning November 1, 2013, fourteen percent (14%) of the
20 total actual paid gross salaries of the members of the fire
21 department.

22 C. Each county or municipality having a volunteer member of a
23 fire department shall deposit yearly with the State Board Sixty
24 Dollars (\$60.00) for each volunteer member of the department.

1 Provided, the above-mentioned volunteer county or municipal
2 contributions shall be reevaluated by the next scheduled actuarial
3 study and the amounts adjusted so that in a nine-year period of
4 time, the amounts would reflect the actuarial recommendations at
5 that time. Any county or municipality with an income of less than
6 Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to its general fund during
7 a fiscal year shall be exempt from the provisions of this
8 subsection.

9 Any municipality that fails to comply with the provisions of
10 this section shall not be entitled to its proportionate share of the
11 Motor Fuel Excise Tax which is received through the Oklahoma Tax
12 Commission. Any county or municipality may exceed the amount of
13 contribution required by this section.

14 The provisions of this section shall supersede any city charter
15 provision in direct conflict with this section.

16 D. If a federally recognized Native American tribe authorizes
17 one or more of its employees to become a participating member of the
18 System pursuant to the provisions of this act, the tribe shall make
19 the employer contributions required by the provisions of this
20 section. If the tribe ceases to make the required employer
21 contributions, the employee shall cease participation in the System
22 and no service credit shall be provided to the member for any period
23 of time with respect to which the required employer contributions
24 are not paid.

1 E. Not later than ninety (90) days after the end of the first
2 plan year during which the tribal firefighters have been members of
3 the System, the System shall cause to be performed an actuarial
4 analysis of the normal cost of providing benefits to those members
5 compared to the other members of the System. If the actuary
6 determines that the normal cost for providing benefits to this
7 population is greater than the normal cost for the other members of
8 the System, the recommendation for increases in employer
9 contribution rates or employee contribution rates or both such rates
10 shall be communicated by the Board of Trustees to the Governor, the
11 Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the President
12 Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate not later than December 1.

13 F. The normal cost analysis and report from the System as
14 described by subsection E of this section shall be repeated each
15 year unless the actuary for the System determines, for any
16 applicable period, that no modifications to the employer
17 contribution rate or the employee contribution rate or both such
18 rates would be required in the plan year beginning on the next
19 ensuing July 1 date in order for the normal cost of the tribal
20 employee members of the System to be equalized with the normal cost
21 of the other members of the System.

22 SECTION 6. Section 1 of this act shall become effective October
23 1, 2019.

SECTION 7. Sections 2 through 5 of this act shall become
effective November 1, 2019.

COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON BANKING, FINANCIAL SERVICES AND
PENSIONS, dated 02/27/2019 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.