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An Act relating to retirement; amending 11 O.S. 2021, Sections 49-100.9 and 50-105.4, which relate to the Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and Retirement System and the Oklahoma Police Pension and Retirement System; allowing the Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and Retirement Board and the Oklahoma Police Pension and Retirement Board to approve cost-of-living adjustment under certain circumstances; amending 20 O.S. 2021, Section 1108, which relates to the Uniform Retirement System for Justices and Judges; allowing the Board of Trustees of the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System to approve cost-of-living adjustment under certain circumstances; amending 47 O.S. 2021, Section 2-303.1, which relates to the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Retirement System; allowing the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Retirement Board to approve cost-of-living adjustment under certain circumstances; amending 70 O.S. 2021, Section 17-106.1, which relates to the Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma; allowing Board of Trustees of the Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma to approve cost-of-living adjustment under certain circumstances; amending 74 O.S. 2021, Section 905, which relates to the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System; allowing Board of Trustees of the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System to approve cost-of-living adjustment under certain circumstances; amending 62 O.S. 2021, Section 3103, as last amended by Section 127, Chapter 452, O.S.L. 2024 (62 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 3103), which relates to the Oklahoma Pension Legislation Actuarial Analysis Act; modifying definition; updating statutory language; updating statutory references; making language gender neutral; and providing effective dates.

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

11 O.S. 2021, Section 49-100.9, is SECTION 1. AMENDATORY amended to read as follows:

Section 49-100.9. A. The Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and Retirement Board shall discharge their duties with respect to the Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and Retirement System solely in the interest of the participants and beneficiaries and:

- 1. For the exclusive purpose of:
 - providing benefits to participants and their beneficiaries, and
 - defraying reasonable expenses of administering the b. System;
- With the care, skill, prudence, and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing that a prudent person acting in a like capacity and familiar with such matters would use in the conduct of an enterprise of a like character and with like aims;
- 3. By diversifying the investments of the System so as to minimize the risk of large losses, unless under the circumstances it is clearly prudent not to do so; and
- In accordance with the laws, documents and instruments governing the System.

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B. The State Board may procure insurance indemnifying the members of the State Board from personal loss or accountability from liability resulting from a member's action or inaction as a member of the State Board.

- C. The State Board may establish an investment committee. The investment committee shall be composed of not more than five (5) members of the State Board appointed by the chairman of the State Board. The committee shall make recommendations to the full State Board on all matters related to the choice of custodians and managers of the assets of the System, on the establishment of investment and fund management guidelines, and in planning future investment policy. The committee shall have no authority to act on behalf of the State Board in any circumstances whatsoever. No recommendation of the committee shall have effect as an action of the State Board nor take effect without the approval of the State Board as provided by law.
- D. The Board shall retain qualified investment managers to provide for the investment of the monies of the System. The investment managers shall be chosen by a solicitation of proposals on a competitive bid basis pursuant to standards set by the State Board. Subject to the overall investment guidelines set by the State Board, the investment managers shall have full discretion in the management of those monies of the System allocated to the investment managers. The State Board shall manage those monies not

specifically allocated to the investment managers. The monies of the System allocated to the investment managers shall be actively managed by the investment managers, which may include selling investments and realizing losses if such action is considered advantageous to longer term return maximization. Because of the total return objective, no distinction shall be made for management and performance evaluation purposes between realized and unrealized capital gains and losses.

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Funds and revenues for investment by the investment managers or the State Board shall be placed with a custodian selected by the State Board. The custodian shall be a bank or trust company offering pension fund master trustee and master custodial services and any related custodial agreement or trust agreement is incorporated herein by reference. The custodian shall be chosen by a solicitation of proposals on a competitive bid basis pursuant to standards set by the State Board. In compliance with the investment policy guidelines of the State Board, the custodian bank or trust company shall be contractually responsible for ensuring that all monies of the System are invested in income-producing investment vehicles at all times. If a custodian bank or trust company has not received direction from the investment managers of the System as to the investment of the monies of the System in specific investment vehicles, the custodian bank or trust company shall be contractually responsible to the State Board for investing the monies in

appropriately collateralized short-term interest-bearing investment vehicles. Any assets of the System may be invested in a collective investment fund or group trust that satisfies the requirements of Revenue Ruling 81-100, as further amended by Revenue Ruling 2004-67, Revenue Ruling 2008-40, and Revenue Ruling 2011-1, and as subsequently amended by future guidance. Each such collective investment fund or group trust is adopted, with respect to any monies invested therein, as part of the System, its trust, and custodial account and each such declaration of trust or trust agreement and related adoption, participation, investment management, subtrust or other agreements, as amended from time to time, with respect to any monies invested therein, are incorporated by reference into the System, its trust agreement(s) or custodial agreement(s), upon approval by the State Board.

- F. By November 1, 1988, and prior to August 1 of each year thereafter, the State Board shall develop a written investment plan for the System.
- G. The State Board shall compile a quarterly financial report of all the funds of the System on a fiscal year basis. The report shall be compiled pursuant to uniform reporting standards prescribed by the Oklahoma State Pension Commission for all state retirement systems. The report shall include several relevant measures of investment value, including acquisition cost and current fair market value with appropriate summaries of total holdings and returns. The

report shall contain combined and individual rate of returns of the investment managers by category of investment, over periods of time. The State Board shall include in the quarterly reports all commissions, fees or payments for investment services performed on behalf of the State Board. The report shall be distributed to the Governor, the Oklahoma State Pension Commission, the Legislative Service Bureau, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

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After July 1 and before December 1 of each year, the State Board shall publish widely an annual report presented in simple and easily understood language pursuant to uniform reporting standards prescribed by the Oklahoma State Pension Commission for all state retirement systems. The report shall be submitted to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Oklahoma State Pension Commission and the members of the System. The annual report shall cover the operation of the System during the past fiscal year, including income, disbursements, and the financial condition of the System at the end of the fiscal year. The annual report shall also contain the information issued in the quarterly reports required pursuant to subsection G of this section as well as a summary of the results of the most recent actuarial valuation to include total assets, total liabilities, unfunded liability or over funded status, contributions and any other information deemed relevant by the State Board.

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annual report shall be written in such a manner as to permit a readily understandable means for analyzing the financial condition and performance of the System for the fiscal year.

- I. Effective July 1, 2000, the State Board is hereby authorized to do all acts and things necessary and proper to carry out the purpose of the System and to make the least costly amendments and changes, if any, as may be necessary to qualify the System under the applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.
- J. 1. The Board may approve a two percent (2%) cost-of-living adjustment, pursuant to the schedule prescribed by this subsection for persons who have received benefits from the System for one or more years. The Board may only approve a cost-of-living adjustment when the System's funded ratio, according to the latest annual actuarial valuation, exceeds a percentage as prescribed in paragraph 2 of this subsection. The funded ratio shall be maintained on a rolling average for not less than three (3) years. Provided, a cost-of-living adjustment shall not be granted if the adjustment would cause the funding ratio of the System to drop below the percentage which authorized the adjustment.
- 2. Except as provided in paragraph 1 of this subsection, a cost-of-living adjustment may be approved by the Board if the funded ratio of the System exceeds eighty percent (80%). Subsequent cost-of-living adjustments may be approved each time thereafter that the

System's funded ratio increases by two and one-half percent (2 1/2%)
from the percentage which authorized the previous cost-of-living
adjustment.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 11 O.S. 2021, Section 50-105.4, is amended to read as follows:

Section 50-105.4. A. The Oklahoma Police Pension and Retirement Board shall discharge their duties with respect to the Oklahoma Police Pension and Retirement System solely in the interest of the participants and beneficiaries and:

- 1. For the exclusive purpose of:
 - a. providing benefits to participants and their beneficiaries, and
 - b. defraying reasonable expenses of administering the System;
- 2. With the care, skill, prudence, and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing that a prudent person acting in a like capacity and familiar with such matters would use in the conduct of an enterprise of a like character and with like aims;
- 3. By diversifying the investments of the System so as to minimize the risk of large losses, unless under the circumstances it is clearly prudent not to do so; and
- 4. In accordance with the laws, documents and instruments governing the System.

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- liability resulting from a member's action or inaction as a member
 - C. The State Board may establish an investment committee. The

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- investment committee shall be composed of not more than five (5)
- members of the State Board appointed by the chairman of the State
- Board. The committee shall make recommendations to the full State
- Board on all matters related to the choice of custodians and
- managers of the assets of the System, on the establishment of
- investment and fund management guidelines, and in planning future
- investment policy. The committee shall have no authority to act on
 - behalf of the State Board in any circumstances whatsoever. No
 - recommendation of the committee shall have effect as an action of
 - the $\frac{\text{State}}{\text{State}}$ Board nor take effect without the approval of the $\frac{\text{State}}{\text{State}}$
 - Board as provided by law.

of the State Board.

- D. The State Board shall retain qualified investment managers
- to provide for the investment of the monies of the System. The
- investment managers shall be chosen by a solicitation of proposals
- on a competitive bid basis pursuant to standards set by the State
 - Board unless the $\frac{\text{State}}{\text{Board}}$ Board deems it necessary and prudent to do
- otherwise to fulfill its fiduciary responsibility. Subject to the
- overall investment guidelines set by the State Board, the investment
- managers shall have full discretion in the management of those
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monies of the System allocated to the investment managers. The State Board shall manage those monies not specifically allocated to the investment managers. The monies of the System allocated to the investment managers shall be actively managed by the investment managers, which may include selling investments and realizing losses if such action is considered advantageous to longer term return maximization. Because of the total return objective, no distinction shall be made for management and performance evaluation purposes between realized and unrealized capital gains and losses.

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Ε. Funds and revenues for investment by the investment managers or the State Board shall be placed with a custodian selected by the State Board. The custodian shall be a bank or trust company offering pension fund master trustee and master custodial services and any related custodial agreement or trust agreement is incorporated herein by reference. The custodian shall be chosen by a solicitation of proposals on a competitive basis pursuant to standards set by the State Board. In compliance with the investment policy guidelines of the State Board, the custodian bank or trust company shall be contractually responsible for ensuring that all monies of the System are invested in income-producing investment vehicles at all times. If a custodian bank or trust company has not received direction from the investment managers of the System as to the investment of the monies of the System in specific investment vehicles, the custodian bank or trust company shall be contractually

responsible to the State Board for investing the monies in appropriately collateralized short-term interest-bearing investment vehicles. Any assets of the System may be invested in a collective investment fund or in a group trust that satisfies the requirements of Rev. Rul. Revenue Ruling 81-100, as further amended by Rev. Rul. Revenue Ruling 2004-67, Rev. Rul. Revenue Ruling 2008-40, and Rev. Rul. Revenue Ruling 2011-1, and as subsequently amended by future guidance. Each such collective investment fund or group trust is adopted, with respect to any monies invested therein, as part of the System, its trust, and custodial account and each such declaration of trust or trust agreement and related adoption, participation, investment management, subtrust or other agreements, as amended from time to time, with respect to any monies invested therein, are incorporated by reference into the System, its trust agreement(s) or custodial agreement(s), upon approval by the State Board.

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- F. By November 1, 1988, and prior to August 1 of each year thereafter, the State Board shall develop a written investment plan for the System.
- G. After July 1 and before November 1 of each year, the State
 Board shall publish widely an annual report presented in simple and
 easily understood language pursuant to uniform reporting standards
 prescribed by the Oklahoma State Pension Commission for all state
 retirement systems. The report shall be submitted to the Governor,
 the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro

Tempore of the Senate, the Oklahoma State Pension Commission and the members of the System. The annual report shall cover the operation of the System during the past fiscal year, including income, disbursements, and the financial condition of the System at the end of the fiscal year. The annual report shall also contain a summary of the results of the most recent actuarial valuation to include total assets, total liabilities, unfunded liability or over funded status, contributions and any other information deemed relevant by the State Board. The annual report shall be written in such a manner as to permit a readily understandable means for analyzing the financial condition and performances of the System for the fiscal year.

- H. The State Board shall adopt a cost of living cost-of-living adjustment actuarial assumption in its annual actuarial valuation report.
- I. 1. The Board may approve a two percent (2%) cost-of-living adjustment, pursuant to the schedule prescribed by this subsection for persons who have received benefits from the System for one or more years. The Board may only approve a cost-of-living adjustment when the System's funded ratio, according to the latest annual actuarial valuation, exceeds a percentage as prescribed in paragraph 2 of this subsection. The funded ratio shall be maintained on a rolling average for not less than three (3) years. Provided, a cost-of-living adjustment shall not be granted if the adjustment

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would cause the funding ratio of the System to drop below the percentage which authorized the adjustment.

2. Except as provided in paragraph 1 of this subsection, a cost-of-living adjustment may be approved by the Board if the funded ratio of the System exceeds eighty percent (80%). Subsequent costof-living adjustments may be approved each time thereafter that the System's funded ratio increases by two and one-half percent (2 1/2%) from the percentage which authorized the previous cost-of-living adjustment.

SECTION 3. 20 O.S. 2021, Section 1108, is AMENDATORY amended to read as follows:

Section 1108. A. The Board of Trustees of the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System shall have the responsibility for management of the Uniform Retirement System for Justices and Judges and the State Oklahoma Judicial Retirement Fund. All benefits payable under The the Uniform Retirement System for Justices and Judges, refunds of contributions and overpayments, purchases or investments under the law, and all expenses in connection with the System shall be paid from the Oklahoma Judicial Retirement Fund. The State Oklahoma Judicial Retirement Fund shall be invested and managed in the same manner as now or hereinafter provided by law for the investment and management of funds belonging to the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System. The Uniform Retirement System for Justices and Judges shall be an instrumentality of the State of

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Oklahoma this state. The System shall be vested with the powers and duties specified in this act Section 1101 et seq. of this title and such other powers as may be necessary to enable it, its officers, employees, and agents to carry out fully and effectively the purposes and intent of this act Section 1101 et seq. of this title.

- 1. The Board shall distribute the corpus and income of the System to the members and their beneficiaries in accordance with the System's law. At no time prior to the satisfaction of all liabilities with respect to members and their beneficiaries shall any part of the corpus and income be used for, or diverted to, purposes other than the exclusive benefit of the members and their beneficiaries.
- 2. The Board may not engage in a transaction prohibited by Section 503(b) of the $\frac{\text{federal}}{\text{federal}}$ Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.
- 3. The Board shall be responsible for the policies and rules for the general administration of the System, subject to the provisions of this act Section 1101 et seq. of this title. Except as specifically provided in this act, the Uniform Retirement System for Justices and Judges shall generally be managed in the same manner as now or hereinafter provided by law or by rule for the management of the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System.
- 4. The Board shall establish rules for the administration of the System and for the transaction of its business consistent with

law, which rules shall be promulgated in compliance with the Administrative Procedures Act.

- 5. The Board may adopt all necessary actuarial tables to be used in the operation of the System as recommended by the actuary and may compile such additional data as may be necessary for required actuarial valuation calculations.
- 6. All decisions of the Board as to questions of fact shall be final and conclusive on all persons except for the right of review as provided by law and except for fraud or such gross mistake of fact as to have effect equivalent to fraud.
- 7. Any person who shall knowingly make any false statement, or who shall falsify or permit to be falsified any record necessary for carrying out the intent of this act Section 1101 et seq. of this title for the purpose of committing fraud, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or by imprisonment for not exceeding one (1) year. Should any error in any records of the Uniform Retirement System for Justices and Judges result in any member or beneficiary receiving more or less than he or she would have been entitled to receive had the records been correct, the Board shall correct such error, and, as far as practicable, make future payments in such manner that the actuarial equivalent of the benefit to which such member or beneficiary was entitled shall be paid, and to this end, may recover any overpayments.

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The Board of Trustees of the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System shall compile a quarterly financial report of all the funds of the State Oklahoma Judicial Retirement Fund on a fiscal year basis. The report shall be compiled pursuant to uniform reporting standards prescribed by the Oklahoma State Pension Commission for all state retirement systems. The report shall include several relevant measures of investment value, including acquisition cost and current fair market value with appropriate summaries of total holdings and returns. The report shall contain combined and individual rate of returns of the investment managers by category of investment, over periods of time. The Board of Trustees shall include in the quarterly reports all commissions, fees or payments for investment services performed on behalf of the Board of Trustees with respect to the State Oklahoma Judicial Retirement Fund. The report shall be distributed to the Governor, the Oklahoma State Pension Commission, the Legislative Service Bureau, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. In lieu of compiling and distributing the quarterly report, the Board may provide the Pension Commission with direct access to the same data from the custodian bank for the System.

C. There is hereby created the Retirement Medical Benefit Fund.

The fund shall to be maintained as a subaccount of the State

Oklahoma Judicial Retirement Fund. The Retirement Medical Benefit

Fund is composed of all assets which may be contributed to this subaccount to pay the retirement system's portion of the monthly retiree health insurance premium benefit described by Section 1316.2 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. All such allocated assets and any earnings thereon in the Retirement Medical Benefit Fund shall be held for the exclusive purpose of providing retiree medical benefits. The Retirement Medical Benefit Fund is to be administered in accordance with the requirements of Section 401(h) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, from time to time. The Board of Trustees may promulgate such rules as are necessary to implement the funding and administration of the fund pursuant to the provisions of this subsection.

D. After July 1 and before December 1 of each year, the Board of Trustees of the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System shall publish widely an annual report presented in simple and easily understood language pursuant to uniform reporting standards prescribed by the Oklahoma State Pension Commission for all state retirement systems. The report shall be submitted to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Oklahoma State Pension Commission and the members of the System. The annual report shall cover the operation of the System during the past fiscal year, including income, disbursements, and the financial condition of the System at the end of the fiscal year. The annual report shall also contain the

information issued in the quarterly reports required pursuant to subsection B of this section as well as a summary of the results of the most recent actuarial valuation to include total assets, total liabilities, unfunded liability or overfunded status, contributions and any other information deemed relevant by the Board of Trustees. The annual report shall be written in such a manner as to permit a readily understandable means for analyzing the financial condition and performance of the System for the fiscal year.

- E. The Board shall adopt a cost of living cost-of-living adjustment actuarial assumption in its annual actuarial valuation report.
- F. 1. The Board may approve a two percent (2%) cost-of-living adjustment, pursuant to the schedule prescribed by this subsection for persons who have received benefits from the System for one or more years. The Board may only approve a cost-of-living adjustment when the System's funded ratio, according to the latest annual actuarial valuation, exceeds a percentage as prescribed in paragraph 2 of this subsection. The funded ratio shall be maintained on a rolling average for not less than three (3) years. Provided, a cost-of-living adjustment shall not be granted if the adjustment would cause the funding ratio of the System to drop below the percentage which authorized the adjustment.
- 2. Except as provided in paragraph 1 of this subsection, a cost-of-living adjustment may be approved by the Board if the funded

ratio of the System exceeds eighty percent (80%). Subsequent costof-living adjustments may be approved each time thereafter that the

System's funded ratio increases by two and one-half percent (2 1/2%)
from the percentage which authorized the previous cost-of-living
adjustment.

SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 2-303.1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 2-303.1. A. The Oklahoma Law Enforcement Retirement Board shall discharge its duties with respect to the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Retirement System solely in the interest of the participants and beneficiaries and:

- 1. For the exclusive purpose of:
 - a. providing benefits to participants and their beneficiaries, and
 - b. defraying reasonable expenses of administering the System;
- 2. With the care, skill, prudence, and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing that a prudent person acting in a like capacity and familiar with such matters would use in the conduct of an enterprise of a like character and with like aims;
- 3. By diversifying the investments of the System so as to minimize the risk of large losses, unless under the circumstances it is clearly prudent not to do so; and

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- 4. In accordance with the laws, documents and instruments governing the System.
- B. The Board may procure insurance indemnifying the members of the Board from personal loss or accountability from liability resulting from a member's action or inaction as a member of the Board.
- C. The Board may establish an investment committee. The investment committee shall be composed of not more than five (5) members of the Board appointed by the president of the Board. The committee shall make recommendations to the full Board on all matters related to the choice of custodians and managers of the assets of the System, on the establishment of investment and fund management guidelines, and in planning future investment policy. The committee shall have no authority to act on behalf of the Board in any circumstances whatsoever. No recommendation of the committee shall have effect as an action of the Board nor take effect without the approval of the Board as provided by law.
- D. The Board shall retain qualified investment managers to provide for the investment of the monies of the System. The investment managers shall be chosen by a solicitation of proposals on a competitive bid basis pursuant to standards set by the Board. Subject to the overall investment guidelines set by the Board, the investment managers shall have full discretion in the management of those monies of the System allocated to the investment managers.

The Board shall manage those monies not specifically allocated to the investment managers. The monies of the System allocated to the investment managers shall be actively managed by the investment managers, which may include selling investments and realizing losses if such action is considered advantageous to longer term return maximization. Because of the total return objective, no distinction shall be made for management and performance evaluation purposes between realized and unrealized capital gains and losses.

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All assets of the System shall be held in trust for the Ε. exclusive purpose of providing benefits for the members and beneficiaries of the System, including defraying reasonable expenses of administering the System, and shall not be encumbered for or diverted to any other purposes. Funds and revenues for investment by the investment managers or the Board shall be placed with a custodian selected by the Board. The custodian shall be a bank or trust company offering pension fund master trustee and master custodial services, and any related custodial agreement or trust agreement is incorporated herein by reference. The custodian shall be chosen by a solicitation of proposals on a competitive bid basis pursuant to standards set by the Board. In compliance with the investment policy guidelines of the Board, the custodian bank or trust company shall be contractually responsible for ensuring that all monies of the System are invested in income-producing investment vehicles at all times. If a custodian bank or trust company has not

received direction from the investment managers of the System as to the investment of the monies of the System in specific investment vehicles, the custodian bank or trust company shall be contractually responsible to the Board for investing the monies in appropriately collateralized short-term interest-bearing investment vehicles. Any assets of the System may be invested in a collective investment fund or in a group trust provided the investment in such collective investment fund or group trust is in compliance with the provisions of Rev. Rul. Revenue Ruling 81-100, as further amended by Rev. Rul. Revenue Ruling 2004-67, Rev. Rul. Revenue Ruling 2008-40, and Rev. Rul. Revenue Ruling 2011-1, or any successor ruling, regulation, or similar pronouncement. Each such collective investment fund or group trust is adopted with respect to any monies invested therein, as part of the System, its trust and custodial agreement, and the provisions of such trust agreement or such declaration of trust and related adoption, participation, investment management, subtrust or other agreements, as amended from time to time, with respect to any monies invested therein, are incorporated by reference into the System, its trust agreement(s) or custodial agreement(s), upon approval by the Board.

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- F. Prior to August 1 of each year, the Board shall develop a written investment plan for the System.
- G. The Board shall compile a quarterly financial report of all the funds of the System on a fiscal year basis. The report shall be

compiled pursuant to uniform reporting standards prescribed by the Oklahoma State Pension Commission for all state retirement systems. The report shall include several relevant measures of investment value, including acquisition cost and current fair market value with appropriate summaries of total holdings and returns. The report shall contain combined and individual rate of returns of the investment managers by category of investment, over periods of time. The Board shall include in the quarterly reports all commissions, fees or payments for investment services performed on behalf of the Board. The report shall be distributed to the Governor, the Oklahoma State Pension Commission, the Legislative Service Bureau, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

H. After July 1 and before October 31 of each year, the Board shall publish widely an annual report presented in simple and easily understood language pursuant to uniform reporting standards prescribed by the Oklahoma State Pension Commission for all state retirement systems. The report shall be submitted to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Oklahoma State Pension Commission and the members of the System. The annual report shall cover the operation of the System during the past fiscal year, including income, disbursements, and the financial condition of the System at the end of the fiscal year. The annual report shall also contain the

information issued in the quarterly reports required pursuant to subsection G of this section as well as a summary of the results of the most recent actuarial valuation to include total assets, total liabilities, unfunded liability or over funded status, contributions and any other information deemed relevant by the Board. The annual report shall be written in such a manner as to permit a readily understandable means for analyzing the financial condition and performance of the System for the fiscal year. The annual financial statements must be audited and filed in accordance with the requirements set forth for financial statement audits in Section 212A of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

- I. The Board may retain an attorney licensed to practice law in this state. The attorney shall serve at the pleasure of the Board for such compensation as set by the Board. The Attorney General shall furnish such legal services as may be requested by the Board.
- J. All information, documents and copies thereof contained in a member's retirement file shall be given confidential treatment and shall not be made public by the System without the prior written consent of the member to which it pertains, but shall be subject only to court order. Provided, the System, its employees or attorneys, may use such records in defense of any action brought against the System.
- K. Effective July 1, 1999, the Board is hereby authorized to do all acts and things necessary and proper to carry out the purpose of

the System and to make the least costly amendments and changes, if any, as may be necessary to qualify the System under the applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

L. The Executive Director and such employees of the System as the Executive Director may designate are hereby authorized to prepare certified copies of records of the System and every such certified copy shall be admissible in any proceeding in any court in like manner as the original thereof.

M. On or after July 1, 2011, the Board may permit, effective for applicable notices, elections and consents provided or made for a member, beneficiary, alternate payee or individual entitled to benefits under the System, the use of electronic media to provide applicable notices and make such elections and consents as described in Section 1.401(a)-21 of the Income Tax Regulations.

N. The Board shall develop such procedures and may require such information from the distributing plan as it deems necessary to reasonably conclude that a potential rollover contribution is a valid rollover contribution under Section 1.401(a)(31)-1, Q&A-14(b)(2), of the Income Tax Regulations.

O. 1. The Board may approve a two percent (2%) cost-of-living adjustment, pursuant to the schedule prescribed by this subsection for persons who have received benefits from the System for one or more years. The Board may only approve a cost-of-living adjustment when the System's funded ratio, according to the latest annual

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actuarial valuation, exceeds a percentage as prescribed in paragraph 2 of this subsection. The funded ratio shall be maintained on a rolling average for not less than three (3) years. Provided, a cost-of-living adjustment shall not be granted if the adjustment would cause the funding ratio of the System to drop below the percentage which authorized the adjustment.

- 2. Except as provided in paragraph 1 of this subsection, a cost-of-living adjustment may be approved by the Board if the funded ratio of the System exceeds eighty percent (80%). Subsequent cost-of-living adjustments may be approved each time thereafter that the System's funded ratio increases by two and one-half percent (2 1/2%) from the percentage which authorized the previous cost-of-living adjustment.
- SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 17-106.1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 17-106.1. A. The Board of Trustees of the Teachers'
Retirement System of Oklahoma shall discharge their duties with
respect to the System solely in the interest of the participants and
beneficiaries and:

1. For the exclusive purpose of:

- a. providing benefits to participants and their beneficiaries, and
- b. defraying reasonable expenses of administering the System;

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- 2. With the care, skill, prudence, and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing that a prudent person acting in a like capacity and familiar with such matters would use in the conduct of an enterprise of a like character and with like aims;
- 3. By diversifying the investments of the System so as to minimize the risk of large losses, unless under the circumstances it is clearly prudent not to do so; and
- In accordance with the laws, documents and instruments governing the System.
- The Board of Trustees of the Teachers' Retirement System of В. Oklahoma may invest the assets of the System in real property owned or to be acquired by the State of Oklahoma state. It is further authorized to acquire, exchange, and grant any real property under its jurisdiction as is necessary to carry out the investment in the real property. The Board of Trustees of the Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma is authorized to invest not more than ten percent (10%) of the total value of assets of the System in connection with such investments. Limitations on investment of the assets of the System provided herein shall be determined as of the date of its making or acquisition.
- C. The Board of Trustees may procure insurance indemnifying the members of the Board of Trustees from personal loss or accountability from liability resulting from a member's action or inaction as a member of the Board.

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- D. The Board of Trustees may establish an investment committee. The investment committee shall be composed of not more than five (5) members of the Board of Trustees appointed by the chairman of the Board of Trustees. The committee shall make recommendations to the full Board of Trustees on all matters related to the choice of custodians and managers of the assets of the System, on the establishment of investment and fund management guidelines, and in planning future investment policy. The committee shall have no authority to act on behalf of the Board of Trustees in any circumstances whatsoever. No recommendation of the committee shall have effect as an action of the Board of Trustees nor take effect without the approval of the Board of Trustees as provided by law.
- E. The Board of Trustees may retain qualified investment managers to provide for the investment of the monies of the System. The investment managers shall be chosen by a solicitation of proposals on a competitive bid basis pursuant to standards set by the Board of Trustees. Subject to the overall investment guidelines set by the Board of Trustees, the investment managers shall have full discretion in the management of those monies of the System allocated to the investment managers. The Board of Trustees shall manage those monies not specifically allocated to the investment managers. The monies of the System allocated to the investment managers shall be actively managed by the investment managers, which may include selling investments and realizing losses if such action

is considered advantageous to longer term return maximization.

Because of the total return objective, no distinction shall be made for management and performance evaluation purposes between realized and unrealized capital gains and losses.

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- Funds and revenues for investment by the investment managers or the Board of Trustees shall be placed with a custodian selected by the Board of Trustees. The custodian shall be a bank or trust company offering pension fund master trustee and master custodial services. The custodian shall be chosen by a solicitation of proposals on a competitive bid basis pursuant to standards set by the Board of Trustees. In compliance with the investment policy guidelines of the Board of Trustees, the custodian bank or trust company shall be contractually responsible for ensuring that all monies of the System are invested in income-producing investment vehicles at all times. If a custodian bank or trust company has not received direction from the investment managers of the System as to the investment of the monies of the System in specific investment vehicles, the custodian bank or trust company shall be contractually responsible to the Board of Trustees for investing the monies in appropriately collateralized short-term interest-bearing investment vehicles.
- G. By November 1, 1988, and prior to August 1 of each year thereafter, the Board of Trustees shall develop a written investment plan for the System.

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The Board of Trustees shall compile a quarterly financial report of all the funds of the System on a fiscal year basis. report shall be compiled pursuant to uniform reporting standards prescribed by the Oklahoma State Pension Commission for all state retirement systems. The report shall include several relevant measures of investment value, including acquisition cost and current fair market value with appropriate summaries of total holdings and The report shall contain combined and individual rate of returns of the investment managers by category of investment, over periods of time. The Board of Trustees shall include in the quarterly reports all commissions, fees or payments for investment services performed on behalf of the Board. The report shall be distributed to the Governor, the Oklahoma State Pension Commission, the Legislative Service Bureau, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. lieu of compiling and distributing the quarterly report, the Board may provide the Oklahoma State Pension Commission with direct access to the same data from the custodian bank for the System.

I. After July 1 and before December 1 of each year, the Board of Trustees shall publish widely an annual report presented in simple and easily understood language pursuant to uniform reporting standards prescribed by the Oklahoma State Pension Commission for all state retirement systems. The report shall be submitted to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President

Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Oklahoma State Pension Commission and the members of the System. The annual report shall cover the operation of the System during the past fiscal year, including income, disbursements, and the financial condition of the System at the end of the fiscal year. The annual report shall also contain the information issued in the quarterly reports required pursuant to subsection H of this section as well as a summary of the results of the most recent actuarial valuation to include total assets, total liabilities, unfunded liability or over funded status, contributions and any other information deemed relevant by the Board of Trustees. The annual report shall be written in such a manner as to permit a readily understandable means for analyzing the financial condition and performance of the System for the fiscal year.

J. 1. The Board of Trustees may approve a two percent (2%) cost-of-living adjustment, pursuant to the schedule prescribed by this subsection for persons who have received benefits from the System for one or more years. The Board of Trustees may only approve a cost-of-living adjustment when the System's funded ratio, according to the latest annual actuarial valuation, exceeds a percentage as prescribed in paragraph 2 of this subsection. The funded ratio shall be maintained on a rolling average for not less than three (3) years. Provided, a cost-of-living adjustment shall not be granted if the adjustment would cause the funding ratio of

the System to drop below the percentage which authorized the adjustment.

2. Except as provided in paragraph 1 of this subsection, a cost-of-living adjustment may be approved by the Board of Trustees if the funded ratio of the System exceeds eighty percent (80%).

Subsequent cost-of-living adjustments may be approved each time thereafter that the System's funded ratio increases by two and one-half percent (2 1/2%) from the percentage which authorized the previous cost-of-living adjustment.

SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2021, Section 905, is amended to read as follows:

Section 905. (1) A. There shall be a Board of Trustees of the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System which shall consist of fourteen (14) members as follows and all appointees shall serve their terms at the pleasure of the appointing authority and may be removed or replaced without cause: a member of the Corporation Commission or the Commission's designee selected by the Corporation Commission, the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services or the Director's designee, the State Insurance Commissioner or the Commissioner's designee, the Director of Human Capital Management of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services, a member of the Oklahoma Tax Commission selected by the Tax Commission, the State Treasurer or the Treasurer's designee, three members appointed by the Governor, one member appointed by the

Supreme Court, two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and two members appointed by the President Pro
Tempore of the State Senate. One member appointed by the Governor shall be an active member of the System. One member appointed by the Speaker shall be an active member of the System. One member appointed by the President Pro Tempore shall be a retired member of the System.

- (2) B. The member of the Board of Trustees on July 1, 1988, who was appointed by the Supreme Court shall complete the term of office for which the member was appointed. The members thereafter appointed by the Supreme Court shall serve terms of office of four (4) years.
- (3) C. Members of the Board of Trustees on July 1, 1988, who were appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives or by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall complete their term of office for which they were appointed. The initial term of office of members appointed thereafter shall expire on January 8, 1991. The members thereafter appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall serve terms of office of four (4) years.
- (4) D. The initial term of office of the members appointed by the Governor shall expire on January 14, 1991. The members thereafter appointed by the Governor shall serve a term of office of

- four (4) years which is coterminous with the term of office of the office of the appointing authority.
- (5) E. One of the members appointed to the Board by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and two members appointed to the Board by the Governor shall:
- (a) have 1. Have demonstrated professional experience in investment or funds management, public funds management, public or private pension fund management or retirement system management.
- (b) have 2. Have demonstrated experience in the banking profession and have demonstrated professional experience in investment or funds management τ :
- (c) be 3. Be licensed to practice law in this state and have demonstrated professional experience in commercial matters τ : or
- $\frac{\text{(d) be }4.\ \text{Be}}{\text{1}}$ licensed by the Oklahoma Accountancy Board to practice in this state as a public accountant or a certified public accountant.

The appointing authorities, in making appointments that conform to the requirements of this subsection, shall give due consideration to balancing the appointments among the criteria specified in paragraphs $\frac{1}{2}$ through $\frac{1}{2}$ of this subsection.

(6) F. No member of the Board of Trustees shall be a lobbyist registered in this state as provided by law.

 $\frac{(7)}{G.}$ Any vacancy that occurs on the Board of Trustees shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as the office was previously filled.

- (8) H. Notwithstanding any of the provisions of this section to the contrary, any person serving as an appointed member of the Board on July 1, 1988, shall be eligible for reappointment when the term of office of the member expires.
- (9) I. The Board shall elect one of its members as Chairman chair of the Board at its annual meeting. He or she shall preside over meetings of the Board and perform such other duties as may be required by the Board.
- (10) J. The Board shall also elect another member to serve as Vice Chairman vice chair, and the Vice Chairman vice chair shall perform duties of Chairman chair in the absence of the latter or upon his or her inability or refusal to act.
- K. 1. The Board may approve a two percent (2%) cost-of-living adjustment, pursuant to the schedule prescribed by this subsection for persons who have received benefits from the System for one or more years. The Board may only approve a cost-of-living adjustment when the System's funded ratio, according to the latest annual actuarial valuation, exceeds a percentage as prescribed in paragraph 2 of this subsection. The funded ratio shall be maintained on a rolling average for not less than three (3) years. Provided, a cost-of-living adjustment shall not be granted if the adjustment

would cause the funding ratio of the System to drop below the percentage which authorized the adjustment.

- 2. Except as provided in paragraph 1 of this subsection, a cost-of-living adjustment may be approved by the Board if the funded ratio of the System exceeds eighty percent (80%). Subsequent cost-of-living adjustments may be approved each time thereafter that the System's funded ratio increases by two and one-half percent (2 1/2%) from the percentage which authorized the previous cost-of-living adjustment.
- SECTION 7. AMENDATORY 62 O.S. 2021, Section 3103, as last amended by Section 127, Chapter 452, O.S.L. 2024 (62 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 3103), is amended to read as follows:
 - Section 3103. As used in the Oklahoma Pension Legislation Actuarial Analysis Act:
 - 1. "Amendment" means any amendment including a substitute bill, made to a retirement bill by any committee of the House of Representatives or Senate, any conference committee of the House or Senate or by the House or Senate;
 - 2. "RB number" means that number preceded by the letters "RB" assigned to a retirement bill by the respective staffs of the Oklahoma State Senate and the Oklahoma House of Representatives when the respective staff office prepares a retirement bill for a member of the Legislature;

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- 3. "Legislative Actuary" means the firm or entity that enters into a contract with the Legislative Service Bureau pursuant to Section 452.15 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes to provide the actuarial services and other duties provided for in the Oklahoma Pension Legislation Actuarial Analysis Act;
- 4. "Nonfiscal amendment" means an amendment to a retirement bill having a fiscal impact, which amendment does not change any factor of an actuarial investigation specified in subsection A of Section 3109 of this title:
 - 5. "Nonfiscal retirement bill" means a retirement bill:
 - a. which does not affect the cost or funding factors of a retirement system,
 - b. which affects such factors only in a manner which does not:
 - (1) grant a benefit increase under the retirement system affected by the bill,
 - (2) create an actuarial accrued liability for or increase the actuarial accrued liability of the retirement system affected by the bill, or
 - (3) increase the normal cost of the retirement system affected by the bill,
 - c. which authorizes the purchase by an active member of the retirement system, at the actuarial cost for the purchase as computed pursuant to the statute in effect

on the effective date of the measure allowing such purchase, of years of service for purposes of reaching a normal retirement date in the applicable retirement system, but which cannot be used in order to compute the number of years of service for purposes of computing the retirement benefit for the member,

- d. which provides for the computation of a serviceconnected disability retirement benefit for members of the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Retirement System pursuant to Section 2-305 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes if the members were unable to complete twenty (20) years of service as a result of the disability,
- e. which requires membership in the defined benefit plan authorized by Section 901 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes for persons whose first elected or appointed service occurs on or after November 1, 2018, if such persons had any prior service in the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System prior to November 1, 2015,
- f. which provides for a one-time increase in retirement benefits if the increase in retirement benefits is not a permanent increase in the gross annual retirement benefit payable to a member or beneficiary, occurs

only once pursuant to a single statutory authorization and does not exceed:

- (1) the lesser of two percent (2%) of the gross annual retirement benefit of the member or One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) and requires that the benefit may only be provided if the funded ratio of the affected retirement system would not be less than sixty percent (60%) but not greater than eighty percent (80%) after the benefit increase is paid,
- (2) the lesser of two percent (2%) of the gross annual retirement benefit of the member or One

 Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$1,200.00) and requires that the benefit may only be provided if the funded ratio of the affected retirement system would be greater than eighty percent (80%) but not greater than one hundred percent (100%) after the benefit increase is paid,
- (3) the lesser of two percent (2%) of the gross annual retirement benefit of the member or One Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$1,400.00) and requires that the benefit may only be provided if the funded ratio of the affected retirement

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system would be greater than one hundred percent (100%) after the benefit increase is paid, or

(4) the greater of two percent (2%) of the gross annual retirement benefit of the volunteer firefighter or One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for persons who retired from the Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and Retirement System as volunteer firefighters and who did not retire from the Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and Retirement System as a paid firefighter.

As used in this subparagraph, "funded ratio" means the figure derived by dividing the actuarial value of assets of the applicable retirement system by the actuarial accrued liability of the applicable retirement system,

- g. which modifies the disability pension standard for police officers who are members of the Oklahoma Police Pension and Retirement System as provided by Section 50-115 of Title 11 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
- h. which provides a cost-of-living benefit increase pursuant to the provisions of:
 - 1) Section 49-143.7 of Title 11 of the Oklahoma Statutes,

- (2) Section 50-136.9 of Title 11 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
- (3) Section 1104K of Title 20 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
- (4) Section 2-305.12 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
- (5) Section 17-116.22 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or
- (6) Section 930.11 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
- i. which provides for the reinstatement of retirement benefits for members of the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Retirement System pursuant to Section 2-305 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes for those who were hired on or after November 1, 2012, or May 24, 2013,
- j. which authorizes the purchase of military service credit as provided in Section 50-128 of Title 11, Section 1102.2 of Title 20, Section 2-307.4 of Title 47, and Section 913.8 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
- k. which restores benefits pursuant to Sections 49-100.1, 49-101, 49-101.2, 49-106.1, 49-108, 49-117.1, and 49-135 of Title 11 of the Oklahoma Statutes,

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which modifies the computation of the line-of-duty disability benefit pursuant to the provisions of this act Sections 50-101 and 50-115 of Title 11 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or

which provides a mechanism for boards of Oklahoma
retirement systems to approve cost-of-living
adjustments under certain circumstances.

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

- 6. "Reduction-in-cost amendment" means an amendment to a retirement bill having a fiscal impact which reduces the cost of the bill as such cost is determined by the actuarial investigation for the bill prepared pursuant to Section 3109 of this title;
- 7. "Retirement bill" means any bill or joint resolution introduced or any bill or joint resolution amended by a member of the Oklahoma Legislature which creates or amends any law directly affecting a retirement system. A retirement bill shall not mean a bill or resolution that impacts the revenue of any state tax in

1 which a portion of the revenue generated from such tax is earmarked 2 for the benefit of a retirement system; 3 8. "Retirement bill having a fiscal impact" means any 4 retirement bill creating or establishing a retirement system and any 5 other retirement bill other than a nonfiscal retirement bill; and 6 9. "Retirement system" means the Teachers' Retirement System of 7 Oklahoma, the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System, the 8 Uniform Retirement System for Justices and Judges, the Oklahoma 9 Firefighters Pension and Retirement System, the Oklahoma Police 10 Pension and Retirement System, the Oklahoma Law Enforcement 11 Retirement System, or a retirement system established after January 12 1, 2006. 13 SECTION 8. Sections 1 through 6 of this act shall become 14 effective November 1, 2025. 15 SECTION 9. Section 7 of this act shall become effective in 16 accordance with the provisions of Section 58 of Article V of the 17 Oklahoma Constitution. 18 19 60-1-924 RD 12/30/2024 12:37:19 PM 20 21 22 23

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