1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to the West Palm Beach Police Pension 3 Fund of the City of West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County; amending chapter 24981 (1947), Laws of 4 5 Florida, as amended; revising definitions; revising 6 trustee terms; clarifying powers of the board of 7 trustees; adding provision for physical for 8 determining preexisting conditions; adding procedure 9 for returning withdrawn contributions upon rehire or 10 reinstatement to employment; adding normal retirement 11 age for retirement based on years of service; deleting 12 obsolete retirement calculations; clarifying survivor language for normal form of benefit; adding 10-year 13 14 certain benefit to optional forms; adding a death benefit provision to the DROP account; clarifying the 15 16 retiree's option to elect an optional form at the time 17 of retirement; adding an actuarial equivalent calculation for survivor benefits paid to a spouse 18 19 other than the one to whom the retiree was married at the time of retirement; deleting the section actuarial 20 21 assumptions; clarifying the purchase of service is 22 limited to 5 years; providing an effective date. 23 24 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 25

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26	Section 1. Subsection (2), paragraph (a) of
27	subsection(3), paragraph (b) of subsection (5), subsection (6),
28	paragraph (a) of subsection (8), subsection (9), paragraph (b)
29	of subsection (13), paragraph (c) of subsection (17), and
30	subsections (34)-(37) of section 16 of chapter 24981 (1947),
31	Laws of Florida, as amended by chapter 2012-259, Laws of
32	Florida, are amended, and paragraph (g) is added to subsection
33	(3), to read:
34	Section 16. West Palm Beach Police Pension Fund
35	(2) DefinitionsThe following words or phrases, as used
36	in this act, shall have the following meanings, unless a
37	different meaning is clearly indicated by the context:
38	(a) "Accrued benefit" means the amount of a member's
39	pension as of a specified date determined in accordance with the
40	terms of the pension plan, whether or not the member is eligible
41	to access it.
42	<u>(b)</u> "Actuarial equivalent value," "actuarial
43	equivalence," or "single sum value" means the stated
44	determination using an interest rate of 8.00 8.25 percent per
45	year and the <u>RP-2000 Mortality Table for annuitants with future</u>
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	improvements in mortality projected to 2017 using Scale BB,
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47 48	blending 90 percent male rates and 10 percent female rates for
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48	blending 90 percent male rates and 10 percent female rates for the member and 10 percent male rates and 90 percent female rates for the beneficiary. For females, the base mortality rates

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51 base mortality rates include a 90 percent blue collar adjustment 52 and a 10% white collar adjustment 1983 Group Annuity Mortality 53 Table.

54 <u>(c) (b)</u> "Beneficiary" means any person, except a retirant, 55 who is entitled to receive a benefit from the West Palm Beach 56 Police Pension Fund or the West Palm Beach Police Pension and 57 Relief Fund, as applicable.

58 <u>(d) (c)</u> "Board of Trustees" or "Board" means the Board of 59 Trustees provided for in this act.

(e) (d) "City" means the City of West Palm Beach, Florida.
 (f) (e) "Department" means the Police Department in the
 City of West Palm Beach.

63 (g) (f) "Enrolled actuary" means an actuary who is enrolled 64 under Subtitle C of Title III of the Employee Retirement Income 65 Security Act of 1974 and who is a member of the Society of 66 Actuaries or the American Academy of Actuaries.

67 (h) (g) "Final average salary" means the average of the 68 monthly salary paid a member in the 3 best years of employment. 69 In no event shall any one year, beginning January 1, 2005, 70 include more than 400 hours of overtime. Prior to January 1, 71 2005, individual years may include more than 400 hours of 72 overtime. Effective prospectively from January 1, 2013, the overtime will be limited to 300 hours in any one year. Effective 73 74 [insert effective date] for purposes of determining final average salary, any lump sum payment made to a member for 75

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76 retroactive pay, such amounts shall not be considered as a lump 77 sum but will be treated as if paid during the retroactive pay 78 periods.

79 <u>(i) (h)</u> "Fund" or "Pension Fund" means the West Palm Beach 80 Police Pension Fund or the West Palm Beach Pension and Relief 81 Fund, as applicable.

82 <u>(j) (i)</u> "Member" or "participant" means any person who is 83 included in the membership of the Fund in accordance with 84 subsection (6).

85 <u>(k) (j)</u> "Pension" means a monthly amount payable from the 86 Fund throughout the future life of a person, or for a limited 87 period of time, as provided in this act.

88 (1) (k) "Police officer" means any person who is elected, 89 appointed, or employed full time by the City, who is certified or required to be certified as a law enforcement officer in 90 compliance with section 943.14, Florida Statutes, who is vested 91 with authority to bear arms and make arrests, and whose primary 92 93 responsibility is the prevention and detection of crime or the 94 enforcement of the penal, criminal, traffic, or highway laws of 95 the state. This definition includes all certified supervisory 96 and command personnel whose duties include, in whole or in part, the supervision, training, guidance, and management 97 responsibilities of full-time law enforcement officers, part-98 time law enforcement officers, or auxiliary law enforcement 99 100 officers, but does not include part-time law enforcement

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101 officers or auxiliary law enforcement officers as the same are 102 defined in subsections (6) and (8) of section 943.10, Florida 103 Statutes.

104 <u>(m)(1)</u> "Qualified health professional" means a person duly 105 and regularly engaged in the practice of his or her profession 106 who holds a professional degree from a university or college and 107 has special professional training or skill regarding the 108 physical or mental condition, disability, or lack thereof, upon 109 which he or she is to present evidence to the Board.

(n) (m) "Qualified public depository" means any bank or 110 savings association organized and existing under the laws of 111 112 Florida and any bank or savings association organized under the laws of the United States that has its principal place of 113 114 business, or a branch office, in Florida which is authorized 115 under the laws of Florida or the United States to receive deposits in Florida; that meets all of the requirements of 116 117 chapter 280, Florida Statutes; and that has been designated by 118 the Treasurer of the State of Florida as a qualified public 119 depository.

120 <u>(o) (n)</u> "Retirant" means any member who retires with a 121 pension from the Fund.

122 (p) (o) "Retirement" means a member's withdrawal from 123 Police Department employment as a police officer with a pension 124 payable from the Fund.

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125 (q) (p) "Salary" means the fixed monthly compensation paid to a member; compensation shall include those items as have been 126 127 included as compensation in accordance with past practice. 128 However, the term shall not be construed to include lump sum 129 payments for accumulated leave. On and after January 1, 2003, 130 salary shall mean total cash remuneration paid by the City to a 131 police officer for services rendered excluding lump sum payments 132 for accumulated leave such as accrued vacation leave, accrued 133 sick leave, and accrued personal leave. Effective January 1, 134 2005, overtime hours earned and paid in excess of 400 hours in any 26 consecutive pay periods shall be excluded from the 135 definition of salary. Effective prospectively from January 1, 136 2013, overtime hours earned and paid in excess of 300 hours in 137 138 any 26 consecutive pay periods shall be excluded from the 139 definition of salary.; Prior to January 1, 2005, all overtime 140 hours earned and paid shall be included in the definition of 141 salary and shall not be limited by any cap. This definition of 142 compensation shall not include off-duty employment performed for 143 vendors other than the City of West Palm Beach per Article 30, Pension Plan and Section 5 of the collective bargaining 144 145 agreement between the Palm Beach County Police Benevolent Association and the City of West Palm Beach. Beginning with 146 salary paid after December 31, 2008, and pursuant to s. 147 414(u)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, "salary" includes 148

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149 amounts paid by the City as differential wages to members who 150 are absent from employment while in qualified military service.

151 "Service" or "service credit" means the total (r)(q) 152 number of years, and fractional parts of years, of employment of 153 any police officer, omitting intervening years, and fractional 154 parts of years, when such police officer was not employed by the 155 City. No member shall receive credit for years, or fractional 156 parts of years, of service for which the member has withdrawn 157 his or her contributions to the Fund. It is further provided that a member may voluntarily leave his or her contributions in 158 the Fund for a period of 5 years after leaving the employ of the 159 160 Department, pending the possibility of being rehired by the Department, without losing credit for the time he or she has 161 162 participated actively as a police officer. Should he or she not 163 be re-employed as a police officer with the Department within 5 164 years, his or her contributions shall be returned without 165 interest. In determining the aggregate number of years of 166 service of any member, years of service for prior police officer 167 or military service, as well as intervening military service, 168 may be added, provided the member meets the requirements of 169 subsection $(34) \cdot (35)$.

170 <u>(s)(r)</u> The masculine gender includes the feminine and 171 words in the singular with respect to persons shall include the 172 plural and vice versa.

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(3) Board of Trustees of Police Pension Fund.-

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174 (a) Board of Trustees created.-There is hereby created a 175 Board of Trustees, which shall be solely responsible for 176 administering the West Palm Beach Police Pension Fund. The Board 177 shall be a legal entity, with the power to bring and defend 178 lawsuits of every kind, nature, and description and shall be 179 independent of the City to the extent required to accomplish the 180 intent, requirements, and responsibilities provided for in this 181 act. The Board shall consist of five trustees, as follows:

182 1. Two legal residents of the City, who shall be appointed 183 by the City. Each resident trustee shall serve as a trustee for 184 a period of $\underline{4}$ 2 years, unless sooner replaced by the City, at 185 whose pleasure he or she shall serve, and may succeed himself or 186 herself as a trustee.

187 2. Two police officers, who shall be elected by a majority 188 of the police officers who are members of the Fund. Elections 189 shall be held under such reasonable rules and regulations as the 190 Board shall from time to time adopt. Each member-trustee shall 191 serve as trustee for a period of 4 $\frac{2}{2}$ years, unless he or she 192 sooner ceases to be a police officer in the employ of the 193 Department, whereupon the members shall choose his or her 194 successor in the same manner as the original appointment. Each member-trustee of the Fund may succeed himself or herself as a 195 196 trustee.

197 3. A fifth trustee, who shall be chosen by a majority of198 the other four trustees. This fifth person's name shall be

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199	submitted to the City, which shall, as a ministerial duty,
200	appoint such person to the Board as a fifth trustee. The fifth
201	person shall serve as trustee for a period of $\frac{4}{2}$ years, and may
202	succeed himself or herself as a trustee.
203	(g) Powers of the Board of TrusteesThe duties and
204	responsibilities of the Board shall include, but are not limited
205	to, the following:
206	1. To construe the provisions of the plan and determine
207	all questions arising thereunder.
208	2. To determine all questions relating to eligibility and
209	participation.
210	3. To determine or have determined and certified the
211	amount of all retirement allowances or other benefits hereunder.
212	4. To receive and process all applications for
213	participation and benefits and, where necessary, conduct
214	hearings thereon.
215	5. To authorize all payments whatsoever from the fund, and
216	to notify the disbursing agent, in writing, or approve benefit
217	payments and other expenditures arising through operation of the
218	plan and fund.
219	6. To make recommendations to the city commission and
220	union regarding changes in the provisions of the plan.
221	7. To review reports of and have meetings with the
222	custodian and investment agents or advisors; to require written
223	reports from the custodian on fund assets and transactions on a

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224 monthly basis; to require written and oral reports from the 225 investment agents or advisors on at least an annual basis, such 226 reports to reflect fund investment, performance, investment 227 recommendations, and overall review of fund investment policies. 228 8. To maintain a minute book containing the minutes and 229 records of the proceedings and meetings of the Board. 230 9. To make uniform rules and regulations and to take 231 action as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of the 232 plan and all decisions of the Board made in good faith shall be 233 final, binding, and conclusive on all parties. 234 To take such other action as the Board shall deem, in 10. 235 their sole and exclusive discretion, as being necessary for the 236 efficient management of the plan. 237 (5) Reports; experience tables; regular interest.-238 Experience tables; regular interest; adoption of (b) 239 same.-The Board shall, from time to time, adopt such mortality 240 and other tables of experience, and a rate or rates of interest, 241 as required to operate the Fund on an actuarial basis, except as 242 provided in subsection (34). 243 Membership.-All police officers in the employ of the (6) 244 Department shall be included in the membership of the Fund, and 245 all persons who hereafter become police officers in the employ of the City shall thereupon become members of the Fund. New 246 247 members to the Fund are required to undergo a physical 248 examination for purposes of determining preexisting conditions.

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249 This physical examination shall be conducted in conjunction with 250 the City's postoffer, preemployment physical examination. The 251 Board's medical director shall review the results of this 252 physical examination and provide notice to the Board and the 253 member of any abnormal findings of the examination. This 254 physical examination will be used for the purposes of 255 establishing a physical profile of the member for determining 256 preexisting conditions and presumptive illnesses as provided for 257 in subsections (14) and (15). After review, if further physical 258 examination is required by the Board, such examination shall be 259 conducted at Board expense. Except as otherwise provided in this 260 act, should any member cease to be a police officer in the 261 employ of the Department, he or she shall thereupon cease to be 262 a member and his or her credited service at that time shall be 263 forfeited. In the event such person is re-employed in the 264 Department as a police officer, he or she shall again become a 265 member. His or her forfeited service shall be restored to the 266 member's credit, provided that he or she returns to the Fund the 267 amount he or she might have withdrawn, together with regular 268 interest from the date of withdrawal to the date of repayment. 269 Members must begin the process of returning the withdrawn 270 contributions within 1 year after date of rehire or the time 271 will only be eligible for purchase within the provisions of 272 subsection (34). Should a member have withdrawn their 273 contributions due to a termination from employment and the

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274 member is subsequently reinstated through the grievance and 275 arbitration process, such member must also begin the process of 276 returning the withdrawn contributions within 1 year after the 277 date of reinstatement or the time will only be eligible for 278 purchase within the provisions of subsection (34); however, a 279 member who is reinstated through the grievance and arbitration 280 process may repay the withdrawn contributions without interest 281 if the repayment process is started within 1 year after the date 282 of reinstatement. Upon the member's retirement or death, he or 283 she shall thereupon cease to be a member. 284 Age and service requirements for retirement.-(8) 285 Normal retirement.-Upon written application filed with (a) 286 the Board, any member may retire and receive the applicable 287 pension provided for in paragraph (9)(a), provided that the 288 member has attained age 50 and has at least 20 years of credited 289 service, has attained age 55 and has at least 10 years of 290 credited service, or has at least 25 years of continuous 291 credited service, regardless of age. In the case of a retirement 292 with 25 years of service, Normal Retirement Age is whatever age 293 a member has attained when retired at 25 years of service. 294 (9) Retirement pension calculation.-295 Upon retirement eligibility as provided in subsection (a)

(8), a member shall receive a monthly pension. The pension shall be the following, as applicable:

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298 For all years of service earned after October 1, 2011, 1. 299 the benefit is calculated using 2.68 percent of final average 300 salary per year and fractional parts of the years of service up 301 to a total of 26 prospective years, plus 1 percent of the final 302 average salary multiplied by the number of years, and fraction 303 of a year, of credited service in excess of 26 years. This 304 change in the multiplier was is due to the change in assumptions in a prior version of this special act set forth in subsection 305 (34). This reduction is required by this paragraph. For years of 306 service earned before October 1, 2011, the benefit will be 307 308 calculated under the provisions of the applicable subparagraphs 309 2.-4. 2.-5. For purposes of determining the 26-year limitation, 310 the member's total number of years of credited service are used. 311 In no event shall the benefit be less than 2 percent per year of 312 credited service.

313 2. A member who has more than or equal to 12 years and 6 314 months of service at October 1, 1999, and who was actively 315 employed by the Department on or after October 1, 1999, shall 316 receive a benefit equal to the greater of the following:

317 a. Three percent of final average salary multiplied by the 318 number of years, and fraction of a year, of credited service 319 earned from April 1, 1987, to September 30, 2011, plus 2.5 320 percent of final average salary multiplied by the number of 321 years, and fraction of a year, of credited service earned prior 322 to April 1, 1987, up to a total of 26 years, plus 1 percent of

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the final average salary multiplied by the number of years, and 323 324 fraction of a year, of credited service which is in excess of 26 325 years.+ 32.6 b. Two and one-half percent of final average salary 327 multiplied by the number of years, and fraction of a year, of credited service, not to exceed 26 years, plus 1 percent of the 328 final average salary multiplied by the number of years, and 329 fraction of a year, of credited service which is in excess of 26 330 331 years; or 332 c. The sum of the following: 333 (I) Two and one-half percent of final average salary 334 multiplied by the number of years, and fraction of a year, of 335 credited service earned through September 30, 1988; and 336 (II) Two percent of final average salary multiplied by the 337 number of years, and fraction of a year, of credited service 338 earned on and after October 1, 1988. 339 However, in no event shall the benefit be less than 2 percent 340 341 per year of credited service. For all years of service after 342 October 1, 2011, the benefit will be calculated in accordance 343 with subparagraph 1. 3. A member who has more than 12 years and 6 months of 344 service and who has entered the DROP on or before October 1, 345 1999, and who was actively employed by the Department on October 346

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1, 1999, shall receive a benefit equal to the greater of the following:

349 a. Three percent of final average salary multiplied by the 350 number of years, and fraction of a year, of credited service 351 earned in the 12 years and 6 months prior to entering the DROP, 352 plus 2.5 percent of final average salary multiplied by the number of years, and fraction of a year, of credited service 353 354 earned prior to that date which is 12 years and 6 months prior 355 to entering the DROP, up to a total of 26 years, plus 1 percent 356 of the final average salary multiplied by the number of years, 357 and fraction of a year, of credited service which is in excess 358 of 26 years. The one-half percent enhancement to the accrual 359 rate shall also be applied retroactively to the date of entering 360 the DROP, or 2 years, whichever is less, provided that the 361 retroactive application shall include principal only and not any 362 earnings thereon. An example of the calculation described in 363 this sub-subparagraph is set forth in the collective bargaining 364 agreement between the City of West Palm Beach and the Police 365 Benevolent Association, Certified Unit No. 825, October 1, 1998-366 September 30, 2001;

367 b. Two and one-half percent of final average salary 368 multiplied by the number of years, and fraction of a year, of 369 credited service, not to exceed 26 years, plus 1 percent of the 370 final average salary multiplied by the number of years, and

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371 fraction of a year, of credited service which is in excess of 26 372 years; or 373 c. The sum of the following: 374 (I) Two and one-half percent of final average salary 375 multiplied by the number of years, and fraction of a year, of 376 credited service earned through September 30, 1988; and 377 (II) Two percent of final average salary multiplied by the number of years, and fraction of a year, of credited service 378 earned on and after October 1, 1988. 379 380 381 However, in no event shall the benefit be less than 2 percent 382 per year of credited service. For all years of service after 383 October 1, 2011, the benefit will be calculated in accordance 384 with subparagraph 1. 385 3.4. A member who has less than 12 years and 6 months of 386 service on October 1, 1999, and who was actively employed by the 387 Department on or after October 1, 1999, shall receive a benefit 388 equal to the greater of the following: 389 a. Three percent of final average salary multiplied by the 390 number of years, and fraction of a year, of credited service up 391 to September 30, 2011, plus 1 percent of the final average 392 salary multiplied by the number of years, and fraction of a year, of credited service which is in excess of 26 years.; 393 394 b. Two and one-half percent of final average salary 395 multiplied by the number of years, and fraction of a year, of Page 16 of 39

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credited service, not to exceed 26 years, plus 1 percent of the 396 397 final average salary multiplied by the number of years, and 398 fraction of a year, of credited service which is in excess of 26 399 years; or 400 c. The sum of the following: 401 (I) Two and one-half percent of final average salary 402 multiplied by the number of years, and fraction of a year, of 403 credited service earned through September 30, 1988; and (II) Two percent of final average salary multiplied by the 404 405 number of years, and fraction of a year, of credited service 406 earned on and after October 1, 1988. 407 408 However, in no event shall the benefit be less than 2 percent 409 per year of credited service. For all years of service after 410 October 1, 2011, the benefit will be calculated in accordance with subparagraph 1. 411 4.5. A member who terminated employment, retired on a 412 vested deferred benefit, or retired on or before October 1, 413 414 1999, shall receive a benefit equal to the greater of the 415 following: 416 Two and one-half percent of final average salary a. 417 multiplied by the number of years, and fraction of a year, of credited service not to exceed 26 years, plus 1 percent of the 418 final average salary multiplied by the number of years, and 419

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420 fraction of a year, of credited service which is in excess of 26 421 years; or 422 b. The sum of the following: 423 Two and one-half percent of final average salary (I)424 multiplied by the number of years, and fraction of a year, of 425 credited service earned through September 30, 1988; and 426 (II) Two percent of final average salary multiplied by the 427 number of years, and fraction of a year, of credited service earned on and after October 1, 1988. 428 429 430 The 3-percent benefit accrual factor for active employees in 431 subparagraphs (a) 2., 3., and 4. is contingent on and subject to 432 the adoption and maintenance of the assumptions set forth in 433 subsection (34). If such assumptions are modified by 434 legislative, judicial, or administrative agency action and the 435 modification results in increased City contributions to the 436 Pension Fund, the 3-percent benefit accrual factor for active 437 employees in subparagraphs (a) 2., 3., and 4. shall be 438 automatically decreased prospectively from the date of the 439 action, to completely offset the increase in City contributions. 440 However, in no event shall the benefit accrual factor in 441 subparagraphs (a) 1., 2., 3., 4., and 5. be adjusted below 2.5 442 percent. 443

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To the extent that the benefit accrual factor is less than 3 percent for active members with less than 12 years and 6 months of service on October 1, 1999, the supplemental pension

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446 of service on October 1, 1999, the supplemental pension 447 distribution calculation under subparagraph (12) (a)2. shall be 448 adjusted for employees who retire or enter the DROP after 449 October 1, 1999. The adjustment shall be to decrease the minimum 450 return of 8.25 percent needed to afford the supplemental pension 451 distribution, where the amount of the reduction is zero if an 452 employee has been credited with 12 years and 6 months of service 453 or more with the 3-percent benefit accrual factor or 1.25 454 percent if an employee has been credited with no more than a 455 2.5-percent benefit accrual factor. If an employee has been 456 credited with less than 12 years and 6 months of service at the 457 3-percent benefit accrual factor, then the accumulated amount 458 over 2.5 percent for each year of service divided by one-half 459 percent divided by 12.5 subtracted from 1 multiplied by 1.25 460 percent is the reduction from 8.25 percent. An example of the 461 calculation of the minimum return for the supplemental pension 462 distribution as herein described is set forth in the collective 463 bargaining agreement between the City of West Palm Beach and the 464 Police Benevolent Association, Certified Unit No. 145 and 465 Certified Unit No. 825, October 1, 1998-September 30, 2001. 466

467 Effective October 1, 2011, the assumed investment rate of return 468 was lowered from 8.25 percent to 8 percent, which resulted in a

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469 reduction in the benefit multiplier to 2.68 percent for all 470 prospective years of service, up to 26 years of service in 471 total, and 1 percent for each year of service after 26. 472 Additionally, for any supplemental pension distributions 473 subsequent to October 1, 2011, the revised factors in this 474 paragraph will be applied.

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(b) Payment of benefits.-

1. First payment.—Service pensions shall be payable on the first day of each month. The first payment shall be payable the first day of the month coincident with or next following the date of retirement or death, provided the member has completed the applicable age and service requirements.

481 2. Last payment.—The last payment shall be the payment due 482 next preceding the member's death, except that payments shall be 483 continued to the designated beneficiary (or beneficiaries) if a 484 10-year certain benefit, a joint and survivor option, or 485 beneficiary benefits, as applicable, are payable.

486 (c) Normal form of retirement income; 10-year certain
487 benefit.-

1. Married member.-The normal form of retirement benefit for a married member or for a member with dependent children or parents shall be a pension and death benefits. The pension benefit shall provide monthly payments for the life of the member. Thereafter, death benefits shall be paid to the

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493 beneficiary designated <u>survivor</u> by the member as provided in 494 subsection (17).

495 2. Unmarried member.-The normal form of retirement benefit 496 for an unmarried member without dependent children or parents 497 shall be a 10- year certain benefit. This benefit shall pay 498 monthly benefits for the member's lifetime. In the event the 499 member dies after his or her retirement but before receiving 500 retirement benefits for a period of 10 years, the same monthly 501 benefit shall be paid to the beneficiary (or beneficiaries) as 502 designated by the member for the balance of such 10-year period 503 or, if no beneficiary is designated, to heirs at law, or estate 504 of the member, as provided in section 185.162, Florida Statutes.

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(d) Optional forms of retirement income.-

506 1.a. In the event of normal, early, or disability 507 retirement, in lieu of the normal form of retirement income 508 payable as specified in paragraph (c), and in lieu of the death 509 benefits as specified in subsection (17), a member, upon written 510 request to the Board and subject to the approval of the Board, 511 may elect to receive a retirement income of equivalent actuarial 512 value payable in accordance with one of the following options:

(I) Lifetime option.—A retirement income of a larger monthly amount, payable to the member for his or her lifetime only.

516 (II) Joint and survivor option.—A retirement income of a 517 modified monthly amount, payable to the member during the joint

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518 lifetime of the member and a dependent joint pensioner 519 designated by the member, and following the death of either of 520 them, 100 percent, 75 percent, 66- 2/3 percent, or 50 percent of 521 such monthly amounts, payable to the survivor for the lifetime 522 of the survivor.

523 <u>(III) 10-year certain option.-A retirement income of the</u> 524 <u>normal form of benefit but in lieu of the survivor benefits as</u> 525 <u>provided for in subsection (17), the member may elect to</u> 526 <u>designate a beneficiary to receive the remainder of 120</u> 527 <u>payments, in the event that the member dies before receiving 120</u> 528 <u>payments. In the event that the member/retiree receives 120 or</u> 529 <u>more payments, no benefit is ever paid to a beneficiary.</u>

The member, upon electing any option of this paragraph, 530 b. 531 shall designate the joint pensioner or beneficiary (or 532 beneficiaries) to receive the benefit, if any, payable in the 533 event of his or her death, and shall have the power to change 534 such designation from time to time; but any such change shall be 535 deemed a new election and shall be subject to approval by the 536 Board. Such designation shall name a joint pensioner or one or 537 more primary beneficiaries where applicable. If a member has 538 elected an option with a joint pensioner or beneficiary and his or her retirement income benefits have commenced, he or she may 539 thereafter change the designated joint pensioner or beneficiary 540 only twice. Any retired member who desires to change his or her 541 542 joint pensioner or beneficiary shall file with the Board a

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543 notarized notice of such change. Upon receipt of a completed 544 change of joint pensioner form or such other notice, the Board 545 shall adjust the member's monthly benefit by the application of 546 actuarial tables and calculations developed to ensure that the 547 benefit paid is the actuarial equivalent of the present value of 548 the member's current benefit and there is no impact to the Plan.

549 c. The consent of a member's joint pensioner or 550 beneficiary to any such change shall not be required.

For any other changes of beneficiaries, the Board may 551 d. 552 request such evidence of the good health of the joint pensioner 553 who is being removed as it may require; and the amount of the 554 retirement income payable to the member upon the designation of 555 a new joint pensioner shall be actuarially redetermined, taking 556 into account the ages and sex of the former joint pensioner, the 557 new joint pensioner, and the member. Each such designation shall 558 be made in writing on a form prepared by the Board, and, on 559 completion, shall be filed with the Board. In the event that no 560 designated beneficiary survives the member, such benefits as are 561 payable in the event of the death of the member subsequent to 562 his or her retirement shall be paid as provided in subparagraph 563 (c)2.

2. Retirement income payments shall be made under the option elected in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph and shall be subject to the following limitations:

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a. If a member dies prior to his or her normal retirement
date or early retirement date, whichever first occurs,
retirement benefits shall be paid in accordance with subsection
(17).

571 b. If the designated beneficiary (or beneficiaries) or 572 joint pensioner dies before the member's retirement, the option 573 elected shall be canceled automatically and a retirement income 574 of the normal form and amount shall be payable to the member upon his or her retirement as if the election had not been made, 575 576 unless a new election is made in accordance with the provisions 577 of this paragraph or a new beneficiary is designated by the 578 member prior to his or her retirement.

579 c. If a member continues in the employ of the Department 580 after meeting the age and service requirements set forth in 581 paragraph (8) (a) and dies prior to retirement and while an 582 option provided for in this paragraph is in effect, monthly 583 retirement income payments shall be paid, under the option, to a beneficiary (or beneficiaries) designated by the member in the 584 585 amount or amounts computed as if the member had retired under 586 the option on the date on which his or her death occurred.

3. No member may make any change in his or her retirement
option after the date of cashing or depositing the first
retirement check.

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(e) Designation of beneficiary.-

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591 Each member may, on a form provided for that purpose, 1. signed and filed with the Board, designate a beneficiary (or 592 593 beneficiaries) to receive the benefit, if any, which may be 594 payable in the event of the member's death; and each designation 595 may be revoked by such member by signing and filing with the 596 Board a new designation of beneficiary form. However, after the 597 benefits have commenced, a retirant may change his or her 598 designation of a joint annuitant or beneficiary only twice. If the retirant desires to change his or her joint annuitant or 599 beneficiary, he or she shall file with the Board a notarized 600 601 notice of such change either by registered letter or on a form 602 as provided by the Board. Upon receipt of a completed change of 603 joint annuitant form or such other notice, the Board shall adjust the member's monthly benefit by the application of 604 605 actuarial tables and calculations developed to ensure that the 606 benefit paid is the actuarial equivalent of the present value of 607 the member's current benefit.

Absence or death of beneficiary.-If a deceased member
failed to name a beneficiary in the manner prescribed in
subparagraph 1., or if the beneficiary (or beneficiaries) named
by a deceased member predeceases the member, death benefits, if
any, which may be payable under this act on behalf of such
deceased member may be paid, in the discretion of the Board, to:
a. The spouse or dependent child or children of the

615 member;

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616 The dependent living parent or parents of the member; b. or

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с. The estate of the member.

(13) Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP).-

620 Amounts payable upon election to participate in DROP.-(b) 621 Monthly retirement benefits that would have been 1. 622 payable had the member terminated employment with the Department 623 and elected to receive monthly pension payments shall be paid 624 into the DROP and credited to the retirant. Payments into the 625 DROP shall be made monthly over the period the retirant participates in the DROP, up to a maximum of 60 months. 626

627 2. Effective October 1, 2002, DROP Participants have the 628 option to select between two methods to credit investment 629 earnings to their account. The method may be changed each year 630 effective October 1; however, the method must be elected prior 631 to October 1. The methods are:

632 Earnings using the rate of investment return earned (or a. 633 lost) on Pension Fund assets as reported by the Fund's 634 investment monitor. DROP assets are commingled with the Pension 635 Fund assets for investment purposes.

A fixed rate of 8.25 percent for members who reached 636 b. 637 normal retirement age on or before October 1, 2012. Effective October 1, 2012, the fixed rate is 8 percent for members who 638 retire or enter the DROP on or after October 1, 2012. In any 639 640 fiscal year, if the amount paid in investment earnings under

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641 this paragraph creates a deficiency as compared to the gross 642 earnings of the pension fund as a whole (using the rate 643 determined by the Fund's investment monitor), then the rate will 644 be reduced to 4 percent effective the next October 1 until the 645 deficiency is satisfied. When the deficiency is satisfied, the 646 rate will return to 8 percent, effective the next October 1. 647 Beginning October 1, 2012, the cumulative amounts paid in 648 earnings for the fixed rate will be maintained in the actuarial 649 valuation.

However, if a police officer does not terminate employment at
the end of participation in the DROP, interest credits shall
cease on the balance.

3. No payments shall be made from the DROP until themember terminates employment with the Department.

4. Upon termination of employment, participants in the
DROP shall receive the balance of the DROP account in accordance
with the following rules:

a. Members may elect to begin to receive payment upon
termination of employment or defer payment of the DROP until the
latest day as provided under sub-subparagraph c.

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b. Payments shall be made in either:

(I) Lump sum.-The entire account balance shall be paid tothe retirant upon approval of the Board of Trustees.

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664	(II) InstallmentsThe account balance shall be paid out
665	to the retirant in three equal payments paid over 3 years, the
666	first payment to be made upon approval of the Board of Trustees.
667	(III) AnnuityThe account balance shall be paid out in
668	monthly installments over the lifetime of the member or until
669	the entire balance is exhausted. Monthly amount paid shall be
670	determined by the Fund's actuary in accordance with selections
671	made by the member on a form provided by the Board of Trustees.
672	c. Any form of payment selected by a police officer must
673	comply with the minimum distribution requirements of s.
674	401(A)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code and is subject to the
675	requirements of subsection (30) of this act; e.g., payments must
676	commence by age 70- 1/2.
677	d. If a member dies and is eligible for benefits from the
678	DROP account, the entire balance of the DROP account shall be
679	converted to the name of the beneficiary designated in
680	accordance with subsection (9)(e). The entire balance shall be
681	paid out in a lump sum to the beneficiary, at the discretion of
682	the beneficiary. If the designated beneficiary is the surviving
683	spouse, the account may remain with the Fund until the latest
684	period specified under subsection (30). These DROP accounts
685	shall not be eligible for any further DROP distributions but are
686	eligible for earnings. If a member fails to designate a
687	beneficiary, or if the beneficiary predeceases the member, the

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688	entire balance shall be converted, in the following order, to
689	the name or names of:
690	1. The member's surviving children on a pro rata basis;
691	2. If no children are alive, the member's spouse;
692	3. If no spouse is alive, the member's surviving parents
693	<u>on a pro rata basis; or</u>
694	4. If none are alive, the estate of the member.
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696	The accounts which are converted to the names of the
697	beneficiaries shall have the right to name a successor
698	beneficiary. Any designated beneficiary, other than the
699	surviving spouse of the member, must take a distribution of the
700	entire share account balance by the end of 5 years after the
701	death of the member. Installment distributions which begin in
702	the calendar year of the member's death shall be treated as
703	complying with this 5-year distribution requirement, even though
704	the installments are not completed within 5 years after the
705	member's death. The beneficiary of the DROP participant who dies
706	before payments from the DROP begin shall have the same right as
707	the participant in accordance with subsection (17).
708	e. Costs, fees, and expenses of administration shall be
709	debited from the individual member accounts on a proportionate
710	basis, taking the cost, fees, and expenses of administration of
711	the Fund as a whole, multiplied by a fraction, the numerator of
712	which is the total assets in all individual member accounts and
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713 the denominator of which is the total assets of the Fund as a 714 whole.

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(17) Death benefits.-

(c) Death after retirement.—Upon the death of a retirant, the following applicable pensions shall be paid, subject to the provisions of subsection (18). This paragraph is not applicable if a retiree chose an optional form of benefit at the time of retirement or if the retiree was not entitled at the time of retirement under paragraph (9)(c).÷

722 1. The surviving spouse of the retirant shall receive a pension of two-thirds of the retirant's pension, provided that 723 724 the retirant was receiving a pension under paragraph (9)(a). 725 Upon the surviving spouse's death, the pension shall terminate. 726 Effective for years of service earned after [insert effective 727 date], if the retiree leaves a surviving spouse that he or she 728 was not married to on the date of retirement, then the survivor 729 benefit may be actuarially reduced to take into account the age 730 of the substituted survivor.

731 2. In the event the deceased retirant does not leave a 732 surviving spouse eligible to receive a pension, or if the 733 surviving spouse dies and he or she leaves an unmarried child or 734 children under age 18, each child shall receive a pension of an 735 equal share of two-thirds of the deceased retirant's pension. 736 Upon any child's adoption, marriage, death, or attainment of age 737 18, the child's pension shall terminate and it shall be

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apportioned to the pensions payable to the deceased retirant's remaining eligible children under age 18. In no case shall the pension payable to any such child exceed 20 percent of the deceased retirant's pension, or be less than \$15 per month.

742 3. In the event the deceased retirant does not leave a 743 surviving spouse or children eligible to a pension provided for 744 in subparagraphs 1. and 2. above, and he or she leaves a parent 745 or parents who the Board finds are dependent upon the retirant for at least 50 percent of his, her, or their financial support, 746 747 each parent shall receive a pension of an equal share of two-748 thirds of the deceased retirant's pension. Upon any parent's 749 remarriage or death, his or her pension shall terminate.

4. In the event the deceased member does not leave a surviving spouse, children, or parents eligible to receive a pension, then the death benefit, if any, shall be paid to the estate of the deceased member. Any retirement income payments due after the death of a vested member may, in the discretion of the Board, be paid to the member's designated beneficiary or beneficiaries.

757 In any of the above cases, the Board, in its discretion, may 758 direct that the actuarial value of the monthly benefit be paid 759 as a lump sum.

760 (34) Actuarial assumptions. The following actuarial 761 assumptions shall be used for all purposes in connection with 762 this Fund, effective October 1, 1999:

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763	(a) The assumed investment rate of return shall be 8.25
764	percent. Effective October 1, 2011, the Board of Trustees
765	changed the assumed rate of return to 8 percent.
766	(b) The period for amortizing current, future, and past
767	actuarial gains or losses shall be 20 years, except that in
768	order to smooth existing gains and losses which are expected to
769	create volatile swings in the unfunded actuarial liability
770	contribution rate, the trustees may combine amortization bases
771	to re-amortize the unfunded actuarial liability contribution
772	rate. This re-amortization will not impact member benefits as
773	provided by subsection (9).
774	The consequences of the change in assumptions in paragraphs (a)
775	and (b) shall first take effect during the October 1, 1999-
776	September 30, 2000, fiscal year of the City of West Palm Beach.
777	To the extent that effective dates or legislative delays might
778	influence the direct application to the October 1, 1999-
779	September 30, 2000, fiscal year of the actuarial cost estimate
780	dated March 24, 2000, there shall be a minimum contribution
781	reserve established by the Pension Fund for the City of West
782	Palm Beach. The reserve shall be credited with any amounts
783	contributed to the Pension Fund by the City of West Palm Beach
784	during the October 1, 1999-September 30, 2000, fiscal year in
785	excess of \$1,462,965. This amount has been determined by
786	combining the contribution requirement from the September 30,
787	1998, actuarial valuation report dated May 7, 1999, with the
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788 subsequent actuarial cost estimate dated March 24, 2000, both of 789 which were prepared by the Fund's actuary.

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(34) (35) Other police officer or military service.-

791 Prior police officer or military service.-Unless (a) otherwise prohibited by law, the years, or fractional parts of 792 793 years, that a member served as a police officer for any other 794 municipal, county, state, or federal law enforcement office or 795 any time served in the military service of the Armed Forces of 796 the United States shall be added to the years of credited 797 service, provided that the member contributes to the fund the 798 sum that would have been contributed, based on the member's 799 salary and the employee contribution rate in effect at the time 800 that the credited service is requested, had the member been a 801 member of this system for the years, or fractional parts of 802 years, for which the credit is requested, plus the amount 803 actuarially determined, such that the crediting of service does 804 not result in any cost to the fund, plus payment of costs for all professional services rendered to the Board in 805

connection with the purchase of years of credited service.
1. Payment by the member of the required amount may be made
within 6 months after the request for credit and in one lump sum
payment, or the member may buy back this time over a period
equal to the length of time being purchased or 5 years,
whichever is greater, at an interest rate which is equal to the

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812 Fund's actuarial assumption. A member may request to purchase 813 some or all years of service.

814 2. The credit purchased under this subsection shall count815 for all purposes, except vesting.

3. In no event, however, may credited service be purchased pursuant to this section for prior service with any other municipal, county, state, or federal law enforcement office, if such prior service forms or will form the basis of a retirement benefit or pension from another retirement system or plan.

4. In the event that a member who is in the process of purchasing service suffers a disability and is awarded a benefit from the plan, the member shall not be required to complete the buyback. However, contributions made prior to the date the disability payment begins will be retained by the Fund.

5. If a member who has either completed the purchase of service or is in the process of purchasing service terminates before vesting, the member's contributions shall be refunded, including the buyback contributions.

6. A request to purchase service may be made at any time
during the course of employment; however, the buyback is a onetime opportunity.

7. A member who previously served as a police officer with the City during a period of employment and for which accumulated contributions were withdrawn from the Fund may recontribute such withdrawn contributions plus interest from the date of

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837 withdrawal to the date of repayment in accordance with 838 subsection (6). 839 <u>8. A member may purchase up to 5 years of credited service</u> 840 <u>total for prior police or military service.</u> 841 (b) Intervening military service.

(b) Intervening military service.-In determining the
creditable service of any police officer, credit for up to 5
years of the time spent in the military service of the Armed
Forces of the United States shall be added to the years of
actual service without employee contribution, if:

1. The police officer is in the active employ of the municipality prior to such service and leaves a position, other than a temporary position, for the purpose of voluntary or involuntary service in the Armed Forces of the United States.

850 2. The police officer is entitled to reemployment under
851 the provisions of the federal Uniformed Services Employment and
852 Reemployment Rights Act.

853 The police officer returns to his or her employment as 3. 854 a police officer of the municipality within 1 year after the 855 date of his or her release from such active service, except 856 that, effective January 1, 2007, members who die or become 857 disabled while on active duty military service shall be entitled 858 to the rights of this section even though such member was not reemployed by the City. A member who dies or becomes disabled 859 860 while on active duty military service shall be treated as though 861 he or she were reemployed the day before he or she became

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disabled or died, were credited with the service he or she would have been entitled to under this section, and then either died a nonduty death while employed or became disabled from a nonduty disability.

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(35) (36) Reemployment after retirement.-

867 Reemployment by public or private employer.-Any (a) 868 retiree who is retired under this Plan, except for disability 869 retirement as previously provided for, may be reemployed by any public or private employer, except the City, and may receive 870 compensation from that employment without limiting or 871 872 restricting in any way the retirement benefits payable under 873 this Plan. Reemployment by the City on or after August 1, 2008, 874 shall be subject to the limitations set forth in this section.

875 (b) Reemployment after normal retirement outside Police 876 Department.-Any retiree who is retired under normal retirement 877 pursuant to this Plan and who is reemployed by the City after 878 that retirement shall, upon being reemployed, continue receipt 879 of benefits, provided the retiree is not hired into the Police 880 Department. Upon reemployment, the retiree is eligible to 881 participate in the plan offered to new employees of that 882 department, and the retiree shall be deemed a new employee 883 subject to any vesting and contribution requirements of that plan. The benefit paid under this Plan shall not be changed in 884 885 any way.

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886 Reemployment after normal retirement in Police (C) 887 Department.-Any retiree who is retired after normal retirement 888 pursuant to this Plan shall not be reemployed by the Police 889 Department as a police officer or in any position that 890 supervises police officers. The pension of a retiree who is 891 reemployed by the Police Department as a police officer or in 892 any position that supervises police officers shall stop until 893 the member terminates employment. However, a retiree who is 894 reemployed by the Police Department neither as a police officer 895 nor in any position that supervises police officers is eligible to participate in the plan offered to new employees of that 896 897 employee classification, and the retiree shall be deemed a new 898 employee subject to any vesting and contribution requirements of 899 that plan. The benefit paid under this Plan shall not be changed 900 in any way.

901 (d) Reemployment of terminated vested persons.-Reemployed 902 terminated vested persons shall not be subject to the provisions 903 of this section until such time as they begin to actually 904 receive benefits but shall be subject to paragraph (9)(c). Upon 905 receipt of benefits, terminated vested persons shall be treated 906 as normal retirees for purposes of applying the provisions of 907 this section.

908 (e) DROP participants.-Members or retirees who were in the
909 deferred retirement option plan shall have the options provided
910 for in this section for reemployment after termination of

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911 employment as if the retiree were a retiree under normal 912 retirement.

913 (36) (37) Termination of the Plan.-Upon termination of the 914 Plan by the City for any reason, or because of a transfer, 915 merger, or consolidation of governmental units, services, or 916 functions as provided in chapter 121, Florida Statutes, or upon 917 written notice to the Board by the City that contributions under 918 the Plan are being permanently discontinued, the rights of all employees to benefits accrued to the date of such termination or 919 discontinuance and the amounts credited to the employees' 920 921 accounts are nonforfeitable. The Fund shall be distributed in 922 accordance with the following procedures:

923 (a) The Board shall determine the date of distribution and
924 the asset value required to fund all the nonforfeitable benefits
925 after taking into account the expenses of such distribution. The
926 Board shall inform the City if additional assets are required,
927 in which event the City shall continue to financially support
928 the Plan until all nonforfeitable benefits have been funded.

(b) The Board shall determine the method of distribution of the asset value and whether distribution shall be by payment in cash, by the maintenance of another or substituted trust fund, by the purchase of insured annuities, or otherwise for each police officer entitled to benefits under the Plan, as specified in paragraph (c).

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935 The Board shall distribute the asset value as of the (C)date of termination in the manner set forth in this subsection 936 937 on the basis that the amount required to provide any given 938 retirement income is the actuarially computed single-sum value 939 of such retirement income, except that if the method of 940 distribution determined under paragraph (b) involves the 941 purchase of an insured annuity, the amount required to provide 942 the given retirement income is the single premium payable for 943 such annuity. The actuarial single-sum value may not be less 944 than the employee's accumulated contributions to the Plan, with 945 interest if provided by the Plan, less the value of any Plan 946 benefits previously paid to the employee.

947 (d) If there is asset value remaining after the full 948 distribution specified in paragraph (c), and after payment of 949 any expenses incurred with such distribution, such excess shall 950 be returned to the City, less the return to the state of the 951 state's contributions, provided that if the excess is less than 952 the total contributions made by the City and the state to date 953 of termination of the Plan, such excess shall be divided 954 proportionately to the total contributions made by the City and 955 the state.

956 (e) The Board shall distribute, in accordance with the
957 manner of distribution determined under paragraph (b), the
958 amounts determined under paragraph (c).

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Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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