
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for education for municipalities by the Municipal Police Employees' Retirement System (MPERS).

Proposed law applies to each municipality that employs or may employ municipal police officers either full-time or part-time if the police officers are covered under the federal Social Security program, and the municipality has not previously and specifically excluded its police officers under the federal Social Security program.

Proposed law requires the MPERS board of trustees to develop and provide annual retirement education at no cost to the municipalities. Requires municipalities to participate in the education presentations.

Proposed law requires the education to include, at a minimum, the following:

- (1) Employer participation requirements.
- (2) Reporting and contribution obligations.
- (3) Interaction between MPERS and the federal Social Security program.
- (4) Deferred Retirement Option Plan participation and administration.
- (5) Employer responsibilities related to employer classification, elections, and service credit.
- (6) Common compliance errors.

Proposed law requires the board to provide the education in person or virtually.

Proposed law requires the following persons to complete at least one hour of the education each calendar year:

- (1) The chief executive officer or chief administrative officer or his designee.
- (2) The municipality's payroll officer.
- (3) The chief of police or his designee.

Proposed law provides that by January 31st of each year, the board is to determine which municipalities have satisfied the education requirements.

Proposed law requires the board to certify whether each municipality is either compliant or noncompliant.

Proposed law requires the board to provide written notification to noncompliant municipalities by March 1st.

Proposed law provides that a municipality has 60 days from receipt of notice to become compliant.

Proposed law authorizes the board to require the following for municipalities that fail to comply:

- (1) Additional or remedial retirement education.
- (2) Enhanced reporting or documentation.
- (3) Notation of noncompliance in the records of the system.

Proposed law requires the board to adopt rules, in accordance with present law (Administrative Procedure Act), to implement proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 11:2236)