

Sec. 3309.159. (A) The school employees retirement board shall, for the purposes of this section, designate an investment manager as an Ohio-qualified investment manager if the investment manager meets all of the following requirements:

(1) The investment manager is subject to taxation under Chapter 5725., 5733., or 5747. of the Revised Code.

(2) The investment manager meets one of the following requirements:

(a) Has its corporate headquarters or principal place of business in this state;

(b) Employs at least five hundred individuals in this state;

(c) Has a principal place of business in this state and employs at least 20 residents of this state.

(B)(1) The board shall, at least annually, establish a policy with the goal to increase utilization by the board of Ohio-qualified investment managers, when an Ohio-qualified investment manager offers quality, services, and safety comparable to other investment managers otherwise available to the board. The policy shall also provide for the following:

(a) A process whereby the board can develop a list of Ohio-qualified investment managers and their investment products;

(b) A process whereby the board can give public notice to Ohio-qualified investment managers of the board's search for an investment manager that includes the board's search criteria.

(2) The board shall determine whether an investment manager is an Ohio-qualified investment manager and whether the investment manager offers quality, services, and safety comparable to other investment managers otherwise available to the board. The board's determination shall be final.

(C) The board shall, at least annually, submit to the Ohio retirement study council a report containing the following information:

(1) The name of each investment manager designated as an Ohio-qualified investment manager under this section;

(2) The name of each investment manager with which the board contracts;

(3) The amount of assets managed by Ohio-qualified investment managers, expressed as a percentage of the total assets held by the retirement system and as a percentage of assets managed by investment managers with which the board has contracted;

(4) The compensation paid to Ohio-qualified investment managers, expressed as a percentage of total compensation paid to all investment managers with which the board has contracted;

(5) Any other information requested by the Ohio retirement study council regarding the board's use of investment managers.