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Sec. 3309.15. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "American depository receipt" means a receipt for the shares of a foreign corporation held by an American bank or trust company, representing the deposit of an equivalent amount of underlying foreign shares.

(2) "Commingled stock investment fund" means a pooling of securities to create a fund of a certain type or classification of stock wherein participants share in the total return of the fund represented by dividends, interest, and appreciation.

(3) "Derivative instrument" means a financial obligation that derives its precise value from the value of one or more other instruments or assets at the same point in time.

(4) "Pass-through security" means a security, representing pooled debt obligations repackaged as shares, that passes income and principal from debtors through an intermediary to investors.

(B) The members of the school employees retirement board shall be the trustees of the several funds created by section 3309.60 of the Revised Code. The board and other fiduciaries shall discharge their duties with

respect to the funds solely in the interest of the participants and beneficiaries; for the exclusive purpose of providing benefits to participants and their beneficiaries and defraying reasonable expenses of administering the system; with 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; and 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.

(C) In exercising its fiduciary responsibility with respect to the investment of the funds, it shall be the intent of the board to give consideration to investments that enhance the general welfare of the state and its citizens where such investments offer quality return and safety comparable to other investments currently available to the board. In fulfilling this intent, equal consideration shall also be given to investments otherwise qualifying under this section that involve minority owned and controlled firms and firms owned and controlled by women either alone or in joint venture with other firms. The board shall adopt in regular meeting, policies, objectives or criteria for the operation of the investment program. In adopting policies and criteria for the selection of agents with whom the board may contract for the administration of the fund, the board shall give equal consideration to minority owned and controlled firms, firms owned and controlled by women, and ventures involving minority owned and controlled firms and firms owned and controlled by women that otherwise meet the criteria established by the board. Amendments and additions to the policy shall be adopted in regular meeting. The board shall publish its policies under this provision no less than annually and shall make copies available to interested parties.

(D) The board may invest the funds in any bonds, notes, certificates of indebtedness, mortgage notes, real estate, stocks, shares, debentures, or other obligations, or securities described below:

(1) The following obligations of the federal government and related agencies:

(a) Bonds, notes, or other obligations of or guaranteed by the United States, or those for which the credit of the United States is pledged for the payment of the principal and interest thereof;

(b) Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligations or securities issued by any federal government agency presently or in the future established by act of congress, as amended;

(c) Derivative instruments based on the obligations described in division (D)(1)(a) or (b) of this section;

(d) Obligations of local housing agencies, which obligations are secured either by a requisition agreement or by an annual contributions contract by and between the local housing agency and the public housing administration, as authorized under the "United States Housing Act of 1937," 50 Stat. 888, 42 U.S.C.A. 1401, as amended by the "Housing Act of 1949," 63 Stat. 413, as amended;

(e) Loans to veterans guaranteed in whole or in part by the United States government pursuant to Title III of the "Servicemen's Readjust-

ment Act of 1944," 58 Stat. 284, 38 U.S.C.A. 693, as amended, provided such guaranteed loans are liens upon real estate.

(2) The following state, county, and municipal obligations:

(a) Bonds, notes, certificates of indebtedness, or other obligations issued, assumed, or guaranteed by this state; any authority, board of trustees, commission, or other agency of this state; any county, city, village, or other municipal corporation; or any township, school district, conservancy district, sanitary district, or other legally constituted taxing or bond issuing authority, political subdivision, or public corporation organized under the laws of this state, whether such bonds, notes, certificates of indebtedness, or other obligations are secured by the general taxing powers, by pledge of or lien upon a designated tax, levy, impost, or excise, singly or in combination, by pledge of or lien upon the revenues derived from a publicly owned facility or facilities for the use or services of which charges are or are to be made, or by other means authorized under the laws of this state;

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(b) Bonds, notes, or other obligations issued, assumed, or guaranteed by any other state, territory, or insular possession of the United States, or by any legally constituted authority, commission, or other agency of such state, territory, or insular possession, provided such bonds, notes, or other obligations are secured by the general credit and taxing powers or by pledge of or lien upon a designated tax, levy, impost, or excise, singly or in combination, which must be imposed and collected under the laws of such state, territory, or insular possession while bonds secured thereby are outstanding, and provided that, within ten years prior to the purchase of such investment, there has been no default in the payment of principal or interest, continuing more than ninety days, on any of the bonds, notes, or any other obligations of such state, territory, or insular possession or of any legally constituted authority, commission, or other agency of such state, territory, or insular possession, which obligations are secured in like manner;

(c) Bonds, notes, or other obligations issued, assumed, or guaranteed by any municipal unit of any other state, territory, or insular possession of the United States, provided the municipal unit has:

(i) A population as shown by the last preceding federal census of not less than twenty-five thousand;

(ii) Pledged its faith and credit for the payment of the principal and interest of such bonds, notes, or other obligations;

(iii) The power to levy taxes on the taxable real property therein for the payment of both principal and interest of such bonds, notes, or other obligations without limitations of rate or amount;

(iv) Within the ten years prior to the making of the investment, not defaulted in payment of principal or interest of any debt evidenced by its bonds, notes, or other obligations for more than ninety days;

(v) Outstanding at the time of purchase at least one million dollars principal amount of debt secured by its faith and credit.

As used in division (D)(2)(c) of this section, "municipal unit" means any county, village, or other municipal corporation, township, school dis-

trict, water district, sanitary or sewer district, or other political subdivision of a state, territory, or insular possession.

(d) Derivative instruments based on the state, county, and municipal obligations described in division (D)(2)(a), (b), or (c) of this section;

(e) Revenue bonds of a unit, provided the unit had outstanding at the time of the investment one million dollars principal amount of debt secured by the revenues pledged to secure such revenue bonds; the enabling legislation contains provisions or covenants requiring the unit issuing such revenue bonds to fix, maintain, and collect charges for the services furnished by the utility adequate to provide revenues sufficient to meet all proper and reasonable costs of operating and maintaining the utility and to meet principal and interest requirements of such revenue bonds; and the unit has not within the ten years prior to the making of the investment defaulted in payment of principal or interest of any debt secured by the revenues pledged to secure such revenue bonds.

As used in division (D)(2)(e) of this section:

(i) "Unit" means any other state, territory, or insular possession of the United States or any city, county, or other political subdivision thereof, any authority, department, district or commission, or any agency or instrumentality of any of the foregoing, or any agency or instrumentality of the federal government, or a commission or other public body created by an act of congress and pursuant to a compact between two or more states.

(ii) "Utility" means any waterworks system, gas system, electric light system, sewer or sewerage disposal system, bridge, tunnel, turnpike or other highway, or any combination of the foregoing. "System" means a supply or generating system, or a transmission or distribution system, or both, and all appurtenances thereof.

(iii) "Revenue bonds" means any bonds or other interest-bearing obligations of a unit, the principal and interest of which are by their terms payable from the revenues derived from a utility owned or operated by the unit that issued such bonds or other obligations, or by an agency or instrumentality thereof, whether or not said bonds are secured by a mortgage or a trust indenture.

(iv) "Enabling legislation" means any act of congress or of the legislature of any state, territory, or insular possession, any ordinance or resolution of the unit authorizing or providing for the issuance of revenue bonds, or any mortgage, trust indenture, trust agreement, or other instrument executed as security for revenue bonds, singly or in combination.

(f) The obligations described in division (D)(2) of this section shall be rated at the time of purchase the equivalent of an "A-" or higher quality rating according to the Standard and Poor's rating service by at least two standard rating services or, if not rated, shall be certified in writing by one or more such services to be of investment quality equivalent to, or higher than, the quality of bonds rated an "A-".

(3) The following Canadian obligations, which shall not exceed fifteen per cent of the total value of all funds described in section 3309.60 of the Revised Code: bonds, debentures, notes, or other obligations issued, guaranteed, or assumed as to both principal and interest by the government of Canada, by any province of Canada, or by any city of Canada that

has a population, as determined by the latest official census, of not less than one hundred fifty thousand inhabitants, provided:

(a) That the faith and credit of the issuer, guarantor, or assumer of such bonds, debentures, notes, or other obligations is pledged for the payment of principal and interest thereof, and that the principal and interest thereof shall be payable in United States funds, either unconditionally or at the option of the holder;

(b) That any such city has power to levy taxes on the taxable real property therein without limitation of rate or amount, or to collect other revenues for the payment of both principal and interest of such bonds, debentures, notes, or other obligations;

(c) That the issuer, guarantor, or assumer of such bonds, debentures, notes, or other obligations has not within ten years prior to the making of the investment defaulted in payment of principal or interest of any debt evidenced by its bonds, debentures, notes, or other obligations for more than ninety days;

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(d) That the bonds, debentures, notes, or other obligations are rated at the time of purchase the equivalent of an "A-" or higher quality rating according to the Standard and Poor's rating service by at least two standard rating services or, if not rated, are certified in writing by one or more such services to be of investment quality equivalent to, or higher than, the quality of bonds rated an "A-".

(4)(a) Preferred and common stocks and American depositary receipts, provided the stocks are issued or guaranteed by a corporation created or existing under the laws of the United States or any state, district, or territory thereof and the following criteria are met; or the stocks or American depositary receipts are, at the time of the board's acquisition, included in the Standard and Poor's Composite 500-Stock Index or 400 Mid-Cap Index, or listed on the New York or American stock exchange; or the American depositary receipts meet the following criteria:

(i) For a period of five fiscal years for which the necessary statistical data are available next preceding the date of investment, the corporation, as disclosed by its published fiscal annual statements, had an average annual net income plus its average annual fixed charges (as herein used, "fixed charges" means interest on funded or unfunded debt, contingent interest charges, amortization of debt discount, and expense and rentals for leased property and, in the case of consolidated earnings statements of parent and subsidiary corporations, includes all fixed charges and preferred dividend or distribution requirements, if any, of the subsidiaries) at least equal to one and one-half times the sum of its average annual dividend or distribution requirement for preferred stock and its average annual fixed charges for the same period; provided during neither of the last two years of such period shall the sum of its annual net income and its annual fixed charges have been less than one and one-half times the sum of its dividend or distribution requirements for preferred stock and its fixed charges for the same period;

(ii) The corporation has no arrears of dividends or distributions on its preferred stock;

(iii) The common stock or American depositary receipt is registered on a national securities exchange as provided in the "Securities Exchange Act of 1934," 48 Stat. 881, 15 U.S.C.A. 77b, or, if traded only in the over-the-counter market, at least five member firms of the national association of securities dealers make markets in the stock or American depositary receipt. Registration shall not be required of the common stock of a bank that is a member of the federal deposit insurance corporation or a bank holding company, and has capital funds, represented by capital, surplus, and undivided profits, of at least twenty million dollars; the common stock of a life insurance company, or an insurance holding company that has capital funds, represented by capital, special surplus funds, and unassigned surplus, of at least fifty million dollars; or the common stock of a fire or casualty insurance company, or a combination thereof, that has capital funds represented by capital, net surplus, and voluntary reserves, of at least fifty million dollars;

(iv) The preferred stock of the corporation, if any is outstanding, qualifies for investment under this division;

(v) The corporation, having no preferred stock outstanding, had either earnings before interest and taxes for the five fiscal years next preceding the date of investment of at least twice the interest on all mortgages, bonds, debentures, and funded debts, if any, after deduction of the proper charges for replacements, depreciation, and obsolescence or the corporation's senior subordinated debt obligations are rated "A-" or higher quality rating according to the Standard and Poor's rating service or the equivalent rating in another standard rating service;

(vi) The corporation paid a cash dividend or distribution on its common stock in at least three years of the five-year period next preceding the date of investment, and the aggregate net earnings available for dividends or distributions on the common stock of the corporation for the whole of such five-year period were at least equal to the amount of such dividends or distributions paid, except that ten per cent of the total value of all funds described in section 3309.60 of the Revised Code may be invested in nondividend paying common stocks;

(vii) In applying the earnings test under this division to any issuing, assuming, or guaranteeing corporation, where such corporation acquired its property or any substantial part thereof within a five-year period immediately preceding the date of investment by consolidation, merger, or by the purchase of all or a substantial portion of the property of any other corporation or corporations, or acquired the assets of any unincorporated business enterprise by purchase or otherwise, net income, fixed charges, and preferred dividends or distributions of the several predecessor or constituent corporations or enterprises shall be consolidated and adjusted so as to ascertain whether or not the applicable requirements of this section have been complied with.

(b) Derivative instruments based on the stocks or American depositary receipts that qualify for investment under division (D)(4)(a) of this section;

(c) Beneficial interests in commingled stock investment funds;

(d) The total value of common and preferred stocks, American depositary receipts, derivative instruments, and commingled stock investment fund investments made under this division shall not exceed fifty per cent of the total value of all funds described in section 3309.60 of the Revised Code, provided:

(i) Not more than one and one-half per cent of the total value of the funds is invested in the common stock of a single corporation;

(ii) The total number of common shares in a single corporation does not exceed ten per cent of the issued and outstanding common stock of such corporation.

(5) The following corporate, trust, or partnership obligations:

(a) Notes, bonds, debentures, conditional sales contracts, equipment trust certificates, pass-through securities, other fixed obligations, or evidences of indebtedness or interests in any form of any corporation, trust, or partnership that is incorporated or created under the laws of the United States, or any state thereof, or of the District of Columbia, provided that either of the following applies:

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(i) The obligations are rated at the time of purchase the equivalent of an "A-" or higher quality rating according to the Standard and Poor's rating service by at least two standard rating services or, for a period of five years for which the necessary statistical data are available next preceding the date of investment, such corporation, trust, or partnership, as disclosed by its published fiscal annual statements, had an average annual pre-tax income plus its average annual fixed charges (as herein used, "fixed charges" means interest on funded or unfunded debt, contingent interest charges, amortization of debt discount, and expense and one-third of rentals for leased property and, in the case of consolidated earnings statements of parent and subsidiary entities, which shall be used if available, includes all fixed charges of the subsidiaries) at least equal to two times its average annual fixed charges for the same period;

(ii) During neither of the last two years of such period was the sum of its annual net income and its annual fixed charges less than one and one-half times its fixed charges for the same period.

(b) Derivative instruments based on the corporate, trust, or partnership obligations described in division (D)(5)(a) of this section;

(c) Corporate debentures convertible or exchangeable into common stock, provided that at the time of acquisition the requirements of division (D)(4) of this section are met.

(6) The following insured shares, certificates, savings accounts, and notes secured by mortgages on real estate:

(a) Shares, certificates, or other evidences of deposits issued by a state-chartered savings and loan association organized under the laws of the state, which association has obtained insurance of accounts as provided in sub-chapter IV of the "National Housing Act," 48 Stat. 1246 (1934), 12 U.S.C.A. 1701, as amended, or as may be provided by law after September 16, 1957, but only to the extent that the evidence of deposits are insured under the act, as amended;

(b) Shares, certificates, or other evidences of deposits issued by a federal savings and loan association organized and incorporated under the

"Home Owners' Loan Act of 1933," 48 Stat. 128, 12 U.S.C.A. 1461, as amended, but only to the extent that the shares, certificates, or other evidences of deposits are insured under sub-chapter IV of the "National Housing Act," 48 Stat. 1246 (1934), 12 U.S.C.A. 1701, as amended;

(c) Savings accounts in a national bank located in this state or a state bank located in and organized under the laws of this state if the deposits of the depository bank are insured by the federal deposit insurance corporation, created under the "Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Act of 1933," 48 Stat. 162, 12 U.S.C.A. 264, as amended;

(d) Notes secured by mortgages and insured by the federal housing commissioner, or his successor or assigns, or in debentures issued by the commissioner, which are guaranteed as to principal and interest by the federal housing administration, an agency of the United States government.

(7) Real estate within the United States; provided that the aggregate of all investments made under this division shall not exceed twenty-five per cent of the total value of all funds described in section 3309.60 of the Revised Code, except that no investment in real estate made under authority granted elsewhere in this section shall be counted toward this limitation.

The board may invest under this division in any direct, indirect, or beneficial interest in real property, including, but not limited to, improved or unimproved real property, suitable or adaptable without excessive cost for more than one use, and whether or not income-producing; mortgages; deeds of trust; notes secured by real property; leaseholds; leases; ground leases; air rights; limited partnerships; real property interests owned, developed, or managed by joint ventures or limited partnerships; variable notes secured by real property; participations, created by any person regularly engaged in the business of making, or acting as a broker of, mortgage loans, in notes secured by real property; interests in collective investment funds; corporations, trusts, or associations that qualify as real estate investment trusts under section 856 of the "Internal Revenue Code of 1986," 100 Stat. 2085, 26 U.S.C.A. 856, as amended; interests in or real property for the development of natural resources, excluding oil or gas; and condominium interests, provided that liability is limited to the amount of the investment. Unimproved real property or interests in such property acquired shall be subject to a commercial development plan or a natural resources development plan.

Real property purchased under this division may be improved by the board. Expenditures for improvements may include, but are not limited to, expenditures for demolition of existing structures, grading and landscaping, construction of new structures, modification of existing structures, fixtures, equipment, and related personal property. The board may manage the real property or may contract for management responsibilities with firms having expertise in the management of similar real property.

Real property purchased or improved under this division:

(a) Shall be geographically dispersed;

(b) May be leased to corporations, partnerships, or sole proprietorships with or without purchase option provisions, and lease payments may, but need not, include all or part of the purchase and improvement costs;

(c) May be mortgaged to facilitate activities authorized in this division.

(8) Obligations issued, assumed, or guaranteed by the international bank for reconstruction and development, the Asian development bank, the inter-American development bank, the African development bank, the international finance corporation, or other similar development bank in which the president, as authorized by congress and on behalf of the United States, has accepted membership;

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(ii) VENTURE CAPITAL FIRMS HAVING AN OFFICE WITHIN THIS STATE, PROVIDED THAT, AS A CONDITION OF THE BOARD MAKING AN INVESTMENT IN A VENTURE CAPITAL FIRM, THE FIRM MUST AGREE TO USE ITS BEST EFFORTS TO MAKE INVESTMENTS, IN AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT AT LEAST EQUAL TO THE INVESTMENT TO BE MADE BY THE BOARD IN THAT VENTURE CAPITAL FIRM, IN SMALL BUSINESSES HAVING THEIR PRINCIPAL OFFICES WITHIN THIS STATE AND HAVING EITHER MORE THAN ONE-HALF OF THEIR ASSETS WITHIN THIS STATE OR MORE THAN ONE-HALF OF THEIR EMPLOYEES EMPLOYED WITHIN THIS STATE.

(9) Bonds and notes backed by pools of first liens on fee simple estates in land in this state that are improved by one-to four-family residential structures;

(10) Bonds, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness that are secured by first mortgages upon improved commercial real property, upon condition that:

(a) No mortgage loan on any one property, at the time of investment by the board, exceeds ninety per cent of the value of the real property securing the same, unless that portion of the loan exceeding ninety per cent is insured or the mortgage is a participating or convertible mortgage;

(b) The aggregate investment in mortgage loans on commercial property that are not insured by the federal housing commissioner shall not exceed ten per cent of the total value of all funds described under section 3309.60 of the Revised Code.

(11) Pass-through securities backed by pools of first liens on fee simple estates in land in this state that are improved by one-to four-family residential structures;

(12) Pass-through securities backed by pools of first liens upon improved commercial real property, provided that no mortgage loan on any one property, at the time of investment by the board, exceeds ninety per cent of the value of the real property securing the loan unless that portion of the loan exceeding ninety per cent is insured;

(13)(a) Debt or equity interests in either of the following:

(i) Any corporation, partnership, proprietorship, or other entity not otherwise meeting the investment requirements of this section, provided more than one-half of its assets are within this state, more than one-half of its employees are employed within this state, or its principal office is located within this state, and provided liability is limited to the amount of the investment;

(ii) ~~Venture capital firms having an office within this state, provided that, as a condition of the board making an investment in a venture capital firm, the firm must agree to use its best efforts to make investments, in an aggregate amount at least equal to the investment to be made by the board in that venture capital firm, in small businesses having their principal offices within this state and having either more than one-half of their assets within this state or more than one-half of their employees employed within this state.~~

(b) Investments made under division (D)(13) of this section shall not exceed in the aggregate five per cent of the total value of all funds described in section 3309.60 of the Revised Code.

(c) ~~As used in division (D)(13) of this section:~~

(i) ~~"Venture capital firm" means any corporation, partnership, proprietorship, or other entity, the principal business of which is or will be the making of investments in small businesses.~~

(ii) ~~"Small business" means any corporation, partnership, proprietorship, or other entity that either does not have more than four hundred employees, or would qualify as a small business for the purpose of receiving financial assistance from small business investment companies licensed under the "Small Business Investment Act of 1958," 72 Stat. 680, 15 U.S.C.A. 661, as amended, and rules of the small business administration.~~

(iii) ~~"Equity interests" means limited partnership interests and other equity interests in which liability is limited to the amount of the investment, but shall not mean general partnership interests or other interests involving general liability.~~

(c) AS USED IN DIVISION (D)(13) OF THIS SECTION:

(i) "VENTURE CAPITAL FIRM" MEANS ANY CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP, PROPRIETORSHIP, OR OTHER ENTITY, THE PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OF WHICH IS OR WILL BE THE MAKING OF INVESTMENTS IN SMALL BUSINESSES.

(ii) "SMALL BUSINESS" MEANS ANY CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP, PROPRIETORSHIP, OR OTHER ENTITY THAT EITHER DOES NOT HAVE MORE THAN FOUR HUNDRED EMPLOYEES, OR WOULD QUALIFY AS A SMALL BUSINESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM SMALL BUSINESS INVESTMENT COMPANIES LICENSED UNDER THE "SMALL BUSINESS INVESTMENT ACT OF 1958," 72 STAT. 689, 15 U.S.C.A. 661, AS AMENDED, AND RULES OF THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION.

(iii) "EQUITY INTERESTS" MEANS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP INTERESTS AND OTHER EQUITY INTERESTS IN WHICH LIABILITY IS LIMITED TO THE AMOUNT OF THE INVESTMENT, BUT SHALL NOT MEAN GENERAL PARTNERSHIP INTERESTS OR OTHER INTERESTS INVOLVING GENERAL LIABILITY.

(14) General obligations backed by the full faith and credit of the State of Israel. All interest and principal shall be denominated and payable in United States funds.

(15) Debt or equity interests in or issued by foreign entities or any instrument based on, derived from, or related to such interests and foreign currency denominated contracts or obligations. The investments made under this division shall not exceed in the aggregate ten per cent of the total value of all funds described in section 3309.60 of the Revised Code.

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(E) All such bonds, notes, certificates, stock, or other obligations purchased by the board under this section and section 3309.154 of the Revised Code shall be delivered to the treasurer of state, who is hereby designated as custodian thereof, or to his authorized agent, and he shall collect principal, interest, dividends, and distributions on them as they become due and payable and place the same when so collected into the retirement funds. Such securities may be deposited by the treasurer of state for safekeeping with an authorized agent, selected by the treasurer of state, who is a qualified trustee under section 135.18 of the Revised Code. The treasurer of state shall honor and pay for such investments, upon delivery of same to him or to his authorized agent, pursuant to receipt of a resolution authorizing such purchase adopted or approved by the retirement board. The retirement board may sell any investments held by it as trustee upon adoption or approval of a resolution authorizing such sale, and the treasurer of state shall deliver such investments to the purchaser upon receipt of payment by him or his authorized agent, or in accordance with accepted investment procedures, and the amount received shall be placed into the retirement funds.

(F) No investment shall be made under this section and sections 3309.151 and 3309.154 of the Revised Code without prior approval by the school employees retirement board.

(G) Any statement of financial position distributed by the board shall include the market value, as of the statement date, of all investments held by the board under this section and section 3309.154 of the Revised Code.

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SECTION 3. That Section 3 of Am. S.B. 124 of the 115th General Assembly, as amended by Am. H.B. 699 of the 115th General Assembly, Am. Sub. H.B. 706 of the 116th General Assembly, and Am. Sub. H.B. 789 of the 118th General Assembly, be amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 3. Notwithstanding sections ~~145.11, 742.11, 1107.17, 1151.34, 3307.15, 3309.15, 3907.14, AND 3925.08, and 5505.06~~ of the Revised Code, no powers granted in Am. S.B. 124 of the 115th General Assembly, as amended by Am. H.B. 699 of the 115th General Assembly and Am. Sub. H.B. 706 of the 116th General Assembly, to invest in venture capital firms or small businesses may be exercised except during the period from February 15, 1984 through December 31, 1993. Four months prior to December 31, 1988, four months prior to December 31, 1990, and four months prior to December 31, 1992, and at any other time a report is requested by either chairperson of the standing committees, ~~the retirement systems,~~ the superintendent of insurance, and the superintendent of banks and savings and loan associations in the department of commerce

with respect to institutions, and companies granted power under Am. S.B. 124 of the 115th General Assembly, as amended by Am. H.B. 699 of the 115th General Assembly and Am. Sub. H.B. 706 of the 116th General Assembly, shall each submit a report to the chairperson on the standing committee of each house of the General Assembly which normally considers economic development legislation. In each case, the reports shall cover the time period beginning with the original date the venture capital investment authority was granted to the various entities and shall contain information as to the number and types of venture capital investments, the amounts of the investments, and such other information as the chairpersons specify to assist such standing committees to evaluate the efforts made by the entities granted such powers to invest in venture capital firms to ensure that these venture capital firms have used their best efforts to make investments as prescribed by Am. S.B. 124 of the 115th General Assembly, as amended by Am. H.B. 699 of the 115th General Assembly and Am. Sub. H.B. 706 of the 116th General Assembly. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the power to retain any investments made during such period or the power to renew, extend, or fulfill any agreements made during such period that commit the investments of further funds, provided that no such commitment may be honored in an amount in excess of amounts authorized to be invested during such period nor shall any investments exceed the total amounts of such commitments made prior to the expiration of such period. The Legislative Service Commission shall, provided the limitation of this section is not eliminated or extended by legislation enacted by December 31, 1993, submit within a reasonable time to the chairpersons of the committees that normally consider economic development legislation a bill that would amend such sections to return them to their language in effect immediately prior to the enactment of Am. S.B. 124 of the 115th General Assembly. The bill shall provide for the repeal of sections 1125.151, 1151.347, and 3901.42 of the Revised Code."

SECTION 5. In amending by this act sections 145.11, 742.11, 3307.15, 3309.15, and 5505.06 of the Revised Code and Section 3 of Am. S.B. 124 of the 115th General Assembly, as amended by Am. H.B. 699 of the 115th General Assembly, Am. Sub. H.B. 706 of the 116th General Assembly, and Am. Sub. H.B. 789 of the 118th General Assembly, this, the 120th General Assembly intends to revive the authority of the Public Employees Retirement Board, the Board of Trustees of the Police and Firemen's Disability and Pension Fund, the State Teachers Retirement Board, the School Employees Retirement Board, and the State Highway Patrol Retirement Board to invest their respective funds in debt or equity interests in certain venture capital firms and small businesses, which authority had become obsolete on January 1, 1994, under Section 3 of Am. S.B. 124 of the 115th

General Assembly, as it existed in amended form immediately prior to the effective date of this act.

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