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Sec. 5505.15. (A)(1) A member of the state highway patrol retirement system shall contribute ten and one half per cent of his THE MEMBER'S annual salary to the state highway patrol retirement fund. The amount shall be deducted by the employer from the employee's salary for each payroll period.

(2) The total contributions arising from deductions made prior to January 1, 1966, from the salaries of members in the employ of the state highway patrol and standing to the credit of their individual accounts in the retirement fund shall be transferred and credited to their respective individual accounts in the employees' savings fund.

(B) The state shall annually pay into the employer accumulation fund, in monthly or less frequent installments as the state highway patrol retirement board requires, an amount which THAT shall be a certain percentage of the total salaries paid contributing members and which shall be known as the "employer contribution." If a member severs his connection with the patrol or is dismissed, the employer contribution shall remain in the retirement system.

The rate percentage of the employer contribution shall be certified by the board to the director of budget and management and shall not be lower than nine per cent of the total salaries paid contributing members and shall not exceed three times the rate percentage being deducted from the annual salaries of contributing members. The board shall prepare and submit to the director, on or before the first day of November of each even-numbered year, an estimate of the amounts necessary to pay the state's obligations accruing during the biennium beginning the first day of July of the following year. Such amounts shall be included in the budget and allocated as certified by the board. THE state highway patrol retirement system shall certify to the public employees retirement system a copy of the records of the former member's service and contributions.

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A former member who makes the repayment required under this division does not thereby become a member of the state highway patrol retirement system or have any of the rights, privileges, or obligations of membership.

SECTION 2. That existing sections 145.295, 742.379, 3309.012, 5505.15, 5505.16, 5505.17, 5505.171, 5505.174, 5505.19, and 5505.202 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. Notwithstanding sections 145.27, 742.41, 3307.21, 3309.22, and 5505.04 of the Revised Code and any other section of the Revised Code, the Public Employees Retirement System, Police and Firemen's Disability and Pension Fund, State Teachers Retirement System, School Employees Retirement System, and State Highway Patrol Retirement System shall furnish to William M. Mercer, Inc., the authorized agent of the Joint Legislative Committee to Study Ohio's Public Retirement Plans established by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the 121st General Assembly. any records, including but not limited to any medical reports or information or statements of earnings obtained by the Board of Trustees of the Police and Firemen's Disability and Pension Fund pursuant to section 742.3720 of the Revised Code or any similar reports, information, or statements obtained by the board of any other system or fund, that are identified in a subpoena issued in accordance with section 101.41 of the Revised Code by the Joint Legislative Committee. If any members of the Joint Legislative Committee themselves intend actually to review any records or copies of records furnished by any retirement system or fund. the Joint Legislative Committee shall have its authorized agent delete from these records or copies of records any personally identifiable information prior to review by the Committee members. If the Joint Legislative Committee believes on the basis of information provided by its authorized agent that there is cause, the Committee may also instruct its authorized agent to provide to any governmental entity that has subpoen power any records furnished by a system or fund to the Committee and nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the Committee from instructing its authorized agent to provide these records. The Joint Legislative Committee and its authorized agent shall preserve the confidentiality of any information in a record that is considered to be confidential or privileged as provided in section 145.27, 742.41, 3307.21, 3309.22, and 5505.04 of the Revised Code, and the records shall not be open to public inspection.

Records and copies of records furnished under this section to the Joint Legislative Committee shall be returned by the Joint Legislative Committee to the retirement system from which the records or copies were obtained immediately on completion of their use by the Joint Legislative Committee or its authorized agent.

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