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Sec. 145.23 (486-51). Funds.

The funds hereby created are the *** employees' savings fund, the employers' accumulation fund, the annuity and pension reserve fund, the income fund, the survivors' benefit fund, and the expense fund.

*** (A) The *** employees' savings fund *** is the fund in which shall be accumulated contributions from the compensation of contributors for the purchase of annuities.

The accumulated contributions of a contributor returned to him upon his withdrawal, or paid to his estate *** or designated beneficiary in the event of his death, *** shall be paid from the *** employees' savings fund. Any accumulated contributions forfeited by failure of a member, or his estate, to claim the same ***, shall be transferred from the *** employees' savings fund to the income fund. The accumulated contributions of a contributor shall be transferred from the *** employees' savings fund to the annuity and pension reserve fund in the event of his retirement.

*** (B) The employers' accumulation fund *** is the fund in which shall be accumulated the reserves for the payment of all pensions payable as provided in *** sections 145.01 to 145.57, inclusive, of the Revised Code. The amounts paid by the state because of its normal contributions and deficiency contributions shall be credited to the employers' accumulation fund.

Until the deficiency contributions *** are discontinued, upon retirement of a contributor, an amount equal to his annuity reserve shall be transferred from the employers' accumulation fund to the annuity and pension reserve fund and a pension equal to his annuity shall be paid therefrom. The remainder of any pension granted to him shall be paid directly from the employers' accumulation fund until the pension reserve thereon *** has been fully accumulated. Thereupon, the full reserve on all pensions theretofore payable from the employers' accumulation fund shall be transferred from said fund to the annuity and pension reserve fund and said pensions shall thereafter be paid from the annuity and pension reserve fund. Upon retirement of a contributor the full amount of his pension reserve shall be transferred from the employers' accumulation fund to the annuity and pension reserve fund.

*** (C) The annuity and pension reserve fund *** is the fund from which shall be paid all pensions and annuities, or benefits in lieu thereof, because of which reserves have been transferred from the *** employees' savings fund or the employers' accumulation fund ***.

When the deficiency contribution has ceased to be payable, the full amount of the pension reserves on the pensions then directly payable from the employers' accumulation fund shall be transferred from said fund to the annuity and pension reserve fund. *** Thereafter the annuity and pension reserve fund *** is the fund from which shall be paid all annuities and all pensions, and all benefits in lieu thereof, which are payable as provided in *** sections 145.01 to 145.57, inclusive, of the Revised Code.

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Upon retirement of a contributor, *** his accumulated contributions shall be transferred from the *** *employees'* savings fund to the annuity and pension reserve fund and an amount equal to his full pension reserve shall be transferred from the employers' accumulation fund to the annuity and pension reserve fund.

Any member *** *may* deposit in the *** *employees'* savings fund, subject to *** rules and regulations *** established by the *public employees* retirement board, such amounts in multiples of one hundred dollars as such member *** *desires* and such member, at the time of superannuation or commuted retirement, shall receive in return therefor an annuity having a reserve equal to the amount deposited ***. *In* no case shall a member have the right to purchase an annuity which together with the retirement allowance *** *exceeds* such member's average annual salary, not exceeding three thousand dollars, earned during the last five years employed before retirement.

*** (D) An income fund is *** *the fund* created to facilitate the crediting of regular interest on the amounts in the various other funds with the exception of the expense fund and to provide a contingent fund out of which special requirements of any of the other funds may be covered. Transfers for such special requirements shall be made only when the amount in the income fund exceeds the ordinary requirements of such fund as evidenced by a resolution of the board recorded in its minutes. The *** board shall annually allow regular interest for the preceding year to each of said funds and the amount so allowed shall be due and payable to said funds and shall be annually credited thereto by the *** board and paid from the income fund. All income, interest, and dividends derived from the deposits and investments authorized by *** *sections 145.01 to 145.57, inclusive, of the Revised Code* shall be paid into the income fund.

The *** board *** *may* accept gifts and bequests. Any funds that *** come into *the* possession of the *public employees* retirement system in such manner *** , any funds which may be transferred from the *** *employees'* savings fund by reason of lack of claimant or because of a surplus in any fund created by *** *sections 145.01 to 145.57, inclusive, of the Revised Code*, or any other *** *moneys* the disposition of which is not otherwise provided for *** *in such sections*, shall be credited to the income fund.

Should the amount in this fund in any year be insufficient to meet the amounts payable therefrom, the amount of such deficiency with regular interest added thereto shall be assessed by the *** board in the succeeding years against the employer on the basis of the amount of the normal contributions paid by the employer, and the amounts so assessed shall be payable by such employer in the same manner and out of the same fund as the normal contributions are made and shall be credited to the income fund.

*** (E) The expense fund *** *is* the fund from which shall be paid the expenses of the administration of *** *sections 145.01 to 145.57, inclusive, of the Revised Code*, exclusive of amounts payable as retirement allowances and as other benefits ***.

*** (F) The survivors' benefit fund *** *is* the fund from which shall be paid dependent survivor benefits provided by section *** *145.45 of the Revised Code*.