

Sec. 145.23. 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, the defined contribution fund, and the expense fund.

(A) The employees' savings fund is the fund in which shall be accumulated contributions from the earnable salaries of contributors for the purchase of annuities or retirement allowances.

The accumulated contributions of a contributor returned to the contributor upon withdrawal, or paid to the contributor's estate or designated beneficiary in the event of death, shall be paid from the employees' savings fund. Any accumulated contributions forfeited by failure of a member, or a member's 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 the contributor's retirement.

(B) The employers' accumulation fund is the fund in which shall be accumulated the reserves for the payment of all pensions and disability benefits payable as provided in this chapter. The amounts paid by any employer under section 145.48 of the Revised Code shall be credited to the employers' accumulation fund.

Any payments made into the employers' accumulation fund by a member as provided in section 145.31 of the Revised Code shall be refunded to such member under the conditions specified in section 145.40 of the Revised Code.

Upon the retirement of a contributor, the full amount of the contributor's 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, disability benefits, annuities, and benefits in lieu thereof, because of which reserves have been transferred from the employees' savings fund and the employers' accumulation fund.

Any contributor may deposit in the employees' savings fund, subject to rules established by the public employees retirement system, additional amounts ~~the contributor~~, and, at the time of age and service retirement, shall receive in return therefor, at the contributor's option, either an annuity having a reserve equal to the amount deposited or a cash refund of such amounts together with such interest as may have been allowed by the board. Such deposits for additional annuity together with such interest as may have been allowed by the board at the end of each calendar year shall be refunded in the event of death prior to retirement or withdrawal of accumulated contributions as provided in sections 145.40 and 145.43 of the Revised Code or upon application of the contributor prior to age and service retirement.

For deposits received in a calendar year, interest shall be earned beginning on the first day of the calendar year next following and ending on the last day of that year, except that in the case of a payment under this division made prior to the last day of a year, interest shall be earned ending on the last day of the month prior to the date of payment. The board shall credit interest at the end of the calendar year in which it is earned.

(D) The income fund is the fund from which interest is transferred and credited on the amounts in the funds described in divisions (B), (C), and (F) of this section, and is a contingent fund from which the special requirements of the funds may be paid by transfer from this fund. All income derived from the investment of the funds of the system, together with all gifts and bequests, or the income therefrom, shall be paid into this fund.

Any deficit occurring in any other fund that will not be covered by payments to that fund, as otherwise provided in Chapter 145. of the Revised Code, shall be paid by transfers of amounts from the income fund to such fund or funds. If the amount in the income fund is insufficient at any time to meet the amounts payable to the funds described in divisions (C) and (F) of this section, the amount of the deficiency shall be transferred from the employers' accumulation fund.

The system may accept gifts and bequests. Any gifts or bequests, any funds which may be transferred from the employees' savings fund by reason of lack of a claimant, any surplus in any fund created by this section, or any other funds whose disposition is not otherwise provided for, 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 this chapter, 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.

(G) The defined contribution fund is the fund in which shall be accumulated the contributions deducted from the earnable salary of members participating in a plan established under section 145.81 of

the Revised Code, as provided in section 145.85 of the Revised Code, together with any earnings and employer contributions, as provided in section 145.86 of the Revised Code, credited thereon. The defined contribution fund is the fund from which shall be paid all benefits provided under a plan established under section 145.81 of the Revised Code.