

SECTION 4. Not later than one year after the effective date of this act, the Ohio Retirement Study Council shall have prepared a report that proposes to establish an alternative disability benefit plan for the Police and Firemen's Disability and Pension Fund and State Highway Patrol Retirement System that provides coverage to a disability benefit recipient until the recipient reaches retirement eligibility age and, thereafter, permits the recipient to apply for age and service retirement. The proposed plan shall cost no more than the existing disability benefit plan offered by the retirement systems. The report shall be submitted to the chairpersons of the standing committees of the Senate and House of Representatives with primary responsibility for retirement legislation and to the executive directors of the Police and Firemen's Disability and Pension Fund and State Highway Patrol Retirement System.

SECTION 7. The Ohio Retirement Study Council shall establish a task force consisting of the Administrator of the Bureau of Workers' Compensation and representatives of the Public Employees Retirement Board, Board of Trustees of the Police and Firemen's Disability and Pension Fund, School Employees Retirement Board, State Teachers Retirement Board, and State Highway Patrol Retirement Board to examine the feasibility of coordinating benefits between the Bureau and retirement systems. Not later than one year after the effective date of this act, the Ohio Retirement Study Council shall have prepared a report of the findings of the task force. The report shall contain a survey of how other states coordinate similar benefits and an examination of the types of benefits provided by the Bureau and retirement systems. The report shall be submitted to the chairpersons of the standing committees and subcommittees of the Senate and House of Representatives with primary responsibility for retirement legislation.

SECTION 9. (A) The Ohio Retirement Study Council shall have prepared a report that examines all of the following with regard to law enforcement officers and firefighters covered by the Police and Firemen's Disability and Pension Fund and Public Employees Retirement System:

- (1) The criteria used to determine membership in the Fund and System;
- (2) The extent to which service credit earned in one of the retirement systems can be transferred and used in the calculation of benefits from the other system;
- (3) Any other matter related to the information described in divisions (A)(1) and (2) of this section.

(B) The Public Employees Retirement System, Police and Firemen's Disability and Pension Fund, and employers of members of those retirement systems shall cooperate fully with the Ohio Retirement Study Council

and its agents in providing information for the report. Notwithstanding sections 145.27 and 742.41 of the Revised Code, the retirement systems shall furnish to the Council, or the Council's agent, any records necessary to complete the report. The Council and its agents shall preserve the confidentiality of information in records that are confidential or privileged under section 145.27 or 742.41 of the Revised Code, and the records shall not be open to public inspection. Records or copies of records furnished under this section to the Council or its agent shall be returned by the Council to the retirement system from which they were obtained immediately on completion of their use by the Council or its agent.