



Report to the Ohio Retirement Study Council on OP&F 30 Year Funding, Actuarial Status as of January 1, 2022

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Introduction

 OP&F actuary calculated that 30-year funding met as of January 1, 2022

We find that their analysis is not credible





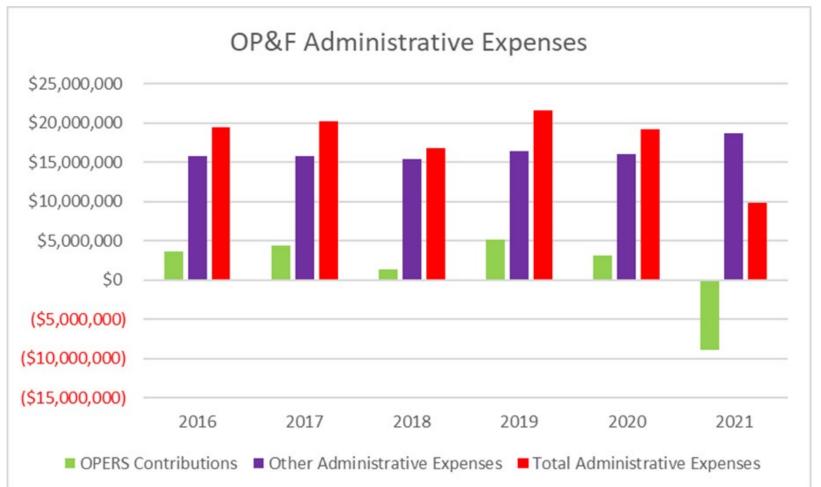
What makes OP&F 30-Year Analysis Not Credible

- In order to meet thirty-year funding period, OP&F actuarial analysis relies on one-time \$9 million accounting credit from OPERS and assumes will continue for nearly thirty years
- This is merely an accounting credit. Not real money.
 - OPERS is not actually providing \$9 million in cash to OP&F
- This was a one-time adjustment and will certainly not recur for the next 29 years





Analysis Hinges on Administrative Expenses







How do OP&F Administrative Expenses Impact Funding Period

- OP&F Projects Future Contributions to Amortize \$7.4 billion Unfunded Liability
- 2022 Reduction in Long Term Administrative Expense Assumption Generates Extra 0.65% of payroll toward UL

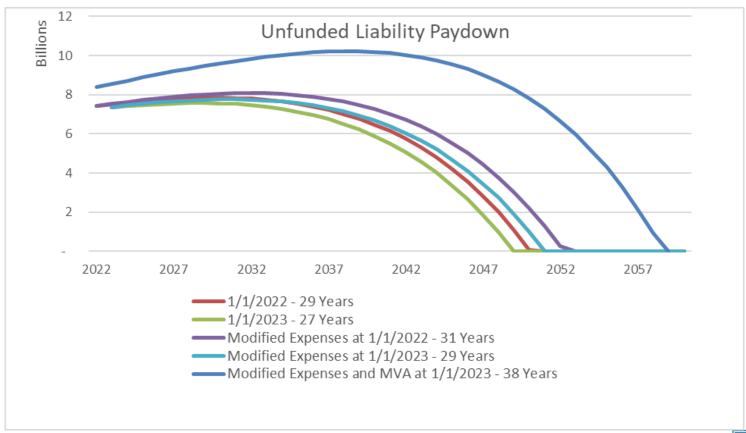
| 2022 Amortization Contribution based on: | | | |
|--|---------------|-------------------|------------|
| | 1.1,2022 | | |
| | 1.1.2021 | Valuation and old | |
| | Valuation | assumptions | Difference |
| The employer contribution rate | 21.66% | 21.70% | 0.04% |
| Less the Health Care Allocation | -0.50% | -0.50% | 0.00% |
| Less the Normal Cost rate | -14.63% | -14.56% | 0.07% |
| Less administrative expenses | -1.03% | -0.38% | 0.65% |
| Plus the State Subsidy | 0.01% | 0.01% | 0.00% |
| Plus the member contribution rate | <u>12.25%</u> | <u>12.25%</u> | 0.00% |
| Amortization Contribution rate | 17.76% | 18.52% | 0.76% |





What about bad 2022 returns?

 Actuarial asset smoothing will delay recognition of 2022 losses, but absent recovery, funding period will likely exceed 30 years

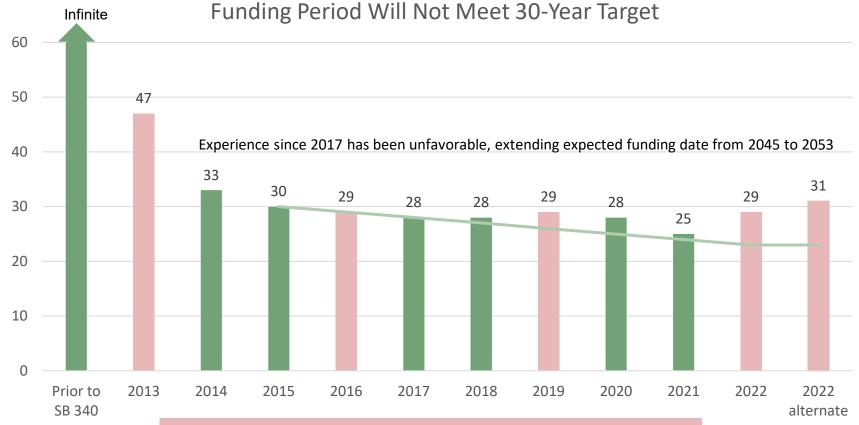






History of Funding Periods

Next (1/1/23) Actuarial Valuation Estimated to Show that Funding Period Will Not Meet 30-Year Target



Statutory Measurement Required Every Three Years Under ORC 742.14



Other Considerations

- We replicate CMC's calculations based on extra \$9 million
- Actuarial return assumption reduction from 8% to 7.5% increased unfunded liability by more than \$1 billion
 - We concur that this change was necessary
- 2022 is the Tri-annual Statutory Measurement Year Under ORC 742.14
 - Would trigger required plan for change to meet 30-year requirement





Conclusions

- OP&F calculated that 30-year funding met as of January 1, 2022. We do not concur.
- In order to meet thirty-year funding period, OP&F actuarial analysis relies on one-time \$9 million accounting credit from OPERS and assumes will continue for nearly thirty years
- Poor 2022 investment returns also likely to further deteriorate funding
 - Although actuarial asset smoothing will delay this impact



