RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Title of Rule: Employees' Retirement System of Rhode Island and Municipal

Employees' Retirement System Regulations (120-RICR-00-00-1)

Rule Identifier: 120-RICR-00-00-1

Rulemaking Action: Proposed Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: 01/23/2019

Hearing Date: 02/15/2019

End of Public Comment: 02/22/2019

Authority for this Rulemaking:

Rhode Island General Laws § 36-8-3

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

The proposed regulation formally codifies, clarifies and confirms the policy of the Retirement Board previously adopted on January 10, 2001. Specifically, the proposed regulation: 1. updates the procedures and rules pertianing to applying for an Ordinary or Accidental Disability Pension, 2. clarifies the types of payments that consist of retirement contributions for teachers, 3. codifies how membership is determined for job share and part-time positions, and 4. sets out how to determine eligibility for R.I. Gen. Laws 16-16-40.

Additional Information and Comments:

All interested parties are invited to request additional information or submit written or oral comments concerning the proposed amendment until February 22, 2019 by contacting the appropriate party at the address listed below:

Kara DiPaola Treasury Department 50 Service Avenue Warwick, RI 02886 kara.dipaola@treasury.ri.gov

Public Hearing:

A public hearing, in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35-2.8, to consider the proposed amendment shall be held on February 15, 2019 at 3:00 pm at 50 Service Avenue, Warwick, RI 02886 at which time and place all persons interested therein will be heard. The seating capacity of the room will be enforced and therefore the

number of persons participating in the hearing may be limited at any given time by the hearing officer, in order to comply with safety and fire codes.

The place of the public hearing is accessible to individuals who are handicapped. If communication assistance (readers/interpreters/captioners) is needed, or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation, please call 401-462-7632 or RI Relay 711 at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting so arrangements can be made to provide such assistance at no cost to the person requesting.

Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:

The regulation seeks to clarify the rules and processes of the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Rhode Island in accordance with Retirement Board policy. The regulation change does not impact any industry and there is no negative societal cost of compliance.

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation see agency contact person above.