SOCIAL SECURITY FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES (EXCERPT) Act 205 of 1951

38.853 Agreement to extend benefits of federal old-age and survivors insurance system; contents; approval; separate retirement systems.

- Sec. 3. (a) The department may enter on behalf of the state into an agreement with the secretary of health and human services, consistent with this act, for purposes of extending the benefits of the federal old-age and survivors insurance system to employees of the state or any political subdivision of this state for services specified in the agreement which constitute employment as defined in section (2)(b). The agreement may contain provisions relating to coverage, benefits, contributions, effective date, modification and termination of the agreement, administration, and other appropriate provisions as the department and the secretary of health and human services agree upon. However, the agreement shall be approved by the attorney general and shall provide for all of the following:
- (1) That the agreement shall be effective for services in employment covered by the agreement performed after a date specified in the agreement. Effective for agreements or modifications to an agreement executed on or after January 1, 1960, this state may make coverage retroactive for 5 years preceding the year in which the agreement or modification is executed, but not earlier than January 1, 1956.
- (2) That all services which constitute employment as defined in section 2 and which are performed in the employ of this state by employees of this state, except for those services which have been specifically excluded, shall be covered by the agreement.
 - (3) That services that do any of the following are covered in the agreement:
- (i) Constitute employment as defined in section 2, except for those services that have been specifically excluded.
 - (ii) Are performed in the employ of a political subdivision of this state.
- (*iii*) Are covered by a plan for extending the benefits of title II of the social security act, 42 U.S.C. 401, 402-405, 406-410, 411-418, 420-423, 424a-426i, and 427-433, which is in conformity with the terms of the agreement and has been approved by the department under section 8.
- (4) That as modified, the agreement shall include all services described in either subdivision (2) or subdivision (3) that are performed by individuals to whom section 218(c)(3)(b) of title II of the social security act, 42 U.S.C. 418, applies, and shall provide that the service of that individual shall continue to be covered by the agreement if the individual thereafter becomes eligible to be a member of a retirement system.
- (5) That as modified, the agreement shall include all services described in either subdivision (2) or subdivision (3) that are performed by individuals in positions covered by a retirement system for which the governor or an official delegated by the governor has issued a certificate to the secretary of health and human services pursuant to section 21(b).
- (b) For purposes of this act and pursuant to section 218(d)(6) of title II of the social security act, 42 U.S.C. 418, each of the following retirement systems shall be considered as a separate retirement system for the state:
- (1) The state employees' retirement system established under the state employees' retirement act, Act No. 240 of the Public Acts of 1943, as amended, being sections 38.1 to 38.47 of the Michigan Compiled Laws. However, at the discretion of the appropriate governing body, the employees of the Michigan technological university who are members of the state employees' retirement system may be considered a separate coverage group.
- (2) The Michigan public school employees' retirement system, established under the public school employees retirement act of 1979, Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of 1980, being sections 38.1301 to 38.1407 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, except as follows:
- (i) At the discretion of the appropriate governing body, employees of Ferris state university and employees of Michigan technological university who are members of the Michigan public school employees' retirement system may be separate coverage groups, respectively.
- (ii) At the discretion of the state board of education, employees of eastern Michigan university, central Michigan university, northern Michigan university, and western Michigan university may be 1 coverage group, or the employees of each such institution may be made a separate coverage group.
- (iii) Employees of junior colleges or community colleges shall be considered employees of the public school districts or community college districts operating the junior colleges or community colleges and shall be included in the coverage group for employees of public school districts under the Michigan public school employees' retirement system.
 - (3) Employees of the commission of agriculture.
- (4) Employees of the regents of the university of Michigan. However, at the discretion of the board of regents, the 2 retirement systems maintained by the university of Michigan may be regarded as separate Rendered Monday, July 7, 2025

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coverage groups.

- (5) Any other retirement systems presently maintained and administered by a political subdivision of this state shall be considered to constitute separate retirement systems or coverage groups.
- (6) Exclusive of those employees expressly excluded under the social security act, chapter 531, 49 Stat. 620, the municipal employees' retirement system established under the municipal employees retirement act of 1984, Act No. 427 of the Public Acts of 1984, being sections 38.1501 to 38.1555 of the Michigan Compiled Laws. However, upon action of the governing body of the municipal employees' retirement system, employees of the participating municipalities may be regarded as constituting separate retirement systems or coverage groups.
- (7) The probate judges' retirement system established under the probate judges retirement act, Act No. 165 of the Public Acts of 1954, as amended, being sections 38.901 to 38.933 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
- (8) The judges' retirement system established under the judges' retirement act, Act No. 198 of the Public Acts of 1951, as amended, being sections 38.801 to 38.831 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

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