## Public Act 95 0708

### From the Plan Perspective

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#### **Before PA 95 0708**

- 1. The Terms of the Retirement Plan are collectively bargained.
- 2. The funded ratio of the Retirement Plan at January 1, 2008 was near 30% and projected to reach zero in 2013.
- 3. There is no relationship between the funded ratio and the collectively-bargained EE/ER contribution rates.
- 4. Retirement Plan pays Retirement Benefits, and health care costs not covered by dependent premiums.
- 5. Approximately 80% of health care costs are paid by the Plan.

#### After PA 95 0708

- 1. Terms of the Plan(s) are set by state statute.
- 2. The funded ratio of the Retirement Plan at January 1, 2010 was 74.8%.
- 3. There are automatic increases in the EE/ER contribution rates if the funded ratio falls below 60%.
- 4. The Retirement Plan can no longer pay for health care costs. Health Trust is created to pay for a portion of costs.
- 5. Approximately 55% of health care costs are paid by the Health Trust.

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#### **Before PA 95 0708**

6. Retirees received free health care coverage, with as little as 3 years of service, at age 55.

- 7. Contributions to the Retirement Plan are 6% from ER and 3% from EEs for a total of 9% of gross pay.
- 8. Most participants can receive an unreduced benefit with 25 years of service, regardless of age.

#### After PA 95 0708

- 6. Retirees pay 5% to 90% of premium equivalent, depending on their years of service at retirement. They must be at least 55, with at least 20 years of service to be eligible for health care coverage.
- 7. ER and EE contribution rates at January 1, 2010 are 16.69%\* and 8.345% for a total of 25.035% of gross pay.
- 8. Participants can receive an unreduced benefit at age 64, with 25 years of service.

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#### **Before PA 95 0708**

- 9. Participants can receive a reduced benefit at age 55, with as little as 3 years of service.
- 10. Retirement Plan had a 10 member Board of Trustees ½ management and ½ labor. Each half votes as a block.

#### After PA 95 0708

- 9. Participants must be at least 55, with at least 10 years of service to receive a reduced benefit.
- 10. Legislation creates an 11 member Retirement Plan Board without block voting. CTA RHCT Board is created with a 7 member Board.