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A BILL to amend and reenact § 51.1-124.22 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Virginia Retirement System; employer rates.

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Referred to Committee on Appropriations

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That § 51.1-124.22 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 51.1-124.22. Board to administer Retirement System; powers and duties.

A. The Retirement System shall be administered by the Board of Trustees, whose powers and duties include but are not limited to:

1. Appointing a director, who shall not be a member of the Board, to serve as the chief administrative officer of the Retirement System at the pleasure of the Board.

2. Maintaining records of all of its proceedings and making such records available for inspection by the public.

3. Employing an actuary as its technical advisor and employing other persons and incurring expenditures as it deems necessary for the efficient administration of the Retirement System.

4. Causing an actuarial investigation to be made of all the experience under the Retirement System at least once in each four-year period. The Board shall also cause actuarial gain/loss analyses to be made in conjunction with each actuarial valuation of the System. Pursuant to such investigations and analyses, the Board shall periodically revise the actuarial assumptions used in the computation of employer contribution rates. *The Board shall perform other necessary long-term planning strategies to avoid sudden, significant increases in employer contribution rates.*

5. Causing a biennial actuarial valuation to be made of the assets and liabilities of the Retirement System with respect to each employer. Pursuant to the results of such valuations, the Board shall prepare a statement as to the employer contribution rates applicable to each employer.

6. Publishing the results of each actuarial valuation of the assets and liabilities.

7. Publishing annual financial statements of the Retirement System or annual reports in accordance with §§ 51.1-1000 through 51.1-1003.

8. Promulgating regulations and procedures and making determinations necessary to carry out the provisions of this title.

9. Purchasing insurance to insure against losses suffered by the Retirement System if any member of the Board or of any advisory committee breaches the standard of care in § 51.1-124.30.

10. Adopting rules and policies that bring the Retirement System into compliance with any applicable law or regulation of this Commonwealth or the United States.

11. Establishing and administering, for the officers and employees of the Retirement System, (i) a compensation plan which is consistent with the provisions set forth in the general appropriations act for this purpose and (ii) a grievance procedure which is consistent with the provisions of Chapter 10 (§ 2.2-1000 et seq.) of Title 2.2 and any regulations promulgated pursuant thereto.

12. Investing in real estate to be held as a nonrevenue producing asset and used by the Retirement System for administrative offices.

13. Charging and collecting administrative fees to pay actual costs incurred by the Retirement System in administering and overseeing any retirement plan or service award fund other than the Virginia Retirement System (§ 51.1-124.1 et seq.), the State Police Officers' Retirement System (§ 51.1-200 et seq.), the Virginia Law Officers' Retirement System (§ 51.1-211 et seq.), or the Judicial Retirement System (§ 51.1-300 et seq.), for which it is responsible from the Commonwealth or participating political subdivisions whose employees benefit under such retirement plans. Any fee charged under the authority granted herein shall be for costs incurred directly related to the administration and oversight of the retirement plan or service award fund, as determined by the Board. Such fee shall be charged to the employer whose employees benefit under the retirement plan and to the service award fund in the case of costs incurred in administering and overseeing service award funds. Overpayments from benefits received under the Virginia Retirement System, the State Police Officers' Retirement System, the Virginia Law Officers' Retirement System, the Judicial Retirement System, the Virginia Sickness and Disability Program (§ 51.1-1100 et seq.), or Health Insurance Credits for Certain Retirees (§ 51.1-1400 et seq.), may be deducted from life insurance benefits payable under Chapter 5 (§ 51.1-500 et seq.) of

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59 this title.

60 14. The Board is authorized to charge and collect from participating employers any penalties,
61 interest, compliance fees, or other charges charged to the Retirement System by the Internal Revenue
62 Service or other regulatory body.

63 B. The Board shall be vested with the powers and duties of the Board of Trustees of the abolished
64 system to the extent necessary for the payment of vested rights and the return of accumulated
65 contributions.

66 C. The Commonwealth, the Board, employees of the Retirement System, and the Investment
67 Advisory Committee of the Retirement System shall not incur any liability for any losses suffered by the
68 deferred compensation and the defined contribution retirement plans established or administered under
69 the authority of this title.