

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM INVESTMENT ACT
Act 314 of 1965

AN ACT to authorize the investment of assets of public employee retirement systems or plans created and established by the state or any political subdivision; to provide for the payment of certain costs and investment expenses; to authorize investment in variable rate interest loans; to define and limit the investments which may be made by an investment fiduciary with the assets of a public employee retirement system; and to prescribe the powers and duties of investment fiduciaries and certain state departments and officers.

History: 1965, Act 314, Imd. Eff. July 22, 1965;—Am. 1980, Act 31, Imd. Eff. Mar. 8, 1980;—Am. 1982, Act 55, Imd. Eff. Apr. 6, 1982;—Am. 1988, Act 252, Eff. Jan. 1, 1989;—Am. 1988, Act 253, Eff. Jan. 1, 1989;—Am. 1988, Act 343, Imd. Eff. Oct. 19, 1988.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

38.1121-38.1131 Repealed. 1982, Act 55, Imd. Eff. Apr. 6, 1982.

Compiler's note: Prior to the repeal of §§ 38.1121 to 38.1131, § 38.1125a had expired by its own terms.

38.1132 Short title; meanings of words and phrases.

Sec. 12. (1) This act shall be known and may be cited as the “public employee retirement system investment act”.

(2) For the purposes of this act, the words and phrases defined in sections 12a to 12f have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

History: Add. 1982, Act 55, Imd. Eff. Apr. 6, 1982;—Am. 1988, Act 127, Imd. Eff. May 24, 1988;—Am. 1996, Act 485, Imd. Eff. Dec. 27, 1996.

38.1132a Definitions; A.

Sec. 12a. “Assets”, for the purpose of meeting asset limitations contained in this act, means the total of the cash and investments of a system valued at market.

History: Add. 1996, Act 485, Imd. Eff. Dec. 27, 1996.

38.1132b Definitions; D to F.

Sec. 12b. (1) “Defined contribution plan” means a defined contribution plan as defined in section 414(i) in the internal revenue code.

(2) “Derivative” means either of the following:

(a) A contract or convertible security that changes in value in concert with a related or underlying security, future, or other instrument or index; or obtains much of its value from price movements in a related or underlying security, future, or other instrument or index; or both.

(b) A contract or security, such as an option, forward, swap, warrant, or a debt instrument with 1 or more options, forwards, swaps, or warrants embedded in it or attached to it, the value of which contract or security is determined in whole or in part by the price of 1 or more underlying instruments or markets.

(3) “Equity interests” means limited partnership interests and other interests in which the liability of the investor is limited to the amount of the investment, but does not mean general partnership interests or other interests involving general liability of the investor.

(4) “Foreign security” means any of the following:

(a) A fixed income security issued by a government, a governmental agency, or a public or private company that is traded outside of the United States and issued in a currency other than the United States dollar.

(b) An equity position in a company traded on an exchange outside of the United States or a security issued in a currency other than the United States dollar or an unregistered American depository receipt.

(c) An equity or fixed income derivative that derives its value from an investment described in subdivision (a) or (b) or a foreign stock or bond index traded on an exchange outside of the United States.

History: Add. 1996, Act 485, Imd. Eff. Dec. 27, 1996;—Am. 2000, Act 307, Imd. Eff. Oct. 16, 2000.

38.1132c Definitions; I.

Sec. 12c. (1) “Investment fiduciary” means a person other than a participant directing the investment of the assets of his or her individual account in a defined contribution plan who does any of the following:

(a) Exercises any discretionary authority or control in the investment of a system's assets.

(b) Renders investment advice for a system for a fee or other direct or indirect compensation.

(2) "Invest" or "investment" means the utilization of money in the expectation of future returns in the form of income or capital gain. Investments initially purchased in accordance with this act which subsequently do not qualify for purchase for any reason, shall be considered to continue to meet the requirements of this act. Investment includes a guarantee by an investment fiduciary.

(3) "Investment grade" means graded in the top 4 major grades as determined by 2 national rating services.

History: Add. 1996, Act 485, Imd. Eff. Dec. 27, 1996;—Am. 2000, Act 307, Imd. Eff. Oct. 16, 2000.

38.1132d Definitions; N to P.

Sec. 12d. (1) "National rating services" means Moody's investors service, inc.; Standard & Poor's ratings group; Fitch investors service inc.; Duff & Phelps credit rating corp.; or any other nationally recognized statistical rating organization as determined by the state treasurer.

(2) "Net earnings available for fixed charges" means net income after deducting operating and maintenance expenses, taxes other than federal and state income taxes, depreciation, and depletion, but excluding extraordinary expenses appearing in the regular financial statements of the system.

(3) "Obligations" means bonds, notes, collateral trust certificates, convertible bonds, debentures, equipment trust certificates, conditional sales agreements, guaranteed mortgage certificates, pass-through certificates, participation certificates, mortgages, trust deeds, general obligation bonds, revenue bonds, or other similar interest bearing instruments of debt. Obligations may be secured or unsecured and may be publicly offered or privately placed.

(4) "Party in interest" means, as it relates to a system, any of the following:

(a) An investment fiduciary, counsel, or employee of the system.

(b) A person providing services to the system.

(c) The political subdivision sponsoring the system.

(d) An organization, any of whose members are covered by the system.

(e) A spouse, ancestor, lineal descendant, or spouse of a lineal descendant of an individual described in subdivision (a) or (b).

(f) An entity controlled by an individual or organization described in subdivisions (a) to (e).

(5) "Portfolio company" means an entity in which the investment fiduciary has invested or has considered investing system assets.

History: Add. 1996, Act 485, Imd. Eff. Dec. 27, 1996;—Am. 2000, Act 307, Imd. Eff. Oct. 16, 2000.

38.1132e Definitions; S.

Sec. 12e. (1) "Small business" means a corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, or other entity which does not meet the specific requirements of investments permitted under this act.

(2) "Small business investment company" means an incorporated body or a limited partnership under section 301 of title III of the small business investment act of 1958, Public Law 85-699, 15 U.S.C. 681.

(3) "Soft dollar" means brokerage commissions that are used by the system to purchase goods or services.

(4) "Stock" means capital stock, common stock, preferred stock, American depository receipts, or any other evidence of residual ownership of a corporation.

(5) "System" means a public employee retirement system created and established by this state or any political subdivision of this state.

History: Add. 1996, Act 485, Imd. Eff. Dec. 27, 1996.

38.1132f Definitions; V.

Sec. 12f. "Venture capital firm" means a corporation, partnership, proprietorship, or other entity, the principal business of which is or will be the making of investments in small business, either directly or indirectly by investing in entities the principal business of which is or will be the making of investments in small businesses.

History: Add. 1996, Act 485, Imd. Eff. Dec. 27, 1996.

38.1133 Investment authority; investment fiduciary; investing, reinvesting, holding in nominee form, and managing assets of system; powers and duties; costs; prohibited acts; exceptions; requirements; debt instrument issued by foreign country; list of expenses.

Sec. 13. (1) The provisions of this act shall supersede any investment authority previously granted to a system under any other law of this state.

(2) The assets of a system may be invested, reinvested, held in nominee form, and managed by an investment fiduciary subject to the terms, conditions, and limitations provided in this act. An investment

fiduciary of a defined contribution plan may arrange for 1 or more investment options to be directed by the participants of the defined contribution plan. The limitations on the percentage of total assets for investments provided in this act do not apply to a defined contribution plan in which a participant directs the investment of the assets in his or her individual account, and that participant is not considered an investment fiduciary under this act.

(3) An investment fiduciary shall discharge his or her duties solely in the interest of the participants and the beneficiaries, and shall do all of the following:

(a) Act with the same care, skill, prudence, and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing that a prudent person acting in a similar capacity and familiar with those matters would use in the conduct of a similar enterprise with similar aims.

(b) Act with due regard for the management, reputation, and stability of the issuer and the character of the particular investments being considered.

(c) Make investments for the exclusive purposes of providing benefits to participants and participants' beneficiaries, and of defraying reasonable expenses of investing the assets of the system.

(d) Give appropriate consideration to those facts and circumstances that the investment fiduciary knows or should know are relevant to the particular investment or investment course of action involved, including the role the investment or investment course of action plays in that portion of the system's investments for which the investment fiduciary has responsibility; and act accordingly. For purposes of this subsection, "appropriate consideration" includes, but is not limited to, a determination by the investment fiduciary that a particular investment or investment course of action is reasonably designed, as part of the investments of the system, to further the purposes of the system, taking into consideration the risk of loss and the opportunity for gain or other return associated with the investment or investment course of action; and consideration of the following factors as they relate to the investment or investment course of action:

(i) The diversification of the investments of the system.

(ii) The liquidity and current return of the investments of the system relative to the anticipated cash flow requirements of the system.

(iii) The projected return of the investments of the system relative to the funding objectives of the system.

(e) Give appropriate consideration to investments that would enhance the general welfare of this state and its citizens if those investments offer the safety and rate of return comparable to other investments permitted under this act and available to the investment fiduciary at the time the investment decision is made.

(f) Prepare and maintain written objectives, policies, and strategies with clearly defined accountability and responsibility for implementing and executing the system's investments.

(g) Monitor the investment of the system's assets with regard to the limitations on those investments pursuant to this act. Upon discovery that an investment causes the system to exceed a limitation prescribed in this act, the investment fiduciary shall reallocate assets in a prudent manner in order to comply with the prescribed limitation.

(4) An investment fiduciary may use a portion of the income of the system to defray the costs of investing, managing, and protecting the assets of the system; may retain investment and all other services necessary for the conduct of the affairs of the system; and may pay reasonable compensation for those services. Subject to an annual appropriation by the legislature, a deduction from the income of a state administered system resulting from the payment of those costs shall be made.

(5) The system shall be a separate and distinct trust fund and the assets of the system shall be for the exclusive benefit of the participants and their beneficiaries and of defraying reasonable expenses of investing the assets of the system. With respect to a system, an investment fiduciary shall not cause the system to engage in a transaction if he or she knows or should know that the transaction is any of the following, either directly or indirectly:

(a) A sale or exchange or a leasing of any property from the system to a party in interest for less than the fair market value, or from a party in interest to the system for more than the fair market value.

(b) A lending of money or other extension of credit from the system to a party in interest without the receipt of adequate security and a reasonable rate of interest, or from a party in interest to the system with the provision of excessive security or at an unreasonably high rate of interest.

(c) A transfer to, or use by or for the benefit of, the political subdivision sponsoring the system of any assets of the system for less than adequate consideration.

(d) The furnishing of goods, services, or facilities from the system to a party in interest for less than adequate consideration, or from a party in interest to the system for more than adequate consideration.

(6) With respect to a system subject to this act, an investment fiduciary shall not do any of the following:

(a) Deal with the assets of the system in his or her own interest or for his or her own account.

(b) In his or her individual or any other capacity act in any transaction involving the system on behalf of a party whose interests are adverse to the interests of the system or the interest of its participants or participants' beneficiaries.

(c) Receive any consideration for his or her own personal account from any party dealing with the system in connection with a transaction involving the assets of the system.

(7) This section does not prohibit an investment fiduciary from doing any of the following:

(a) Receiving any benefit to which he or she may be entitled as a participant or participant's beneficiary of the system.

(b) Receiving any reimbursement of expenses properly and actually incurred in the performance of his or her duties for the system.

(c) Serving as an investment fiduciary in addition to being an officer, employee, agent, or other representative of the political subdivision sponsoring the system.

(d) Receiving agreed upon compensation for services from the system.

(8) Except for an employee of a system, this state, or the political subdivision sponsoring a system, when acting in the capacity as an investment fiduciary, an investment fiduciary who is qualified under section 12c(1)(b) shall meet 1 of the following requirements:

(a) Be a registered investment adviser under either the investment advisers act of 1940, title II of chapter 686, 54 Stat. 847, 15 U.S.C. 80b-1 to 80b-21, or the uniform securities act, 1964 PA 265, MCL 451.501 to 451.818.

(b) Be a bank as defined under the investment advisers act of 1940.

(c) Be an insurance company qualified under section 16(3).

(9) An investment fiduciary shall not invest in a debt instrument issued by a foreign country that has been identified by the United States state department as engaging in or sponsoring terrorism.

(10) A system shall annually publish and make available to the plan participants and beneficiaries a list of all expenses paid by soft dollars.

History: Add. 1982, Act 55, Imd. Eff. Apr. 6, 1982;—Am. 1996, Act 485, Imd. Eff. Dec. 27, 1996;—Am. 2000, Act 307, Imd. Eff. Oct. 16, 2000.

38.1133a “MacBride principles” defined; duties of investment fiduciary; effect of unlawful principle.

Sec. 13a. (1) As used in this section, “MacBride principles” means those requirements for companies doing business in Northern Ireland designed to do all of the following:

(a) Increase the representation of individuals from underrepresented religious groups in the work force including managerial, supervisory, administrative, clerical, and technical jobs.

(b) Provide adequate security for the protection of minority employees both at the workplace and while traveling to and from the workplace.

(c) Ban provocative religious or political emblems from the workplace.

(d) Publicly advertise all employment openings and make special recruitment efforts to attract applicants from underrepresented religious groups.

(e) Provide that layoff, recall, and termination procedures shall not in practice favor particular religious groupings.

(f) Abolish job reservations, apprenticeship restrictions, and differential employment criteria, which discriminate on the basis of religion or ethnic origin.

(g) Develop training programs that will prepare substantial numbers of current minority employees for skilled jobs, including the expansion of existing programs and the creation of new programs to train, upgrade, and improve the skills of minority employees.

(h) Establish procedures to assess, identify, and actively recruit minority employees with potential for further advancement.

(i) Appoint senior management staff members to oversee the efforts to comply with these principles and the implementation of timetables to achieve these principles.

(2) With respect to investments qualified under section 14 or 20k, the investment fiduciary shall use all capital stock, common stock, preferred stock, American depository receipts, or any other evidence of residual ownership of a corporation in which it has investments to support either of the following:

(a) Shareholder resolutions and initiatives proposing the adoption of the MacBride principles for companies doing business in Northern Ireland.

(b) Shareholder resolutions and initiatives proposing to recognize efforts to end employment discrimination contained in any agreement between the government of the Republic of Ireland and the government of the United Kingdom, signed on November 15, 1985, which agreement is commonly referred to

as the Anglo-Irish agreement.

(3) If a provision of the MacBride principles is found to be in violation of the law of the United Kingdom by a court in the United States or the United Kingdom, then the duties of the investment fiduciary prescribed by this section shall not apply to the extent that a shareholder resolution or initiative includes the provision that has been found unlawful.

History: Add. 1988, Act 343, Imd. Eff. Oct. 19, 1988;—Am. 2000, Act 307, Imd. Eff. Oct. 16, 2000.

38.1133b, 38.1133c Repealed. 1993, Act 214, Imd. Eff. Oct. 27, 1993.

Compiler's note: The repealed sections pertained to encouragement or condonation of legally required discrimination; extension of deadlines for divestment of assets; developing and maintaining register of certain companies; and providing register to boards of retirement systems.

38.1134 Investment in stock.

Sec. 14. (1) An investment fiduciary may invest not more than 70% of a system's assets in stock. An investment fiduciary shall not invest in more than 5% of the outstanding stock of any 1 corporation, or invest more than 5% of a system's assets in the stock of any 1 corporation, unless otherwise provided in this act.

(2) Stock invested in under this section shall meet 1 of the following requirements:

(a) Be registered on a national securities exchange regulated under title I of the securities exchange act of 1934, chapter 404, 48 Stat. 881, 15 U.S.C. 78a to 78l, 78m to 78o, 78o-3 to 78dd-1, 78ee to 78hh, and 78kk to 78ll.

(b) Be on the national association of securities dealers automated quotation system or a successor to this system.

(c) Be issued pursuant to rule 144a under the securities act of 1933, 17 C.F.R. 230.144a.

(3) Notwithstanding subsection (2), an investment fiduciary may designate an American depository receipt that satisfies the requirements of subsection (2) as an investment qualified under this section or as an investment in foreign securities qualified under section 20k.

History: Add. 1982, Act 55, Imd. Eff. Apr. 6, 1982;—Am. 1996, Act 485, Imd. Eff. Dec. 27, 1996;—Am. 2000, Act 307, Imd. Eff. Oct. 16, 2000.

38.1135 Investment in investment companies.

Sec. 15. An investment fiduciary may invest in investment companies registered under the investment company act of 1940, title I of chapter 686, 54 Stat. 789, 15 U.S.C. 80a-1 to 80a-64. The management company of the investment company shall have been in operation for at least 5 years and shall have assets under management of more than \$500,000,000.00. An investment in an investment company shall be considered an investment in the underlying assets for all purposes under this act.

History: Add. 1982, Act 55, Imd. Eff. Apr. 6, 1982;—Am. 1996, Act 485, Imd. Eff. Dec. 27, 1996.

38.1136 Investment in annuity investment contracts or participations in separate accounts of life insurance company; investment in general account of life insurer; requirements.

Sec. 16. (1) An investment fiduciary may invest in annuity investment contracts or participations in separate real estate, mortgage, bond, stock, or other special investment accounts of a life insurance company authorized to do business in this state. An investment in such a separate account shall be considered an investment in stock under section 14 only to the extent that the separate account's assets include stock, and then only for the purpose of determining the 70% maximum investment limit under section 14. An investment in such a separate account shall also be considered an investment in real or personal property under section 19(1), but only to the extent that the separate account's assets include real or personal property, and then only for the purpose of determining the 5% maximum investment limit under section 19(1).

(2) An investment fiduciary may invest in the general account of a life insurer authorized to do business in this state under the insurance code of 1956, 1956 PA 218, MCL 500.100 to 500.8302, but the total amount of assets of any 1 system invested in any 1 insurer shall not exceed 50% of the capital and surplus of the insurer.

(3) A life insurance company under this section shall have been in operation for at least 5 years and have assets under management of more than \$500,000,000.00. The insurance company shall have a claims-paying ability rating no less than single A according to A.M. Best & company or AA- according to Duff & Phelps credit rating corp., and an overall company financial strength rating no less than Aa3 according to Moody's investors service, inc. or AA- according to Standard & Poor's ratings group.

History: Add. 1982, Act 55, Imd. Eff. Apr. 6, 1982;—Am. 1996, Act 485, Imd. Eff. Dec. 27, 1996;—Am. 2000, Act 307, Imd. Eff. Oct. 16, 2000.

38.1137 Other authorized investments; prohibited investments.

Sec. 17. (1) An investment fiduciary may invest in any of the following:

(a) Obligations issued, assumed, or guaranteed by a solvent entity created or existing under the laws of the United States or of any state, district, or territory of the United States, which are not in default as to principal or interest, including, but not limited to, the following:

(i) Obligations secured by the mortgage of real property or the pledge of adequate collateral if, during any 3, including 1 of the last 2, of the 5 fiscal years immediately preceding the time of investment, the net earnings of the issuing, assuming, or guaranteeing entity available for fixed charges, as determined in accordance with standard accounting practice, shall have been not less than the total of its fixed charges for the year on an overall basis, nor less than 1-1/2 times its fixed charges for the year on a priority basis after excluding interest requirements on obligations subordinate to the issue as to security.

(ii) Equipment trust certificates of railroad companies organized under the laws of any state of the United States or of Canada or any of its provinces, payable within 20 years from their date of issue, in annual or semiannual installments, beginning not later than the fifth year after the date of issue, which certificates are a first lien on the specific equipment pledged as security for the payment of the certificates, and which certificates are either the direct obligations of the railroad companies or are guaranteed by the railroad companies, or are executed by trustees holding title to the equipment.

(iii) Obligations other than those described in subparagraphs (i) and (ii), if the net earnings of the issuing, assuming, or guaranteeing entity available for fixed charges during each of any 3, including 1 of the last 2, of the 5 fiscal years immediately preceding the time of investment, shall have been not less than 1-1/2 times the total of the entity's fixed charges for such year, or if the obligations are of investment grade.

(b) Obligations secured by a security interest in real or personal property and a lease obligation given by a solvent entity whose obligations would be qualified investments under the provisions of this act, if the investment does not exceed 100% of the appraised value of the property subject to the lease, and if all of the following requirements are met:

(i) The lease has an unexpired term equal to or exceeding the remaining term of the investment.

(ii) The lease is noncancelable unless the lessee first pays the sum of all unpaid rents due or to become due during the remaining lease term.

(iii) The lease provides for net rental payments equal to or exceeding the periodic payments on the investment.

(iv) The lease provides that the net rental payments are to be made without abatement or offset during the full term of the lease.

(v) The lease and the lease payments are assigned to the system, an agent of the system, or an independent trustee.

(c) Obligations issued, assumed, or guaranteed by the United States, its agencies, or United States government-sponsored enterprises.

(d) Obligations of a possession, territory, or public instrumentality of the United States, or of any state, city, county, township, village, school district, authority, or any other governmental unit having the power to levy taxes, or in obligations of other similar political units of the United States. These investments shall be of investment grade. These investments shall not be permitted if in the 3 preceding years the governmental unit has failed to pay its debt or any part of its debt or the interest on the debt. The aggregate investments made under this subdivision shall not exceed 5% of the system's total assets.

(e) Banker's acceptances, commercial accounts, certificates of deposit, or depository receipts issued by a bank, trust company, savings and loan association, or a credit union.

(f) Commercial paper rated at the time of purchase within the 2 highest classifications established by not less than 2 national rating services, and which matures within 270 days after the date of issue.

(g) Repurchase agreements for the purchase of securities issued by the United States government or its agencies and executed by a bank or trust company or by members of the association of primary dealers or other recognized dealers in United States government securities.

(h) Reverse repurchase agreements for the sale of securities issued by the United States government or its agencies and executed with a bank or trust company or with members of the association of primary dealers or other recognized dealers in United States government securities.

(i) Any investment otherwise permitted by this section in which the interest rate varies from time to time. Notwithstanding a provision of any other act to the contrary, a loan shall not be considered to be in violation of the usury statutes of this state by virtue of the fact that the loan is made on a variable interest rate basis.

(j) Obligations secured by any of the obligations described in subdivision (a) or (c).

(k) Dollar denominated obligations issued in the United States by foreign governments, supranationals, banks, or corporations. These investments shall be of investment grade.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in this act and except for obligations described in subsection (1)(c), an investment fiduciary shall not do any of the following:

(a) Invest in more than 5% of the outstanding obligations of any 1 issuer.

(b) Invest more than 5% of a system's assets in the obligations of any 1 issuer.

History: Add. 1982, Act 55, Imd. Eff. Apr. 6, 1982;—Am. 1996, Act 485, Imd. Eff. Dec. 27, 1996;—Am. 2000, Act 307, Imd. Eff. Oct. 16, 2000.

38.1138 Investment in real estate or mortgages on certain leased real property.

Sec. 18. An investment fiduciary may invest in real estate or mortgages on real property leased or to be leased to the United States government, or to a state, territory, agency, authority, or public instrumentality of the United States, if the investment does not exceed 100% of the appraised value of the property subject to the mortgage and if all of the following requirements are met:

(a) The lease has an unexpired term exclusive of optional renewal terms equal to or greater than the remaining term of the investment.

(b) The lease provides for net rental payments equal to or greater than the periodic payments on the investment.

(c) The lease and the lease payments are assigned to the system.

History: Add. 1982, Act 55, Imd. Eff. Apr. 6, 1982.

38.1139 Investment in real estate investment trust or real or personal property.

Sec. 19. (1) An investment fiduciary may invest up to 5% of a system's assets in publicly or privately issued real estate investment trusts or in real or personal property otherwise qualified pursuant to section 15, 16, or 20c.

(2) In addition to investments authorized under subsection (1), an investment fiduciary of a system having assets of more than \$100,000,000.00 may do any of the following:

(a) Invest in, buy, sell, hold, improve, lease, or acquire by foreclosure or an agreement in lieu of foreclosure, real or personal property or an interest in real or personal property.

(b) Develop, maintain, operate, or lease the real or personal property referred to in subdivision (a).

(c) Form 1 or more limited partnerships, corporations, limited liability companies, trusts, or other organizational entities for which liability of an investor cannot exceed the amount of the investment under the laws of the United States or of any state, district, or territory of the United States to hold title to, improve, lease, manage, develop, maintain, or operate real or personal property whether currently held or acquired after the effective date of the amendatory act that added this subdivision. An entity formed pursuant to this subdivision has the right to exercise all powers granted to the entity by the laws of the jurisdiction of formation, including, but not limited to, the power to borrow money in order to provide additional capital to benefit and increase the overall return on property held by the entity.

(d) Invest in investments otherwise qualified pursuant to subsection (1).

(3) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the aggregate investments made under subsection (2) shall not exceed 5% of the assets of the system. The purchase price of an investment made under this section shall not exceed the appraised value of the real or personal property.

(4) If the investment fiduciary of a system is the state treasurer, investments described in subsection (1) or (2) may exceed 5% of the assets of the system.

(5) An investment qualified under this section in which the underlying asset is an interest in real or personal property constitutes an investment under this section for the purpose of meeting the asset limitations contained in this act. This subsection applies even though the investment may be qualified elsewhere in this act. Notwithstanding this subsection, an investment fiduciary may designate a real estate investment trust which satisfies the requirements of section 14(2) as an investment qualified under this section or as an investment in stock under section 14.

History: Add. 1982, Act 55, Imd. Eff. Apr. 6, 1982;—Am. 1996, Act 485, Imd. Eff. Dec. 27, 1996;—Am. 2000, Act 307, Imd. Eff. Oct. 16, 2000.

38.1140 Investment in secured loans; real property not considered encumbered; investment in part of obligation or participation interest in loan or group of loans; investment in real estate loan; investment in loan or loans or certificate of participation secured by loan or loans made on single family residential property; investment in certificates representing interest in mortgages or group of mortgages; limitations and restrictions; investment in

second mortgage; investment with variable interest rate.

Sec. 20. (1) An investment fiduciary may invest in loans secured by any of the following:

(a) First liens upon improved or income bearing real property, including but not limited to improved agricultural land, and improved business, industrial, and residential properties.

(b) First mortgages or deeds of trust on leasehold estates having an unexpired term equivalent to the term of the mortgage, inclusive of the term or terms that may be provided by enforceable options of renewal.

(c) First mortgages on unimproved real property, at least 60% of which real property is under contract of sale and that contract or contracts are pledged as additional collateral.

(2) Investments made in loans described in subsection (1) shall not exceed 80% of the appraised value of the real property at the time of the loan and shall not have a term longer than 35 years, except under the following conditions:

(a) A loan on improved land with permanent buildings used for agriculture shall be repayable by annual or more frequent installment payments sufficient to amortize 40% or more of the principal of the loan within a period of not more than 10 years.

(b) A loan on single family residential property shall be repayable by installment payments sufficient to amortize the entire principal of the loan within a period of not more than 30 years.

(3) Real property shall not be considered to be encumbered within the meaning of this section if the real property is subject to lease in whole or in part and under the terms of the lease rents or profits are reserved to the owner.

(4) An investment fiduciary may invest in a part of an obligation or a participation interest in a loan or a group of loans if the investment of each participant is not less than \$50,000.00 at the time of investment, and if the entire indebtedness of which participation is a part would qualify under the provisions of this section.

(5) An investment fiduciary shall not invest in a real estate loan unless the investment fiduciary has reviewed a written appraisal of the real estate securing the loan.

(6) An investment fiduciary may invest in a loan or loans or certificates of participation secured by a loan or loans made on single family residential property in an amount not to exceed 95% of the appraised value, at the time of the loan, of the real estate offered as security, if the loan is secured by a mortgage, deed of trust, or other instrument under the terms of which the installment payments are sufficient to amortize the entire principal of the loan within a period of not more than 30 years, and the loan is insured by a private mortgage insurer licensed to do business in this state and approved by the federal home loan mortgage corporation and the federal national mortgage association.

(7) An investment fiduciary may invest in certificates representing an interest in a mortgage or group of mortgages if the certificates are insured or guaranteed by a private mortgage insurance company or the United States government or an agency or instrumentality of the United States government.

(8) The limitations and restrictions of subsections (1) to (7) shall not apply to loans that are made pursuant to the servicemen's readjustment act of 1944, chapter 268, 58 Stat. 284, insured under the provisions of the national housing act, chapter 847, 48 Stat. 1246, by the federal housing administration, nor to real estate loans which are guaranteed as to principal by the United States government or an agency or an instrumentality of the United States government.

(9) Notwithstanding subsection (1), an investment fiduciary may invest in a second mortgage if all of the following requirements are met:

(a) The total of the balance owing on the first mortgage and the amount of the second mortgage do not exceed 80% of the appraised value of the real property at the time of the second mortgage.

(b) The second mortgage does not have a term longer than 30 years.

(c) The investment fiduciary has the absolute right to pay the underlying first mortgage in part or in full at any time.

(d) The investment fiduciary assumes no liability for payment of the underlying first mortgage.

(10) An investment fiduciary may invest in any investment otherwise permitted by this section in which the interest rate varies from time to time. A loan shall not be considered to be in violation of the usury statutes of this state by virtue of the fact that the loan is made on a variable interest rate basis.

History: Add. 1982, Act 55, Imd. Eff. Apr. 6, 1982;—Am. 1996, Act 485, Imd. Eff. Dec. 27, 1996.

38.1140a Investment in debt, warrant, or equity interest in small business, small business investment company, or venture capital firm; creation of small business investment companies or venture capital firms to invest in small businesses; limitation.

Sec. 20a. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), an investment fiduciary of a system having assets of more than \$250,000,000.00 may invest not more than 2% of a system's assets in a debt, warrant, or equity

interest in a small business having more than 1/2 of the small business's assets or employees within this state, or in a debt, warrant, or equity interest in a small business investment company or venture capital firm having its principal office or more than 1/2 of its assets within this state, or the system may create, own, hold, buy, sell, operate, manage, and direct 1 or more small business investment companies or venture capital firms designed to invest in small businesses having more than 1/2 of their assets or employees within this state. An investment fiduciary may also join with a group composed of other public employee retirement systems, pension systems subject to the employee retirement income security act of 1974, Public Law 93-406, 88 Stat. 829, financial institutions, corporations, or governmental agencies or instrumentalities to accomplish the purposes of this section. An investment in stock under this section shall be considered an investment in stock under section 14 only for the purpose of determining the 70% maximum investment limitation contained in section 14.

(2) If the investment fiduciary of a system is the state treasurer, investments described in subsection (1) may exceed 2% of the assets of the system, but shall not exceed 5% of the assets of the system.

History: Add. 1982, Act 55, Imd. Eff. Apr. 6, 1982;—Am. 1996, Act 485, Imd. Eff. Dec. 27, 1996;—Am. 2000, Act 307, Imd. Eff. Oct. 16, 2000.

38.1140b Deposits by investment fiduciary.

Sec. 20b. An investment fiduciary may make interest bearing deposits with the treasurer of the political subdivision sponsoring the system or with the state treasurer, either of whom may then manage and invest the deposits in a collective investment fund, common trust fund, or pooled fund that is established and maintained for investment of those assets by the treasurer of the political subdivision sponsoring the system or by the state treasurer in accordance with this act.

History: Add. 1982, Act 55, Imd. Eff. Apr. 6, 1982;—Am. 1996, Act 485, Imd. Eff. Dec. 27, 1996.

38.1140c Financial institution or management company retained as investment fiduciary; investment of system assets in collective investment fund, common trust fund, or pooled fund established and maintained by financial institution or management company; “financial institution” defined.

Sec. 20c. (1) A financial institution, a trust company, a management company qualified under section 15, or any affiliate of a person described in this section if that affiliate qualifies as an investment fiduciary under section 13(8)(a), retained to act as an investment fiduciary may invest the assets of a system in any collective investment fund, common trust fund, or pooled fund that is established and maintained for investment of those assets by the financial institution, trust company, or management company under federal or state statutes or rules or regulations. An investment in a collective investment fund, common trust fund, or pooled fund shall be considered an investment in the underlying assets of that fund for all purposes under this act.

(2) As used in this section, “financial institution” means a state or nationally chartered bank or a state or federally chartered savings and loan association, savings bank, or credit union whose deposits are insured by an agency of the United States government and which maintains a principal office or branch office located in this state under the laws of this state or the United States.

History: Add. 1982, Act 55, Imd. Eff. Apr. 6, 1982;—Am. 1996, Act 485, Imd. Eff. Dec. 27, 1996;—Am. 1997, Act 42, Imd. Eff. June 30, 1997;—Am. 2000, Act 307, Imd. Eff. Oct. 16, 2000.

38.1140d Investments not qualified under act.

Sec. 20d. (1) An investment fiduciary of a system having assets of less than \$250,000,000.00 may invest not more than 5% of the system's assets in investments not otherwise qualified under this act, whether the investments are similar or dissimilar to those specified in this act.

(2) An investment fiduciary of a system having assets of \$250,000,000.00 or more may invest not more than 10% of the system's assets in investments described in subsection (1).

(3) An investment fiduciary of a system having assets of \$1,000,000,000.00 or more may invest not more than 15% of the system's assets in investments described in subsection (1).

(4) An investment fiduciary of a system who is the state treasurer may invest not more than 20% of the system's assets in investments described in subsection (1).

(5) If an investment described in subsection (1) is subsequently determined to be permitted under another section of this act, then the investment shall no longer be included under this section.

(6) This section shall not be used to exceed a percentage of total assets limitation for an investment provided in any other section of this act.

History: Add. 1982, Act 55, Imd. Eff. Apr. 6, 1982;—Am. 1996, Act 485, Imd. Eff. Dec. 27, 1996;—Am. 2000, Act 307, Imd. Eff.

Oct. 16, 2000.

38.1140e Loan of securities by investment fiduciary.

Sec. 20e. (1) An investment fiduciary may loan bonds, stocks, or other securities if at the time the loan is executed, at least 102% of the full market value of the security loaned is secured by collateral of cash to be invested in 1 or more of the following:

(a) Securities graded in the top 4 major grades as determined by at least 1 national rating service, but not graded below the top 4 grades as determined by any of the national rating services, or determined by the investment fiduciary to be of comparable quality in the case of unrated securities.

(b) Repurchase agreements collateralized by securities graded in the top 4 major grades as determined by at least 1 national rating service, but not graded below the top 4 grades as determined by any of the national rating services, or determined by the investment fiduciary to be of comparable quality in the case of unrated securities.

(c) Irrevocable bank letters of credit.

(d) Securities issued or guaranteed by the United States government or an agency of the United States government.

(2) At all times during the term of a loan under subsection (1), the collateral shall be equal to not less than 100% of the full market value of the security loaned.

History: Add. 1982, Act 55, Imd. Eff. Apr. 6, 1982;—Am. 1996, Act 485, Imd. Eff. Dec. 27, 1996;—Am. 2000, Act 307, Imd. Eff. Oct. 16, 2000.

38.1140f Transferring and holding securities.

Sec. 20f. An investment fiduciary may use 1 or more nominees to facilitate transfer of a system's securities and may hold the securities in safekeeping with the federal reserve system, a clearing corporation, or a custodian bank which is a member of the federal reserve system.

History: Add. 1982, Act 55, Imd. Eff. Apr. 6, 1982.

38.1140g Investment in securities exempt from taxes.

Sec. 20g. Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, investment in securities wholly or partially exempt from income or other taxes levied by the United States shall be made only at taxable-equivalent yields or returns available in the marketplace on otherwise comparable securities at the time the investment decision is made.

History: Add. 1982, Act 55, Imd. Eff. Apr. 6, 1982.

38.1140h Applicable law; actuarial valuation; supplemental actuarial analysis; "proposed pension benefit change" defined.

Sec. 20h. (1) In addition to the provisions of this act, a system is subject to the applicable accounting and reporting requirements contained in the following acts and parts of acts:

(a) 1919 PA 71, MCL 21.41 to 21.55.

(b) The uniform budgeting and accounting act, 1968 PA 2, MCL 141.121 to 141.440a.

(c) Section 91 of the executive organization act of 1965, 1965 PA 380, MCL 16.191.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (4), a system shall have an annual actuarial valuation with assets valued on a market-related basis. A system shall prepare and issue a summary annual report. The system shall make the summary annual report available to the plan participants and beneficiaries and the citizens of the political subdivision sponsoring the system. The summary annual report shall include all of the following information:

(a) The name of the system.

(b) The names of the system's investment fiduciaries.

(c) The system's assets and liabilities.

(d) The system's funded ratio.

(e) The system's investment performance.

(f) The system's expenses.

(3) A system shall provide a supplemental actuarial analysis before adoption of pension benefit changes. The supplemental actuarial analysis shall be provided by the system's actuary and shall include an analysis of the long-term costs associated with any proposed pension benefit change. The supplemental actuarial analysis shall be provided to the board of the particular system and to the decision-making body that will approve the proposed pension benefit change at least 7 days before the proposed pension benefit change is adopted. For purposes of this subsection, "proposed pension benefit change" means a proposal to change the amount of pension benefits received by persons entitled to pension benefits under a system. Proposed pension benefit

change does not include a proposed change to a health care plan or health benefits.

(4) A system that has assets of less than \$20,000,000.00 is only required to have the actuarial valuation required under subsection (2) done every other year.

History: Add. 1982, Act 55, Imd. Eff. Apr. 6, 1982;—Am. 1996, Act 485, Imd. Eff. Dec. 27, 1996;—Am. 2002, Act 728, Imd. Eff. Dec. 30, 2002.

38.1140i Repealed. 2000, Act 307, Imd. Eff. Oct. 16, 2000.

Compiler's note: The repealed section pertained to guaranteed repayment of loans.

38.1140j Investment in derivatives.

Sec. 20j. (1) Subject to qualification elsewhere in this act, an investment fiduciary may invest in any of the following:

(a) A derivative that hedges positions of a nonderivative component of a portfolio that clearly reduces a defined risk.

(b) A derivative that replicates the risk/return profile of an asset or asset class, provided the asset or asset class is permitted in other sections of this act.

(c) A derivative that rebalances the country or asset class exposure of a portfolio.

(d) A derivative in which the investment fiduciary has examined the price, yield, and duration characteristics in all market environments both at the time of investment and on an ongoing basis.

(e) A commingled or pooled investment fund that uses derivatives, if the fund's use of derivatives is consistent with the guidelines outlined in this section.

(f) Over-the-counter derivatives if, in the case of an over-the-counter security, a minimum of 2 competing bids or offers are obtained. All counter party risk in over-the-counter derivative transactions shall be examined at the time of investment and on an ongoing basis.

(2) The aggregate market value of the underlying security, future, or other instrument or index made under this section shall not exceed 15% of the assets of the system. For purposes of the asset limitation in this section only, "derivatives" does not include:

(a) Asset backed pools, mortgage backed pools, or collateralized mortgage obligations that are otherwise qualified under this act and are no more exposed to prepayment risk or interest rate risk than the underlying collateral including planned amortization classes and sequential-pay collateralized mortgage obligations.

(b) Convertible bonds, convertible preferred stock, rights or warrants to purchase stock or bonds or notes or partnership interests, floating rate notes, zero coupon securities, stripped principal securities, or stripped interest securities, which items are otherwise qualified under this act.

(c) Exchange-listed derivatives trading on a daily basis and settling in cash daily or having a limited and fully defined risk profile at an identified, fixed cost, including futures contracts and purchased options.

(d) Currency forwards trading on a daily basis and settling in cash daily or having a limited and fully defined risk profile at an identified, fixed cost.

(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this act to the contrary, an investment fiduciary shall not invest in derivatives for the purpose of leveraging a portfolio or shorting securities as a sole investment.

History: Add. 1996, Act 485, Imd. Eff. Dec. 27, 1996.

38.1140k Investment in foreign securities.

Sec. 20k. (1) Notwithstanding a percentage of total assets limitation for an investment provided in any other section of this act, an investment fiduciary may invest not more than 20% of a system's assets in foreign securities. Except as otherwise provided in this act, an investment fiduciary shall not do any of the following:

(a) Invest in more than 5% of the outstanding foreign securities of any 1 issuer.

(b) Invest more than 5% of a system's assets in the foreign securities of any 1 issuer.

(2) Investments in foreign securities under this section shall be made only by investment fiduciaries described in section 13(8) who have demonstrated expertise in investments of that type.

History: Add. 1996, Act 485, Imd. Eff. Dec. 27, 1996.

38.1140l Financial or proprietary information.

Sec. 20l (1) A record or portion of a record, material, or other data received, prepared, used, or retained by an investment fiduciary in connection with the investment of assets of a system that relates to financial or proprietary information pertaining to a portfolio company in real estate or alternative investments in which the investment fiduciary has invested or has considered an investment that is considered by the portfolio company and acknowledged by the investment fiduciary as confidential; or that relates to financial or proprietary information whether prepared by or for the investment fiduciary regarding loans and assets directly owned by the investment fiduciary and acknowledged by the investment fiduciary as confidential is not subject to the

disclosure requirements of the freedom of information act, Act No. 442 of the Public Acts of 1976, being sections 15.231 to 15.246 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

(2) A document to which the investment fiduciary is a party evidencing an investment is not considered financial or proprietary information that may be exempt from disclosure pursuant to subsection (1).

(3) As used in this section, "financial or proprietary information" means information that has not been publicly disseminated or that is unavailable from other sources, the release of which might cause the portfolio company or the investment fiduciary significant competitive harm. Financial or proprietary information includes but is not limited to financial performance data and projections, financial statements, list of coinvestors and their level of investment, product and market data, rent rolls, and leases.

History: Add. 1996, Act 485, Imd. Eff. Dec. 27, 1996.

38.1140m Employer contribution.

Sec. 20m. The governing board vested with the general administration, management, and operation of a system or other decision-making body that is responsible for implementation and supervision of any system shall confirm in the annual actuarial valuation and the summary annual report required under section 20h(2) that each plan under this act provides for the payment of the required employer contribution as provided in this section and shall confirm in the summary annual report that the system has received the required employer contribution for the year covered in the summary annual report. The required employer contribution is the actuarially determined contribution amount. An annual required employer contribution in a plan under this act shall consist of a current service cost payment and a payment of at least the annual accrued amortized interest on any unfunded actuarial liability and the payment of the annual accrued amortized portion of the unfunded principal liability. For fiscal years that begin before January 1, 2006, the required employer contribution shall not be determined using an amortization period greater than 40 years. For years that begin after December 31, 2005, the required employer contribution shall not be determined using an amortization period greater than 30 years. In a plan year, any current service cost payment may be offset by a credit for amortization of accrued assets, if any, in excess of actuarial accrued liability. A required employer contribution for a plan administered under this act shall allocate the actuarial present value of future plan benefits between the current service costs to be paid in the future and the actuarial accrued liability. The governing board vested with the general administration, management, and operation of a system or other decision-making body of a system shall act upon the recommendation of an actuary and the board and the actuary shall take into account the standards of practice of the actuarial standards board of the American academy of actuaries in making the determination of the required employer contribution.

History: Add. 2002, Act 728, Imd. Eff. Dec. 30, 2002.