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A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to retirement; to amend sections 23-2309.01,
2 23-2310.05, 84-1310.01, and 84-1311.03, Revised Statutes
3 Cumulative Supplement, 2006; to change contribution
4 allocation provisions relating to the County Employees
5 Retirement Act and the State Employees Retirement Act;
6 and to repeal the original sections.
7 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 23-2309.01, Revised Statutes
2 Cumulative Supplement, 2006, is amended to read:

3 23-2309.01 (1) Each member employed and participating in
4 the retirement system prior to January 1, 2003, who has elected
5 not to participate in the cash balance benefit, shall be allowed
6 to allocate all contributions to his or her employee account to
7 various investment options. The investment options shall include,
8 but not be limited to, the following:

9 (a) An investor select account which shall be invested
10 under the direction of the state investment officer with an asset
11 allocation and investment strategy substantially similar to the
12 investment allocations made by the state investment officer for
13 the defined benefit plans under the retirement systems described
14 in subdivision (1)(a) of section 84-1503. Investments shall most
15 likely include domestic and international equities, fixed income
16 investments, and real estate, as well as potentially additional
17 asset classes;

18 (b) A stable return account which shall be invested by or
19 under the direction of the state investment officer in one or more
20 guaranteed investment contracts;

21 (c) An equities account which shall be invested by or
22 under the direction of the state investment officer in equities;

23 (d) A balanced account which shall be invested by or
24 under the direction of the state investment officer in equities and
25 fixed income instruments;

1 (e) An index fund account which shall be invested by or
2 under the direction of the state investment officer in a portfolio
3 of common stocks designed to closely duplicate the total return of
4 the Standard and Poor's 500 Index;

5 (f) A fixed income account which shall be invested by or
6 under the direction of the state investment officer in fixed income
7 instruments;

8 (g) A money market account which shall be invested by or
9 under the direction of the state investment officer in short-term
10 fixed income securities; and

11 (h) Beginning July 1, 2006, an age-based account which
12 shall be invested under the direction of the state investment
13 officer with an asset allocation and investment strategy that
14 changes based upon the age of the member. The board shall
15 develop an account mechanism that changes the investments as
16 the employee nears retirement age. The asset allocation and asset
17 classes utilized in the investments shall move from aggressive, to
18 moderate, and then to conservative as retirement age approaches.

19 If a member fails to select an option or combination of
20 options, all of his or her funds shall be placed in the option
21 described in subdivision (b) of this subsection. Each member shall
22 be given a detailed current description of each investment option
23 prior to making or revising his or her allocation.

24 (2) Members of the retirement system may allocate their
25 contributions to the investment options in percentage increments as

1 set by the board in any proportion, including full allocation to
2 any one option. A member under subdivision (1) of section 23-2321
3 or his or her beneficiary may transfer any portion of his or her
4 funds among the options, except for restrictions on transfers to or
5 from the stable return account pursuant to rule or regulation. The
6 board shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations for changes
7 of a member's allocation of contributions to his or her accounts
8 after his or her most recent allocation and for transfers from one
9 investment account to another.

10 (3) The board shall develop a schedule for the allocation
11 of administrative costs of maintaining the various investment
12 options and shall assess the costs so that each member pays a
13 reasonable fee as determined by the board. The money forfeited
14 pursuant to section 23-2319.01 shall not be used to pay the
15 administrative costs incurred pursuant to this section.

16 (4) In order to carry out this section, the board
17 may enter into administrative services agreements for accounting
18 or record-keeping services. No agreement shall be entered into
19 unless the board determines that it will result in administrative
20 economy and will be in the best interests of the county and its
21 participating employees.

22 (5) The state, the board, the state investment officer,
23 the members of the Nebraska Investment Council, or the county
24 shall not be liable for any investment results resulting from
25 the member's exercise of control over the assets in the employee

1 account.

2 Sec. 2. Section 23-2310.05, Revised Statutes Cumulative
3 Supplement, 2006, is amended to read:

4 23-2310.05 (1) Each member employed and participating in
5 the retirement system prior to January 1, 2003, who has elected
6 not to participate in the cash balance benefit, shall be allowed
7 to allocate all contributions to his or her employer account to
8 various investment options. Such investment options shall be the
9 same as the investment options of the employee account as provided
10 in subsection (1) of section 23-2309.01. If a member fails to
11 select an option or combination of options, all of his or her funds
12 in the employer account shall be placed in the balanced account
13 option described in subdivision (1)(d) of section 23-2309.01.
14 Each member shall be given a detailed current description of
15 each investment option prior to making or revising his or her
16 allocation.

17 (2) Each member of the retirement system may allocate
18 contributions to his or her employer account to the investment
19 options in percentage increments as set by the board in any
20 proportion, including full allocation to any one option. A member
21 under subdivision (1) of section 23-2321 or his or her beneficiary
22 may transfer any portion of his or her funds among the options. The
23 board shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations for changes
24 of a member's allocation of contributions to his or her accounts
25 after his or her most recent allocation and for transfers from one

1 investment account to another.

2 (3) The board shall develop a schedule for the allocation
3 of administrative costs of maintaining the various investment
4 options and shall assess the costs so that each member pays a
5 reasonable fee as determined by the board. The money forfeited
6 pursuant to section 23-2319.01 shall not be used to pay the
7 administrative costs incurred pursuant to this section.

8 (4) In order to carry out the provisions of this section,
9 the board may enter into administrative services agreements for
10 accounting or record-keeping services. No agreement shall be
11 entered into unless the board determines that it will result
12 in administrative economy and will be in the best interests of the
13 state and participating employees.

14 (5) The state, the board, the state investment officer,
15 the members of the Nebraska Investment Council, or the county
16 shall not be liable for any investment results resulting from
17 the member's exercise of control over the assets in the employer
18 account.

19 Sec. 3. Section 84-1310.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative
20 Supplement, 2006, is amended to read:

21 84-1310.01 (1) Each member employed and participating in
22 the retirement system prior to January 1, 2003, who has elected
23 not to participate in the cash balance benefit, shall be allowed
24 to allocate all contributions to his or her employee account to
25 various investment options. Such investment options shall include,

1 but not be limited to, the following:

2 (a) An investor select account which shall be invested
3 under the direction of the state investment officer with an asset
4 allocation and investment strategy substantially similar to the
5 investment allocations made by the state investment officer for
6 the defined benefit plans under the retirement systems described
7 in subdivision (1)(a) of section 84-1503. Investments shall most
8 likely include domestic and international equities, fixed income
9 investments, and real estate, as well as potentially additional
10 asset classes;

11 (b) A stable return account which shall be invested by or
12 under the direction of the state investment officer in one or more
13 guaranteed investment contracts;

14 (c) An equities account which shall be invested by or
15 under the direction of the state investment officer in equities;

16 (d) A balanced account which shall be invested by or
17 under the direction of the state investment officer in equities and
18 fixed income instruments;

19 (e) An index fund account which shall be invested by or
20 under the direction of the state investment officer in a portfolio
21 of common stocks designed to closely duplicate the total return of
22 the Standard and Poor's 500 Index;

23 (f) A fixed income account which shall be invested by or
24 under the direction of the state investment officer in fixed income
25 instruments;

1 (g) A money market account which shall be invested by or
2 under the direction of the state investment officer in short-term
3 fixed income securities; and

4 (h) Beginning on July 1, 2006, an age-based account which
5 shall be invested under the direction of the state investment
6 officer with an asset allocation and investment strategy that
7 changes based upon the age of the member. The board shall
8 develop an account mechanism that changes the investments as
9 the employee nears retirement age. The asset allocation and asset
10 classes utilized in the investments shall move from aggressive, to
11 moderate, and then to conservative as retirement age approaches.

12 If a member fails to select an option or combination of
13 options, all of his or her funds shall be placed in the option
14 described in subdivision (b) of this subsection. Each member shall
15 be given a detailed current description of each investment option
16 prior to making or revising his or her allocation.

17 (2) Members of the retirement system may allocate their
18 contributions to the investment options in percentage increments as
19 set by the board in any proportion, including full allocation to
20 any one option. A member under subdivision (1) of section 84-1323
21 or his or her beneficiary may transfer any portion of his or her
22 funds among the options, except for restrictions on transfers to or
23 from the stable return account pursuant to rule or regulation. The
24 board shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations for changes
25 of a member's allocation of contributions to his or her accounts

1 after his or her most recent allocation and for transfers from one
2 investment account to another.

3 (3) The board shall develop a schedule for the allocation
4 of administrative costs of maintaining the various investment
5 options and shall assess the costs so that each member pays a
6 reasonable fee as determined by the board. The money forfeited
7 pursuant to section 84-1321.01 shall not be used to pay the
8 administrative costs incurred pursuant to this section.

9 (4) In order to carry out the provisions of this section,
10 the board may enter into administrative services agreements for
11 accounting or record-keeping services. No agreement shall be
12 entered into unless the board determines that it will result
13 in administrative economy and will be in the best interests of the
14 state and its participating employees.

15 (5) The state, the board, the state investment officer,
16 the members of the Nebraska Investment Council, or the agency
17 shall not be liable for any investment results resulting from
18 the member's exercise of control over the assets in the employee
19 account.

20 Sec. 4. Section 84-1311.03, Revised Statutes Cumulative
21 Supplement, 2006, is amended to read:

22 84-1311.03 (1) Each member employed and participating in
23 the retirement system prior to January 1, 2003, who has elected
24 not to participate in the cash balance benefit, shall be allowed
25 to allocate all contributions to his or her employer account to

1 various investment options. Such investment options shall be the
2 same as the investment options of the employee account as provided
3 in subsection (1) of section 84-1310.01. If a member fails to
4 select an option or combination of options, all of his or her funds
5 in the employer account shall be placed in the balanced account
6 option described in subdivision (1)(d) of section 84-1310.01.
7 Each member shall be given a detailed current description of
8 each investment option prior to making or revising his or her
9 allocation.

10 (2) Each member of the retirement system may allocate
11 contributions to his or her employer account to the investment
12 options in percentage increments as set by the board in any
13 proportion, including full allocation to any one option. A member
14 under subdivision (1) of section 84-1323 or his or her beneficiary
15 may transfer any portion of his or her funds among the options. The
16 board shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations for changes
17 of a member's allocation of contributions to his or her accounts
18 after his or her most recent allocation and for transfers from one
19 investment account to another.

20 (3) The board shall develop a schedule for the allocation
21 of administrative costs of maintaining the various investment
22 options and shall assess the costs so that each member pays a
23 reasonable fee as determined by the board. The money forfeited
24 pursuant to section 84-1321.01 shall not be used to pay the
25 administrative costs incurred pursuant to this section.

1 (4) In order to carry out the provisions of this section,
2 the board may enter into administrative services agreements for
3 accounting or record-keeping services. No agreement shall be
4 entered into unless the board determines that it will result
5 in administrative economy and will be in the best interests of the
6 state and its participating employees.

7 (5) The state, the board, the state investment officer,
8 the members of the Nebraska Investment Council, or the agency
9 shall not be liable for any investment results resulting from
10 the member's exercise of control over the assets in the employer
11 account.

12 Sec. 5. Original sections 23-2309.01, 23-2310.05,
13 84-1310.01, and 84-1311.03, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
14 2006, are repealed.