

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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New law grants the District Attorneys' Retirement System (DARS) board of trustees the authority to set employer contribution rates above actuarial requirements in certain circumstances. Generally, in a year in which the required minimum contribution rate has decreased relative to the prior year's rate, the board is authorized to:

- (1) Hold the contribution rate at the previous year's level.
- (2) Set the contribution rate anywhere between the new lower rate and the previous year's higher rate.

New law further authorizes the board to add up to 3% to the required minimum employer contribution rate in any year, regardless of whether the required minimum rate has decreased relative to the prior year's rate.

New law requires any contribution rate adjustment made pursuant to new law to be set by rule adopted in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

New law establishes a "funding deposit account" for DARS. Funds collected pursuant to new law in excess of minimum required employer contributions shall be deposited in this account and may be used by the board of trustees for the following purposes:

- (1) To reduce employer contribution rates.
- (2) To fund cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs) granted in accordance with existing law.

New law requires any grant of a COLA paid for pursuant to new law to comply with existing law funded ratio and timing requirements (R.S. 11:243).

New law further requires any use of the money in the account to be authorized by rule adopted in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

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(Adds R.S. 11:1658 and 1659)