

February 17, 2023

Ms. Amy Fecher, Executive Director Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System One Union National Plaza 124 West Capitol Avenue, Suite 400 Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Re: Actuarial Analysis of House Bill (HB) 1306

Dear Ms. Fecher:

We are providing our analysis of HB 1306 as it relates to the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System (APERS).

Section 1 of the bill modifies Arkansas Code §24-4-104(b)(1), concerning the membership of the APERS Board of Trustees. The bill replaces the Treasurer of State with the Securities Commissioner as an ex officio member of the APERS Board of Trustees.

In our judgement, this change would have no material financial impact on APERS.

Please review this letter carefully to ensure that we have understood the bill properly. The analysis in this letter should not be relied upon if there is doubt about our understanding of the bill. Our analysis relates only to the plan changes described in this correspondence. In the event that other plan changes are being considered, it is very important to remember that the results of separate actuarial analyses cannot generally be added together to produce a total. The total can be considerably greater than the sum of the parts due to the interaction of various plan provisions with each other, and with the assumptions that must be used.

We did not review this bill for compliance with Federal, State, or local laws or regulations, and internal revenue code provisions nor did we attempt to determine whether these changes would contradict or negate other related State, or local laws. Such a review was not within the scope of our assignment.

Mita D. Drazilov and Heidi G. Barry are Members of the American Academy of Actuaries (MAAA) and meet the Qualification Standards of the American Academy of Actuaries to render the actuarial opinions contained herein.

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