

October 25, 2022

Governor JB Pritzker  
207 Statehouse  
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Governor Pritzker:

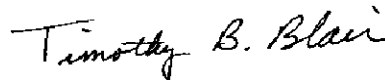
Pursuant to Public Act 88-593, as amended, at a meeting held October 25, 2022, the Board of Trustees of the State Employees' Retirement System (SERS) preliminarily certified an FY 2024 State contribution rate of 52.657% of projected payroll, or \$2,589,801,000. The FY 2024 preliminary certification includes \$2,472,697,000 for the State contribution to SERS and \$117,104,000 for debt service on the 2003 pension obligation bonds. Of the \$2,472,697,000 for the State contribution to SERS, \$574,251,000 is for the employer's portion of the expected FY 2024 normal cost. The remaining \$1,898,446,000 is due to the unfunded liabilities.

Consistent with the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 67, the SERS Board of Trustees adopted a funding policy, or Actuarially Determined Contribution (ADC) policy in 2015. The ADC provides for annual contributions that are equal to the annual normal cost of benefits earned plus amortization of the unfunded actuarial liability over a 25-year period as a level percent of payroll. The remaining amortization period is 17 years. The FY 2024 ADC is \$2,994,893,916, or \$522.3 million higher than the amount calculated under the statutory funding plan.

The ADC is used in financial reporting but will not affect the certified employer contributions to SERS, which will still be certified by the Board pursuant to the statutory funding plan.

Attached is the draft FY 2023 actuarial valuation along with the FY 2024 certification letter prepared by the System's actuaries. The actuarial valuation, membership data used in the valuation, and all calculations will be forwarded to the State Actuary for review.

Very truly yours,



Timothy Blair  
Executive Secretary

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