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NOTICE OF A COMMENT PERIOD ON A PROPOSED RULE

AGENCY: WV Consolidated Public Retirement Board TITLE NUMBER: 162

RULE TYPE: Legislative; CITE AUTHORITY WV Code 5-10D-1

AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING RULE: YES X NO

IF YES, SERIES NUMBER OF RULE BEING AMENDED: Series 1

TITLE OF RULE BEING AMENDED: General Provisions, § 162-1-2.1;
Administrative Expenses § 162-1-6.1

IF NO, SERIES NUMBER OF NEW RULE BEING PROPOSED:

TITLE OF RULE BEING PROPOSED:

IN LIEU OF A PUBLIC HEARING, A COMMENT PERIOD HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED DURING WHICH ANY INTERESTED PERSON MAY SEND COMMENTS CONCERNING THESE PROPOSED RULES. THIS COMMENT PERIOD WILL END ON July 5, 1999 AT 5:00 P. M. ONLY WRITTEN COMMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AND ARE TO BE MAILED TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS.

Betty S. Ireland, Executive Secretary
WV Consolidated Public Retirement Board
Bldg. 5, Room 1000, Capitol Complex
1900 Kanawha Boulevard, East
Charleston, WV 25305

THE ISSUES TO BE HEARD SHALL BE
LIMITED TO THIS PROPOSED RULE.


Authorized Signature

ATTACH A **BRIEF** SUMMARY OF YOUR PROPOSAL

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Consolidated Public Retirement Board

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BRIEF SUMMARY OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO TITLE 162, SERIES 1

The West Virginia Consolidated Public Retirement Board ("Board"), as administrator of the West Virginia Teachers Defined Contribution Plan ("DC Plan"), proposes two amendatory changes to Title 162, Series 1, of the WV Code of State Regulations. First, the Board proposes an amendment of WVCSR §162-1-2.1 in order to include within the plans administered by the Board and covered by the rule the following additional plans: the WV State Police Retirement System (§15-2A-1, et. seq.), the WV Deputy Sheriffs Retirement System (§ 7-14D-1, et.seq.), and the Deferred Compensation Plan (§ 5-10B-1, et. seq.).

Secondly, the Board proposes an amendatory change to WVCSR §162-1-6 in order to include the WV State Police Retirement System and the West Virginia Deputy Sheriffs Retirement System within the retirement plans subject to the annual assessment referenced in the rule.

STATEMENT OF CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRING
PROPOSAL AND PROMULGATION OF PROPOSED RULE CHANGES
TO WVCSR § 162-1-2.1 and WVCSR § 162-1-6.1

Currently, WVCSR §162-1-2.1 does not, as promulgated, include reference to all plans administered by the Consolidated Public Retirement Board, for which administrative rules are necessary. Consequently, the proposed amendment to this rule would add to the enumerated plans the West Virginia State Police Retirement System (§15-2A-1, et seq.), the West Virginia Deputy Sheriffs Retirement System (§7-14D-1, et seq.), and the Deferred Compensation Plan (§5-10B-1, et seq.).

Additionally, and under §162-1-6.1, the Board is authorized to fund an expense account through an annual assessment against the retirement plans which it administers, in an amount determined by the Board for each active employee, retirant and beneficiary receiving benefits. The Board proposes the addition of the West Virginia State Police Retirement System, and the West Virginia Deputy Sheriffs Retirement System to the plans enumerated in the rule from which assessments are made.

APPENDIX B

FISCAL NOTE FOR PROPOSED RULES

Rule Title:	162-1-2.1 (General Provisions); 162-1-6.1 (Administrative Expenses)
Type of Rule:	Legislative
Agency:	WV Consolidated Public Retirement Board
Address:	Building 5, Room 1000
	1900 Kanawha Boulevard East
	Charleston, West Virginia 25305-0720

1. Effect of Proposed Rule:

	ANNUAL		FISCAL YEAR		
	INCREASE	DECREASE	CURRENT	NEXT	THEREAFTER
ESTIMATED TOTAL COST	\$ N/A	\$	\$	\$	\$ N/A
PERSONAL SERVICES	N/A				N/A
CURRENT EXPENSE	N/A				N/A
REPAIR & ALTERATIONS	N/A				N/A
EQUIPMENT	N/A				N/A
OTHER	N/A				N/A

2. Explanation of above estimates: The rule amendment has no fiscal implications.

3. Objectives of these rules: To include the other plans administered by the Board within the language of the provisions of the referenced rules.

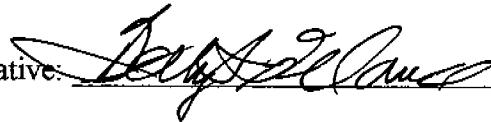
Rule Title: 162-1-2.1 WVCPRB General Provisions; 162-1-6.1 Administrative Expenses

4. Explanation of Overall Economic Impact of Proposed Rule:

- A. Economic Impact on State Government:
- B. Economics Impact on Political Subdivision; Specific Industries; Specific groups of Citizens:
- C. Economic Impact on Citizens/Public at Large:

Date: 5/20/99

Signature of Agency Head or Authorized Representative: _____



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**TITLE 162
LEGISLATIVE RULES
CONSOLIDATED PUBLIC RETIREMENT BOARD**

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**SERIES 1
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES
SECRETARY OF STATE**§162-1-1. General.**

1.1. Scope. -- The scope of this Series of Rules involves the enabling legislation and general administrative criteria of the Consolidated Public Retirement Board, hereinafter referred to as "Board".

1.2. Authority. -- W. Va. Code §5-10D-1.

1.3. Filing Date. -- August 4, 1993.

1.4. Effective Date. -- August 4, 1993.

§162-1-2. Consolidated Public Retirement Board.

2.1. The Board shall determine all other rules that are necessary for its administration and the administration of the Teachers Defined Contribution Retirement System (§18-7B-1, et seq.); Teachers Defined Benefit Retirement System (§18-7A-1, et seq.); Public Employees Retirement System (§5-10-1, et seq.); Judges' Retirement System (§51-9-1, et seq.); and the Department of Public Safety, Death, Disability and Retirement Fund (§15-2-26, et seq.); West Virginia State Police Retirement System (§15-2A-1, et seq.); West Virginia Deputy Sheriff Retirement System (§7-14D-1, et seq.); and the Deferred Compensation Plan (§5-10B-1, et seq.)

2.2. The Public Employees Retirement Act as it relates to the Teachers Defined Benefit Retirement Act contained in W. Va. Code §5-13-1 et seq., applicable to reciprocal service is incorporated in this Rule by reference.

§162-1-3. Adoption and Ratification.

3.1. The Board hereby adopts and assumes all of the outstanding business pending before the previous Boards of the Teachers Defined Benefit Retirement System, the Public Employees Retirement System, and the Public Safety Death, Disability, and Retirement Fund as of July 1, 1991. The Board adopts and assumes all the business pending with the State Auditor as it relates to the Judges' Retirement System.

§162-1-4. Amendments.

4.1. The Board has the power to make, alter, amend, suspend and repeal the Rules of the Board by a vote of not less than a majority of a quorum of its members at any regular meeting of the Board provided at least ten (10) days notice of such purpose is given. A quorum of the Board has the power to make, alter, amend, suspend or repeal the Rules of the Board at any emergency meeting of the Board, provided at least ten (10) days notice of the purpose to make, amend, alter, suspend or repeal the Rules in whole or part at the meeting is given, and of the substance of the proposed action shall be announced. The Board may not amend a rule at any emergency meeting. However, any action to promulgate, amend, suspend or repeal the Rules of the Board are subject to the rule-making provisions of W. Va. Code §29A-3-1 et seq.

§162-1-5. Miscellaneous.

5.1. Fiscal year. The fiscal year of the Board commences on the 1st day of July and ends on the 30th day of June the following year.

5.2. Books, records and minutes. The records of the Board are covered by the laws of the State of West Virginia and are subject to any applicable privilege and/or limitation under any Freedom of

Information Act (W. Va. §29B-1-1). All final actions of the Board shall be kept in the form of minutes, and the minutes shall be open for inspection by the public at all reasonable times.

5.3. Contracts. All contracts and obligations of the Board shall be signed by the chairman or other officers or employees of the Board authorized to execute contracts or other obligations of the Board.

5.4. Indemnification. The Board shall, to the fullest extent allowed by law, indemnify and reimburse its present and future members, officers, employees or agents against loss for all expenses, including without limitation attorney fees, judgments, fines, taxes and penalties and interest thereon, for their official acts as Board members, officers, employees or agents. If the Board determines that a settlement of any action, suit or proceeding is in the best interest of the Board, all amounts paid in effecting the settlement, other than amounts paid by the Board itself, reasonably incurred by a member, officer, employee or agent in connection with or arising out of any action, suit or proceeding in which he or she may be involved by reason or his or her being or having been a member, officer, employee or agent of the Board shall be paid by the Board. Provided, that the indemnity shall not include any expenses incurred by any member, officer, employee or agent with respect to matters as to which he or she is finally adjudged in any action, suit or proceeding to have been guilty of or liable for gross negligence, willful misconduct or criminal acts in the performance of his or her duties of the Board. The forgoing right of indemnification inures to the benefit of the heirs, executors or administrators of each member, officer, employee or agent and is in addition to all other rights to which the member, officer, employee or agent may be entitled as a matter of law.

5.5. Insurance. To the extent possible, the Board shall obtain necessary liability insurance coverage from the West Virginia Board of Risk and Insurance Management to cover itself, its members, officers, employees and agents in the performance of their duties as trustees for the

Retirement System set forth in this Rule.

5.6. Conflict of interest. The Board shall maintain constant vigilance against conflicts of interest, or the mere appearance of conflicts of interest. No officers, member, agent or employee of the Board shall be financially interested, directly or indirectly, in any contract with the Board, or in the sale of any property, real or personal, to or from the Board. Provided, that this section shall not apply to contracts or purchases of property, either real or personal, commodities or services between the Board any governmental agency.

§162-1-6. Administrative Expenses.

6.1. The Board authorizes and shall create a Consolidated Public Retirement Board Expense Fund which shall be funded by an assessment against the Teachers Defined Benefit Retirement System, the Public Employees Retirement System, the Judges' Retirement System, and the Public Safety Death, Disability and Retirement Fund, the West Virginia State Police Retirement System and the West Virginia Deputy Sheriff Retirement System, with payment out of earnings and the employers part of the Teachers Defined Contribution Plan in an amount determined by the Board, per year, for each active employee, retirant and beneficiary receiving benefits.

6.2. All administrative costs of the Board, including, but not limited to, salaries and employee benefits, shall be paid from the expense fund. However, any indemnification required pursuant to subsection 5.4 of this Rule shall be paid from the particular Retirement System affected.

6.3. The administrative expense fund is not subject to satisfaction of any judgement or award against any of the Retirement System, and the judgment or award shall be satisfied from assets of the particular Retirement System against which it is levied.

§162-1-7. Non-alienation of Benefits: Divorce and Separation.

7.1. The moneys in each of the Retirement Systems and the right of a person to receive any benefit, whether it be an annuity, return of retirement contributions, or other benefit, are not subject to execution, attachment, garnishment, the operation of bankruptcy or other insolvency laws, State or municipal taxation, or any other legal process whatsoever; and are not assignable nor transferable by any employee, retirant or beneficiary.

7.2 In case of divorce or legal separation, the annuity, return of retirement contributions, or other provisions available to a member, retirant or beneficiary of any Retirement System may only be divisible as provided in this Rule. The Board shall not honor any Qualified Domestic Relations order except as provided by State law or as entered as a matter of record by the West Virginia Child's Advocate Office.

In cases of divorce or legal separation whereby the member's or retirant's interest in his or her retirement account is subject to division pursuant to domestic relation law, that portion of the member's or retirant's retirement account which is subject to division by the Court shall be determined by the Board by using the following formula, but only after the benefits are available to the member or retirant: a former spouse's interest shall be computed by the Board by multiplying the actual value of the retirement account by a fraction, the numerator being the number of years of contributing service incurred during the marriage, and the denominator being the total number of years of contributing service towards the pension.

In cases of divorce or legal separation wherein the Court of record enters a division order in accordance with the formula in this subsection, the Retirement System affected shall make separate payments to the retirant and the former spouse in accordance with that order based upon the formula set forth in this subsection.

7.3. If a member of a Defined Benefit System is covered by a group insurance or prepayment plan participated in by a participating public employer, and if the member is permitted to, and elects to, continue coverage as a retirant, he or she

may authorize the Board to have deducted from his or her annuity the payments required of him or her to continue coverage under group insurance or prepayment plan.

7.4. A participating public employer in any Retirement System has the right of setoff for any proven claim arising from embezzlement by, or fraud of, a member, retirant or beneficiary.

§162-1-8. Death Benefits.

8.1. The several Retirement Systems to be administered by the Board have varying and different denominations of who a survivor beneficiary may be if the member dies prior to retirement and following retirement. The Board has adopted the procedures in this section for payment of death benefits for all systems.

8.1.1. The terms "spouse", "widow", "sole refund beneficiary", and "beneficiary with an insurable interest" all mean the person who the member has designated in writing as of the date of his or her death. Notwithstanding any other term to the contrary contained in the statutes of the several Retirement Systems, that person is the "designated beneficiary" and is entitled to the benefits as specified by the option selected under each Retirement System.

8.1.2. If, upon the death of a member or retirant, a dispute arises between two (2) or more people who claim beneficiary or survivor benefits, the Board may make payment to the duly registered legal representative of the estate of the deceased member or retirant. Payment may only be made upon submission of written proof of the representative of the estate, generally incorporated in a probate court order. The Board will accept the Last Will and Testament of the deceased member or retirant for the purposes of payment to the estate under this subsection.

8.1.3. If the last designated beneficiaries of a member or retirant are children under the age of majority, but who reached their majority by the time of death, the Board shall always make pay-

ment pursuant to a court order or agreement entered into by the children of the member or retirant. If the designated beneficiaries are children who have not reached their majority, the Board shall only make payment to the court appointed guardian ad litem as specified in appropriate legal proceedings.

8.1.4. Except under joint and survivor options, a member or retirant may retain the right of selecting his or her designated beneficiary at any time.

§162-1-9. Travel Expense Rules.

9.1. The members of the Board and any employee or agent of the Board are subject to the Governor's Travel Rules and Regulations.



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May 20, 1999

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Attention: Judy Cooper

Re: Proposed Rule Amendment; Title 162, Series 1
(WV Consolidated Public Retirement Board)

Dear Ms. Cooper:

I am enclosing herewith three (3) sets of the documents which I understand must be filed with the Secretary of State by the West Virginia Consolidated Public Retirement Board in conjunction with the Board's proposal of amendments to the Title 162, Series 1 legislative rules.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation. Please let me know if you have any questions, or if there are any corrections which need to be made to the tendered documents.

Sincerely,

Susan B. Saxe
Attorney at Law

cc: Betty S. Ireland