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## Bill Analysis

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**Primary Sponsor:** Rep. Hoops

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### SUMMARY

- Restores specified provisions of the law governing the State Teachers Retirement Board that existed before H.B. 96 of the 136<sup>th</sup> General Assembly took effect.
- Eliminates the appointed and elected Board members' entitlement to health care benefits for their service on the Board.
- Reduces, from \$400 per month (\$4,800 per year) to \$2,400 per year, the cap on compensation to which each appointed and elected Board member is entitled for attending regular Board meetings.

### DETAILED ANALYSIS

#### State Teachers Retirement Board

H.B. 96 of the 136<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (the main appropriations act) made various changes to the law governing the State Teachers Retirement Board, including regarding the Board's membership, membership and leadership qualifications, election procedure, and compensation for appointed and elected Board members.<sup>1</sup> For a full explanation of these changes, see page 440 of LSC's [H.B. 96 Final Analysis \(PDF\)](#).

On October 15, 2025, the Franklin County Common Pleas Court issued a preliminary injunction preventing the following provisions of H.B. 96 from being implemented:

- The reduction in the number of elected Board members from seven to three;

<sup>1</sup> See R.C. 3307.044, 3307.05, 3307.06, 3307.07, 3307.10, and 3307.11; Section 733.90 of H.B. 96 of the 136<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.

- The addition of the Chancellor of Higher Education or the Chancellor’s designee, one Treasurer of State’s investment designee, and two investment expert members;
- The requirement that each appointed Board member who takes office after September 30, 2025, serves at the pleasure of the member’s appointing authority;
- The prohibition against any Board member with contributions on deposit with the State Teachers Retirement System (STRS) serving as the Board’s Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson;
- The prohibition against any appointed Board member who takes office after September 30, 2025, having contributions on deposit with STRS.<sup>2</sup>

Due to the injunction, the changes to the law governing the Board’s membership have not been implemented.<sup>3</sup>

Except as described below, the bill restores the law governing the Board that existed before H.B. 96 took effect.<sup>4</sup>

### **Compensation and health benefits**

The bill eliminates the appointed and elected Board members’ entitlement to health care benefits comparable to those generally available to STRS employees and the requirement that those benefits be provided on the same terms and cost as to STRS employees.

Under continuing law, appointed and elected Board members are entitled to \$200 for each regular Board meeting attended, subject to a statutory cap. The bill reduces this cap from \$400 per month (\$4,800 per year) to \$2,400 per year.<sup>5</sup>

### **Appointed members**

As noted above, H.B. 96 modified the law governing the Board’s membership to add one Treasurer of State’s investment designee and two investment expert members.<sup>6</sup> Due to the injunction described above, none of those offices have been filled by appointment.<sup>7</sup> If any of those offices have not yet been filled as of the bill’s effective date, the office is abolished on that date. However, if any office is filled before the bill’s effective date, the office is abolished on the date that the term of office expires.<sup>8</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> *Krause v. State Teachers Retirement Board*, Franklin C.P. No. 25-CV-7911, 21-22 (October 15, 2025).

<sup>3</sup> See [Board Members](#), which is available by conducting a keyword “board members” search on the State Teachers Retirement System website: [strsoh.org](http://strsoh.org).

<sup>4</sup> R.C. 3307.044, 3307.05, 3307.06, 3307.07, and 3307.11; Section 5; Section 733.90 of H.B. 96, as amended by the bill.

<sup>5</sup> R.C. 3307.10.

<sup>6</sup> R.C. 3307.05; Section 733.90 of H.B. 96.

<sup>7</sup> See [Board Members](#).

<sup>8</sup> Section 5(C).

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## HISTORY

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