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TO: Certifying Officers – Department of Labor

FROM: New Jersey Division of Pensions & Benefits (NJDPB)

SUBJECT: P.L. 2021, c. 140 – Reopening of the Workers’ Compensation Judges Part

P.L. 2021, c. 140 (Chapter 140) reopened the Workers’ Compensation Judges (WCJ) Part of the Public Employees’ Retirement System (PERS) effective June 30, 2021. Workers’ Compensation Judges enrolled in the Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP) after the closing of the WCJ Part on June 8, 2007, will now be transferred from the DCRP to the WCJ Part within 90 days of the enactment of this law. The member contribution rate is 7.5 percent.

EMPLOYER RESPONSIBILITIES

Current Workers’ Compensation Judges effected by this law fall into these categories:

- Workers’ Compensation Judges enrolled in the WCJ Part of the PERS. These judges were appointed prior to the closing of the WCJ Part of the PERS on June 8, 2007, and able to remain in the WCJ Part of the PERS. No action is required for these members.
- Workers’ Compensation Judges enrolled in the Defined Contribution Retirement Program (DCRP). These judges were appointed after the closing of the WCJ Part of the PERS. For these members, employers should complete the attached *Employment Verification Form for Workers’ Compensation Judges* and *PERS Enrollment Application for Workers’ Compensation Judges*. These employees will be transferred to the WCJ Part of the PERS with an enrollment date to be effective the date of the judge’s original date of appointment.

A retroactive transfer ability for members who retired on or after June 1, 2021, and who have not yet received a distribution from DCRP, is provided by this law. There are no provisions in the law for a judge to waive PERS enrollment. Any retired judges are subject to the Return to Employment rules and regulations.

Note: non-judicial time will not be transferred to the WCJ Part of the PERS and will remain in DCRP.

All forms should be completed and returned, in batch, to the NJDPB no later than July 30, 2021.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have questions regarding any of the information provided in this letter, contact the NJDPB's Office of Client Services at (609) 292-7524, or email the NJDPB at: pensions.nj@treas.nj.gov

Enc. *Employment Verification Form for Workers Compensation Judges, PERS Report of Transfer for Workers' Compensation Judges, PERS Enrollment Application for Workers' Compensation Judges*