New Proclamation makes it Easier for Some to Return to Work after Retirement

On August 21, Gov. Reynolds signed a new Public Health Emergency Proclamation which makes it easier for members who retired from IPERS-covered employment to more readily return to work. The proclamation applies to:

- Retired members who return to IPERS-covered employment as a teacher or substitute teacher
- Licensed health care professionals who were previously employed by a hospital licensed pursuant to chapter 135B, any state or local government public health employee, any “protection occupation” employee as defined by Iowa Code § 97B.49B(1)(e), or any sheriff or deputy sheriff as defined by Iowa Code § 97B.49C(1)(b) or (c).

The proclamation waives the time period required before retirees can return to IPERS-covered employment and removes the limitation on annual earnings during reemployment. Retirees who are younger than age 70 are no longer subject to the bona fide retirement period that mandated that retirees could not return to work for an IPERS-covered employer until the retiree had received at least four monthly benefit payments. Retirees who are younger than age 65 are no longer required to pay back a portion of their IPERS benefit if they earn more than $30,000 annually.

The proclamation is now in effect until 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, September 20, 2020. For more information, reference sections 15 and 141 in the full proclamation here.

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