

### Benefits and Actuarial Committee (B&A) Meeting

201 N. 9th Street General Assembly Building House South Subcommittee Room 210 Wednesday, 11/12/2025 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- **II. Approve Minutes**

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III. 2025 Actuarial Valuation Results for Political Subdivision Retirement Plans, the Local Health Insurance Credit, the Virginia Local Disability Program, and the Line of Duty Act Fund

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### **Minutes**

A regular meeting of the Benefits and Actuarial Committee was held on October 15, 2025, in Richmond, Virginia with the following members participating:

John M. Bennett, Chair Lindsey K. Pantele, Vice Chair *(remotely under § 2.2-3708.3(B)(4))* Jessica L. Hood

Board members participating:

Lawrence A. Bernert, III, Board Vice Chair (remotely under § 2.2-3708.3(B)(3))
J. Clifford Foster, IV (entered at 1:11 p.m.)

#### VRS Staff:

Patricia Bishop, Andrew Junkin, Jennifer Schreck, Rory Badura, Judy Bolt, Ty Bowers, Michael Cooper, David Cotter, Sara Denson, Valerie DiSanto, Curtis Doughtie, Andy Feagans, Antonio Fisher, Krystal Groff, Sandy Jack, Angela Payne, Virginia Sowers and Leslie Weldon.

### Guests:

Jim Anderson, Becky Stouffer, Craig Graby, Michael Spadaro, Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company; Jacob Hodges, Encore; Alexandra Jansson, Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission; and James Turpin, APCO.

The meeting convened at 1:02 p.m.

### **Opening Remarks**

Mr. Bennett called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the October 15, 2025, meeting of the Benefits and Actuarial Committee. Mr. Bennett noted the meeting was being held in accordance with § 2.2-3708.3(B)(3) and § 2.2-3708.3(B)(4) of the *Code of Virginia* and advised that no public comment would be accepted at the meeting. Members of the public who wish to submit comments may email the Board at <a href="mailto:trustees@varetire.org">trustees@varetire.org</a> or by mail at P.O. Box 1200, Richmond, VA 23218.

Next, Mr. Bennett took attendance with the following roll call:

Ms. Hood: Present. Ms. Pantele: Present. Mr. Bernert: Present. Mr. Bennett: Present.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Upon a motion by Ms. Hood, with a second by Ms. Pantele, the Committee approved the minutes of its June 9, 2025, meeting.

Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company (GRS) 2025 Presentation of the Actuarial Valuation Results for the Five Statewide Retirement Plans, Group Life Insurance, State and Teacher Retiree Health Insurance Credit, and the Virginia Sickness and Disability Program (includes self-funded long-term care)



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Mr. Bennett introduced Jim Anderson and Becky Stouffer from the VRS plan actuary, Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company (GRS), who presented the June 30, 2025, actuarial valuations for the Five Statewide Retirement Plans, Group Life Insurance, the State and Teacher Health Insurance Credit, and the Virginia Sickness and Disability Program. The VRS actuary conducts annual valuations as of the close of the fiscal year (June 30). This year's valuation results will be used for rate-setting for fiscal years 2027 and 2028.

The valuation results incorporated recent changes for the quadrennial experience study that the Board approved during its April meeting. As discussed at that time, the changes in assumptions were expected to have only minor impacts on the developed employer contribution rates. In addition to assumption changes, the actual experience from the past year included higher than expected increases in salaries and cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs), which create actuarial losses. However, the investment return for the fund of 9.9% exceeded the long-term assumed rate of return of 6.75% for fiscal year 2025. The investment gains associated with the higher-than-expected investment return overshadowed the experience study changes and higher salaries and COLAs resulting in lower employer contribution rates for most plans and an increase in the funded status for all of the pension plans.

Recent legislation passed by the General Assembly places JRS members previously in the hybrid plan and future judges appointed on or after July 1, 2026 into Plan 2. Without this plan change the JRS contribution rate was expected to decrease to 24.31%. After reflecting the plan change the rate was 30.49% which was slightly less than prior biennium.

	FY 2025/2026	FY 2027/2028	
Plan	Appropriation Act DB Only	VRS Board Certified Rates DB Only	
State	12.52%	11.07%	
Teachers	14.21%	12.20%	
SPORS	31.32%	31.67%	
VaLORS	24.60%	22.60%	
JRS	30.67%	30.49%	

	2024	2025
System	Funded Status	<b>Funded Status</b>
	Market Value	Market Value
	Basis	Basis
PENSIONS		
State	82.1%	85.4%
Teachers	82.7%	85.5%
SPORS	73.0%	76.0%
VaLORS	74.3%	77.6%
Judicial	88.3%	90.5%
Total State-wide systems	82.2%	85.1%



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Mr. Anderson next provided an overview of the Other Post Employment Benefit plans (OPEBS), which also benefited from the investment gains and had lower employer contribution rates and higher funded status for each of the plans.

8	FY 2025/2026	FY 2027/2028	
Plan	Appropriation Act	VRS Board Certified Rates	
Group Life	1.18%	1.06%	
HIC State	1.12%	0.70%	
HIC Teachers	1.21%	0.88%	
VSDP	0.50%	0.42%	

	2024	2025	
Systom	<b>Funded Status</b>	<b>Funded Status</b>	
System	Market Value	Market Value	
	Basis	Basis	
OPEBS			
Group Life	72.5%	78.0%	
HIC State	35.8%	42.5%	
HIC Teachers	22.0%	27.3%	
VSDP	211.0%	260.1%	

Upon a motion by Ms. Hood, with a second by Ms. Pantele, the Committee recommended approval of the following action to the full Board of Trustees:

RBA: Certify the contribution rates for the Five Statewide Retirement Plans and associated OPEBs, effective for FY 2027 and FY 2028.

**Request for Board Action:** After considering the recommendations of its actuary, the Board certifies the contribution rates, effective July 1, 2026, for (i) the five statewide Retirement Plans (State Employees, Teachers, Judicial Retirement System (JRS), State Police Officers' Retirement System (SPORS), and Virginia Law Officers Retirement System (VaLORS)) and (ii) the associated other post-employment benefits (OPEBs): Group Life Insurance (GLI), Health Insurance Credit (HIC), and the Virginia Sickness and Disability Program (VSDP), including self-funded Long-Term Care.

Mr. Bennett thanked Mr. Anderson and Ms. Stouffer for their presentation and noted Mr. Anderson would provide an abbreviated presentation to the Board on October 16.

### **Other Business**

Lastly, Mr. Bennett noted the Committee will meet on November 12, 2025, to receive the valuations for the local plans and LODA. The full Board of Trustees will meet at 1:00 p.m. on October 16, 2025.



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### Adjournment

Upon a motion by Ms. Pantele, with a semeeting.	econd by Ms. Hood, the Co	ommittee agreed to adjourn the
There being no further business, the me	eting concluded at 2:19 p.	.m.
	Date	John M. Bennett, Chair Benefits and Actuarial Committee



Approve contribution rates for the Political Subdivision Retirement Plans; the Health Insurance Credit (HIC) Plans for Political Subdivisions; the State-Funded HIC for Constitutional Officers, Social Services Employees, and Registrars; the Virginia Local Disability Program; and the Line of Duty Act Fund, effective for FY 2027 and FY 2028.

### **Requested Action**

After considering the recommendations of its Plan Actuary, Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company, the Board accepts the June 30, 2025, valuation report for political subdivisions and the Health Insurance Credit (HIC) for certain political subdivisions; approves a contribution rate of 0.27% for constitutional officers, a rate of 0.20% for social services employees, and a contribution rate of 0.13% for general registrars; approves a contribution rate of 0.48% for the Virginia Local Disability Program (VLDP), including self-funded Long-Term Care for Teachers and a rate of 0.79% for VLDP, including self-funded Long-Term Care for Political Subdivisions; and approves a full-time equivalent premium rate of \$1,385.00 for the Line of Duty Death and Health Benefits Trust Fund (Fund), all for both FY 2027 and FY 2028 to be effective July 1, 2026.

### **Rationale for Requested Action**

The certified employer contribution rates reflect the assumptions and provisions in effect as of June 30, 2025, including the assumed rate of return of 6.75%.

The employer contribution rates will go into effect on July 1, 2026.

Under *Code of Virginia* § 51.1-1403(A), the cost of HIC for retired local officers, retired general registrars (and the retired employees of each), and retired employees of a local social services board is borne by the Commonwealth and not the political subdivisions.

The Line of Duty Act (LODA) provides benefits to eligible first responders who die or become disabled in the line of duty. VRS administers, manages and invests the Fund. VRS is responsible for determining costs for the Fund in order to provide benefit payments and for collecting required contributions from participating employers.

Code of Virginia § 9.1-400.1(D) requires participating employer contributions to the Fund to be determined by the Board on a current disbursement basis (pay-as-you-go). Contributions fund the claims and administrative expenses for participating employers. The FY 2027 and FY 2028 premium rate of \$1,385.00 is based on a participating FTE count of 17,445

### **Authority for Requested Action**

Code of Virginia §§ 51.1-124.22(5) and -145 authorize the Board to determine the required contribution rate for the various employer groups in the Retirement System. Code of Virginia § 9.1-400.1 authorizes the Board to set the employer contribution rates for the Line of Duty Death and Health Benefits Trust Fund.

The above action is approved.

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A. Scott Andrews, Chair VRS Board of Trustees





June 30, 2025
Annual Actuarial
Valuation Results

Presented by: Becky Stouffer, ASA, MAAA, FCA and Jim Anderson, FSA, EA, MAAA, FCA



Benefits and Actuarial Committee

November 12, 2025

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## Agenda



**Big Picture** 

**Highlights of Pension Valuations** 

**Highlights of OPEB Valuations** 

**Appendix** 







PENSION and Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB)



## Big Picture – November Meeting Content

Pension	Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB)
	<ul> <li>Health Insurance Credit (HIC)</li> <li>Political Subdivisions</li> <li>Constitutional Officers</li> <li>Social Services Employees</li> <li>Registrars</li> </ul>
	<ul><li>Virginia Local Disability Program</li><li>Political Subdivisions</li><li>Teachers</li></ul>



## Big Picture: Actuarial Valuation Results

- Purposes of Actuarial Valuations of VRS Pension and OPEB plans
  - Measure funding progress as of June 30, 2025
  - Develop contribution rates for FYE 2027 and 2028

Odd year valuations determine contribution rates for 2 years





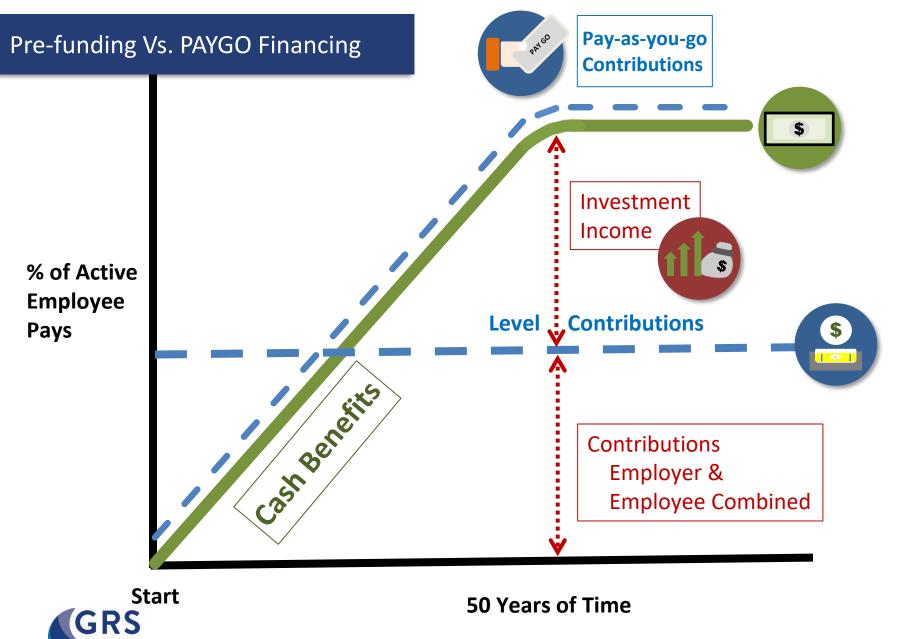
## Big Picture: General Funding Objectives

- Intergenerational equity for plan costs
- Stable or increasing ratio of assets to liabilities
- Stable pattern of contribution rates









# Actuarial Valuation Process Statewide Pension and Political Subdivisions

### **Member Data**



987,988 Records

## Actuarial

**Valuation** 

**Financial Data** 



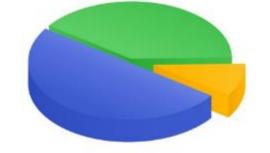
\$ 118.7 Billion
Market Value Assets (MVA)

### **Plan Provisions**





### **Actuarial Cost Method**



**Actuarial Assumptions** 









# JUNE 30, 2025 VALUATION RESULTS HIGHLIGHTS



## Valuation Results Highlights

- Incorporates experience study changes
  - Minor cost impact in line with April discussions
- Experience during 2024-2025
  - Asset gains
  - Pay and COLA losses
  - Funded status generally increase
  - Contributions generally level



# Statewide and Political Subdivision Pension Participants/% Change in '25

	ACTIVE	S	IN	ACTIVES	;		RETIREES	5
State	81,274	+1.6%	State	69,699	+5.1%	State	74,038	+1.3%
Teachers	160,949	+2.8%	Teachers	100,366	+3.8%	Teachers	114,580	+1.8%
<b>SPORS</b>	1,902	+0.6%	<b>SPORS</b>	835	+2.8%	<b>SPORS</b>	1,882	+2.9%
VaLORS	7,459	+2.1%	<b>VaLORS</b>	15,212	+6.6%	VaLORS	7,465	+4.5%
JRS	473	+0.4%	JRS	15	-6.3%	JRS	613	+2.7%
Pol. Subs.	124,066	+3.9%	Pol. Subs.	134,873	+5.9%	Pol. Subs.	92,287	+3.3%
Total	376,123	•	Total	321,000	,	Total	290,865	

Total Annual Salary: \$26 Billion

**26% are Plan 1** 

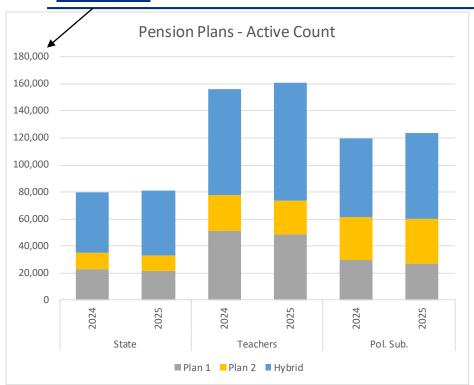
94% are Plan 1

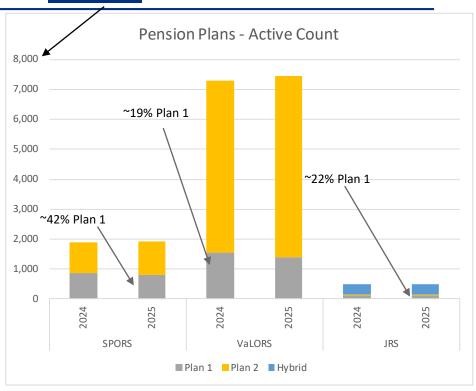
**Total Annual Benefit Payments: \$6.8 Billion** 





# Active Participants at June 30, 2025 - Scale for Large Plans = 22X Scale for Small Plans





Counts						
System State Teachers Pol. Sub.						
2024	<b>2024</b> 80,017		119,461			
2025	81,274	160,949	124,066			
% Change	1.6%	2.8%	3.9%			

Counts					
System	SPORS	JRS			
2024	1,890	7,307	471		
2025	1,902	7,459	473		
% Change	0.6%	2.1%	0.4%		

In Total, 26% Remain in Plan 1



## Actives: Changes in Average Salary

System	2024	2025	% Change
State	\$ 74,725	\$ 77,218	3.3%
Teachers	67,096	69,331	3.3%
SPORS	93,376	96,071	2.9%
VaLORS	55,804	58,011	4.0%
JRS	202,466	208,551	3.0%
Pol. Sub.	62,564	65,330	4.4%

% Change for Continuing <sup>1</sup>			
Expected	Actual		
4.2%	4.8%		
4.7%	5.7%		
3.9%	6.3%		
4.3%	5.6%		
4.0%	3.3%		
4.2%	5.9%		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> **C**ontinuing are members active in both the current and prior valuation.

Note: Return to Work Payroll for 304 positions

- 234 Teachers = \$18 million
- 70 Political Subs. = \$2 million



# Actuarial Value Assets: Political Subdivisions Pension (\$Millions) – 9.9%/10.0% MVA/AVA Return

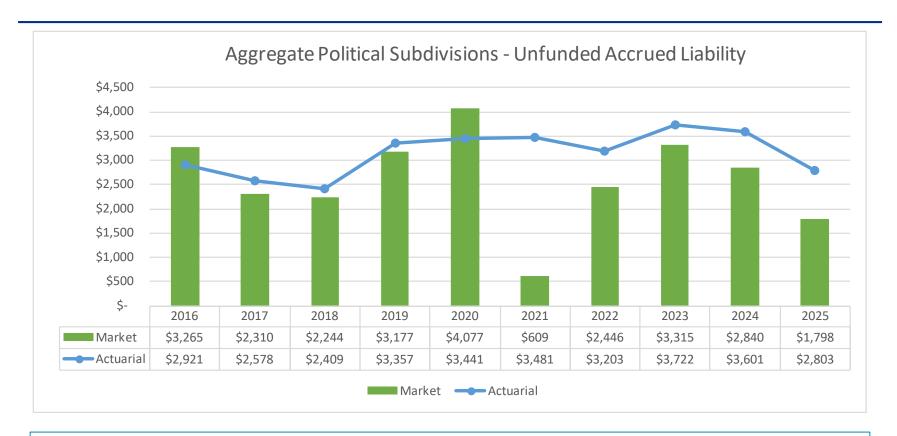
In chart below asset gains are positive, asset losses are negative.

	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Actual Investment Return	3,109				
Assumed Investment Return	1,978				
Gain/(Loss) to be Phased-in	1131				
Phased-in Recognition -Current year	226		?	?	?
-1 <sup>st</sup> prior year	162	226	?	?	?
-2 <sup>nd</sup> prior year	(13)	162	226	?	?
-3 <sup>rd</sup> prior year	(360)	(13)	162	226	?
-4 <sup>th</sup> prior year	872	(360)	(13)	162	226
Total Recognized Gain/(Loss)	887	15	375	388	226

2026-2029: Expect \$1,004 million in deferred asset GAINS



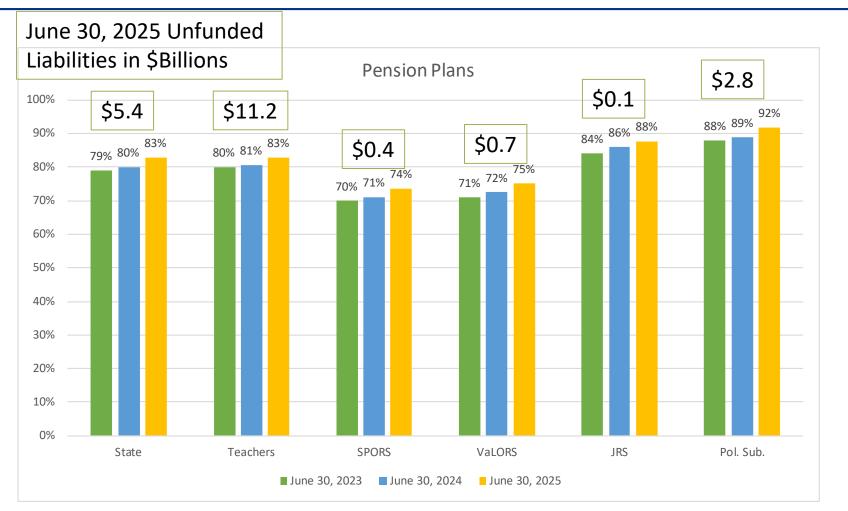
## Why We Smooth Asset Returns



If all assumptions are met, unfunded liabilities will trend to Market Value basis over time



### Funded Status and Unfunded Liabilities (AVA)



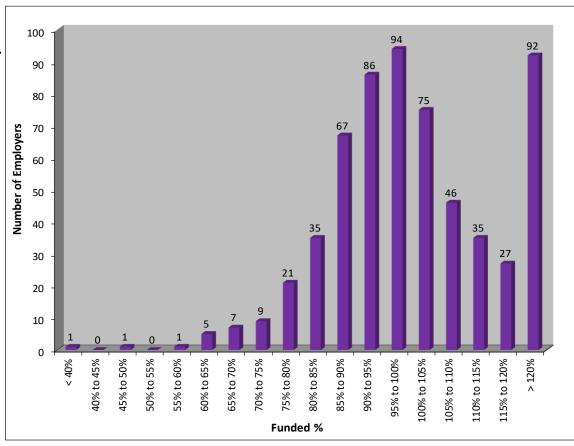


# Funded Status (AVA) – Pension Plans, Political Subdivisions

Funded Status as of June 30, 2025 for 602 Employers

Average Funded
Status

98.0%
Pol. Sub. With no Enhanced
Hazardous Duty



<u>Average Funded</u> Status

90.3%

Pol. Sub. With Enhanced Hazardous Duty



Chart shows Funded status distribution, 24 employers <75% to 275 employers > 100%

The chart above shows 602 employers; employers with 0 actives are excluded.

## **Legislative Updates**

 HB 1705 -Beginning July 1, 2026, non-hybrid retirement program emergency dispatchers become participants in the disability program for hybrid retirement plan members.

Impact will emerge in future valuations

- due to limited group, impacts not expected to be large



## Calculated Employer Contributions

Will vary significantly for System, Plan and Employer based on:

Benefit Features

**Demographics** 

**Funded Status** 

Two Main Components:

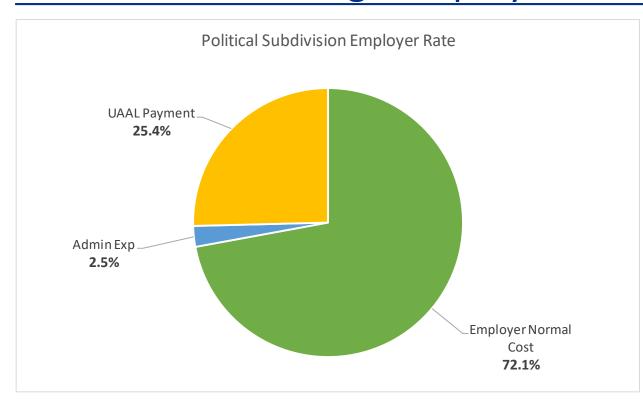


Normal Cost – this represents the cost of the current year benefit earned by each active member

Amortization of Unfunded Liability – uses a systematic method (funding policy) to pay off the unfunded liability for each employer



# Calculated Pension Contributions – Political Subdivisions Average Employer



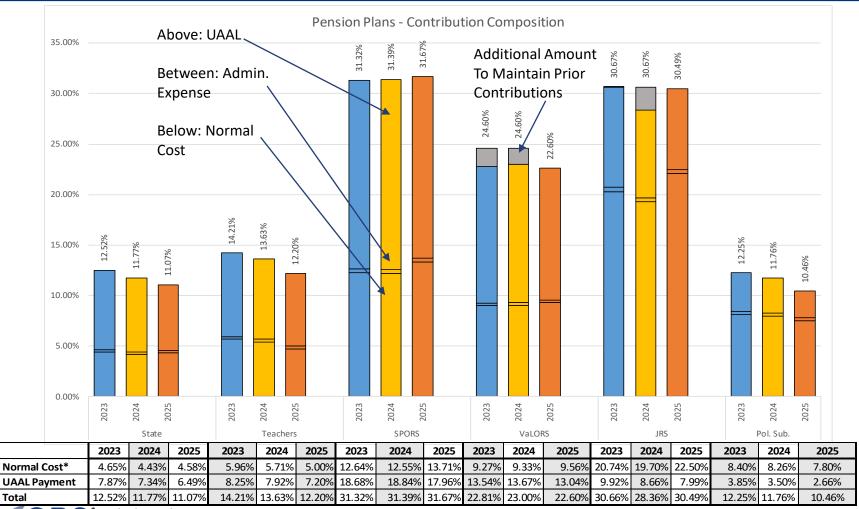
Normal Cost ultimately decreases to Plan 2/Hybrid level

Component	% of Pay					
Employer NC	7.54%					
Admin Exp	0.26%					
UAAL Payment	2.66%					
Total:	10.46%					

Note: Pol. Sub. Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL) payment = 25.4% of total Employer contribution, vs. >50% for Statewide pension plans (other than JRS)



## Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution Rates – Pension Plans Defined Benefit Only



**Includes Administrative Expense** 

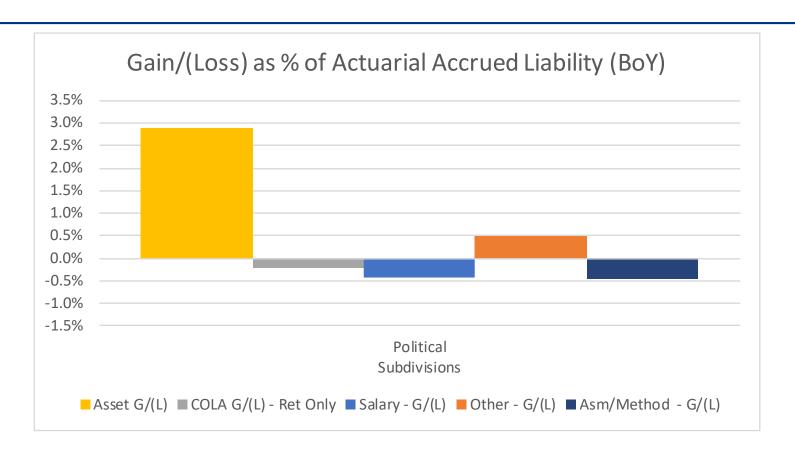
Total

# Experience 2024-2025: Pension Plans (in \$millions)

	State	Teachers		SPORS		VaLORS		JRS		Pol. Sub.	
UAAL Last Valuation	\$ 6,051.7	\$	12,022.1	\$	458.9	\$	768.6	\$	113.5	\$	3,601.2
Prior Year (PY) Normal Cost	544.1		1,176.3		31.4		60.8		23.3		1,015.6
Actual PY Contributions	(1,024.1)		(2,104.2)		(62.2)		(119.8)		(32.5)		(1,282.1)
Extra Contributions	-		-		-		-		-		-
Interest	410.7		819.9		31.0		51.9		8.1		268.4
Expected UAAL	5,982.4		11,914.1		459.1		761.5		112.4		3,603.0
UAAL This Valuation	5,356.0		11,179.1		434.4		717.6		103.5		2,802.6
Total Gain/(Loss)	\$ 626.3	\$	735.0	\$	24.7	\$	44.0	\$	8.9	\$	800.4
- Asset Gain/(Loss)	\$ 804.6	\$	1,597.6	\$	36.7	\$	64.9	\$	23.3	\$	938.5
– Assumption/Method Change	(122.3)		(390.2)		8.5		(1.3)		2.6		(72.8)
– Plan Change	1		-		-		-		(21.0)		3.4
– Liability Gain/(Loss)	(56.0)		(472.3)		(20.5)		(19.6)		4.0		(65.3)



## Political Subdivisions Pension: Gain/Loss (%s)



Other – (G)/L includes benefit change and new employer impacts, if any



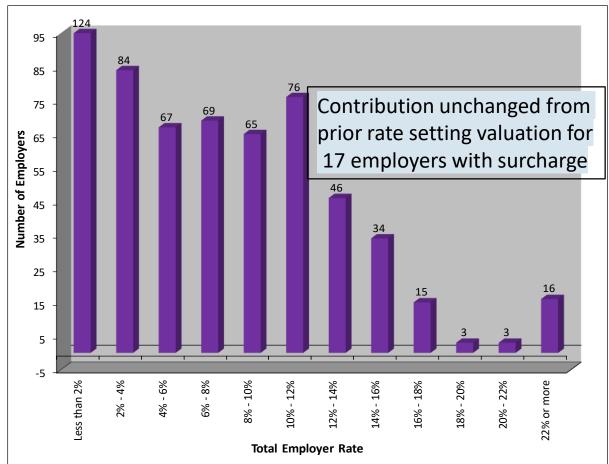
# Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution (ADEC) Rates – Political Subdivisions Pension

ADEC Rate as of June 30, 2025 for 602 Employers

Average ADEC Rate

4.98% Pol. Sub. With

no Enhanced Hazardous Duty



Average ADEC Rate

12.32%

Pol. Sub. With Enhanced Hazardous Duty



# Political Subdivisions: Pension Results Commentary

- Liability changes
  - No New Political Subdivisions for Pension
  - 17 Employers have surcharge<sup>1</sup>
    - 24 Employers had surcharge in 2024 valuation
  - No Employers have additional funding charge<sup>2</sup>
  - Changes in coverage
  - Salary and COLA experience
  - Impacts due to assumption changes were consistent with experience study results

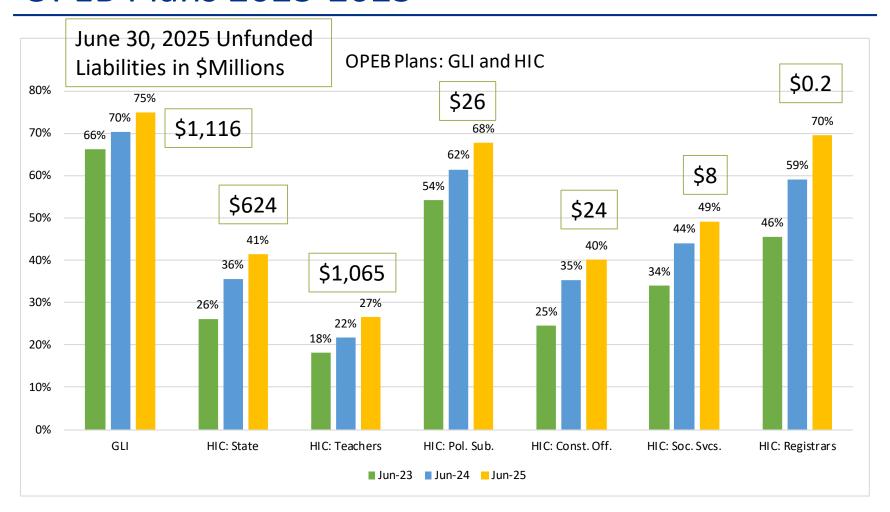
<sup>1</sup>Additional contribution rate on top of developed rate to improve funding level <sup>2</sup>Additional contribution rate to allow use of 6.75% investment return for GASB purposes

## Pension Results Commentary

- Demographic changes vary by employer
  - Active population up for Political Subdivisions in total
    - 10 Employers account for over 50% of the increase in total active population counts
    - The largest three increases are expected to continue as the prior non-VRS pension plans turnover and new hires join VRS

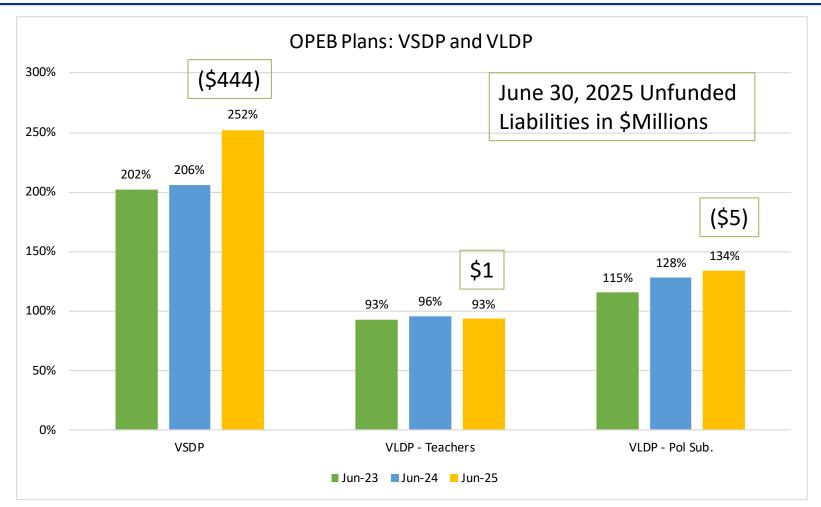


# Funded Status (AVA) and Unfunded Liabilities – OPEB Plans 2023-2025



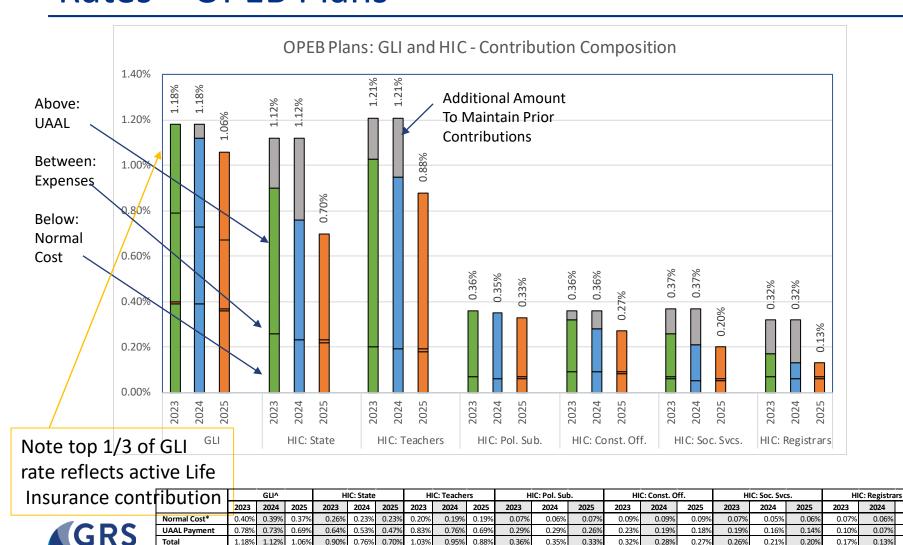


## Funded Status (AVA) – OPEB Plans





## **Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution** Rates – OPEB Plans



0.36%

0.07%

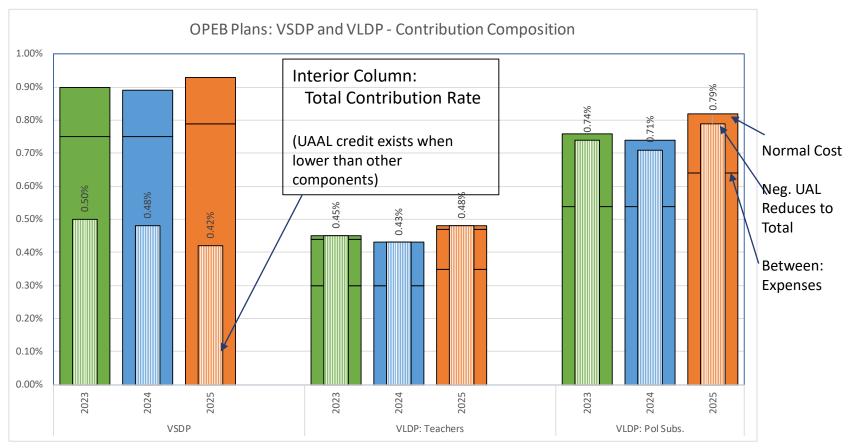
0.06%

0.13%

<sup>\*</sup> Includes Administrative Expense

<sup>^</sup> UAAL Payment Includes Active GLI Adjustment

# Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution Rates – OPEB Plans





	VSDP			VLDP: Teachers			VLDP: Pol Subs.		
	2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025
Normal Cost*	0.90%	0.89%	0.93%	0.44%	0.43%	0.47%	0.76%	0.74%	0.82%
<b>UAAL Payment</b>	-0.40%	-0.41%	-0.51%	0.01%	0.00%	0.01%	-0.02%	-0.03%	-0.03%
Total	0.50%	0.48%	0.42%	0.45%	0.43%	0.48%	0.74%	0.71%	0.79%

<sup>\*</sup> Includes Administrative Expense

# Experience 2024-2025: OPEB – GLI & HIC (in \$millions)

					HIC: Const.	HIC: Soc.	HIC:
	GLI	HIC: State	HIC: Teachers	HIC: Locals	Off.	Svcs.	Registrars
UAL Last Valuation	\$ 1,260.6	\$ 691.5	\$ 1,145.7	\$ 29.4	\$ 25.9	\$ 8.3	\$ 0.2
Prior Year (PY) Normal Cost	93.7	20.0	18.4	1.2	0.8	0.2	-
Actual PY ER Contributions	(238.6)	(110.2)	(136.6)	(7.7)	(3.7)	(1.5)	(0.1)
Extra Contributions	-	-	-	-	ı	ı	-
Adjustment to Market Value	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest	83.4	44.3	74.0	1.8	1.7	0.5	-
Expected UAAL	1,199.2	645.7	1,101.4	24.7	24.6	7.5	0.2
UAAL This Valuation	1,115.5	624.3	1,064.5	25.6	24.5	7.6	0.2
Total Gain/(Loss)	83.6	21.3	36.9	(0.9)	0.1	(0.2)	-
Asset Gain/(Loss)	97.5	5.7	6.2	0.4	0.1	ı	ı
Assum/Method Change Gain/(Loss)	(3.6)	5.9	23.0	(3.3)	(1.0)	(0.4)	-
Liability Gain/(Loss)	(10.3)	9.7	7.7	2.0	1.0	0.2	-



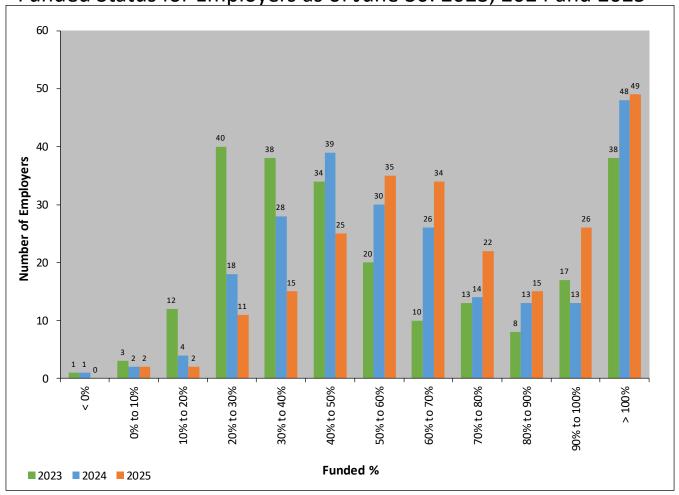
# Experience 2024-2025: OPEB – VSDP & VLDP (in \$millions)

		VLDP	VLDP
	VSDP	Teachers	Locals
UAL Last Valuation	\$ (347.6)	\$ 0.6	\$ (3.4)
Prior Year (PY) Normal Cost	48.3	3.7	4.1
Actual PY ER Contributions	(23.6)	(4.0)	(5.1)
Extra Contributions	-	-	-
Adjustment to Market Value	-	-	-
Interest	(21.1)	0.2	(0.1)
Expected UAAL	(344.0)	0.5	(4.5)
UAAL This Valuation	(444.3)	1.3	(5.1)
Total Gain/(Loss)	100.3	(0.8)	0.6
Asset Gain/(Loss)	21.1	0.2	0.3
Assum/Method Change Gain/(Loss)	43.6	(1.4)	-
Liability Gain/(Loss)	35.7	0.4	0.3



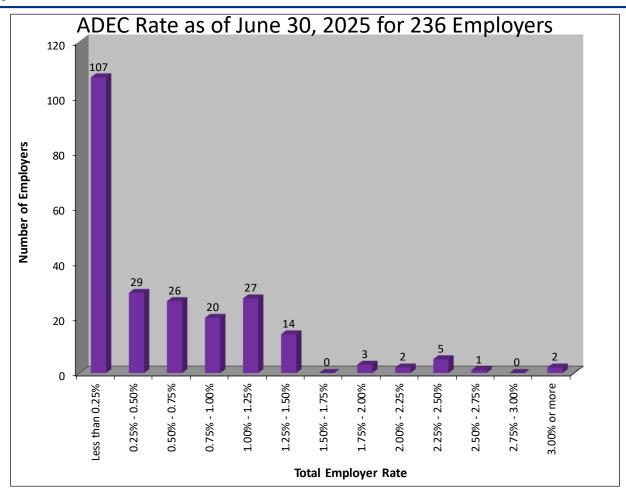
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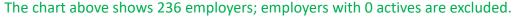
Funded Status for Employers as of June 30: 2023, 2024 and 2025





# Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution (ADEC) Rates – OPEB HIC Political Subdivisions







Contribution unchanged from prior rate setting valuation for 136 employers with surcharge

# OPEB Results Commentary: HIC Political Subdivisions

 Employers with additional funding charge or surcharge

	2025	2024	2023
Additional Funding Charge	0	2	3
Surcharge	136	149	160



## Summary: Pension Plan Contribution Rates

	Informational	FY 2025/2026	Informational	FY 2027/2028
	2022 Valuation	2023 Valuation	2024 Valuation	2025 Valuation
State	13.19%	12.52%	11.77%	11.07%
Teachers	14.13%	14.21%	13.63%	12.20%
SPORS	28.88%	31.32%	31.39%	31.67%
VaLORS	21.92%	24.60%^	23.00%	22.60%
JRS	29.10%	30.67%^	28.36%	30.49%
Pol. Sub (Weighted Avg)	11.89%	12.25%	11.76%	10.46%

Note: Beginning with 2023 valuation the DC contribution for State, Teachers, and JRS has been decoupled



<sup>^</sup> VaLORS and JRS contribution rates set at 2021 valuation level, increased from 22.81% and 30.66% respectively.

# Summary: OPEB Contribution Rates

	Informational	FY 2025/2026	Informational	FY 2027/2028
	2022 Valuation	2023 Valuation	2024 Valuation	2025 Valuation
Group Life Insurance	1.21%	1.18%	1.12%	1.06%
Health Insurance Credit				
(HIC)				
State	0.90%	1.12%*	0.76%	0.70%
Teachers	1.08%	1.21%*	0.95%	0.88%
Pol. Subs.	0.36%	0.36%	0.35%	0.33%
Const. Officers	0.29%	0.36%*	0.28%	0.27%
Social Services EEs	0.31%	0.37%*	0.21%	0.20%
Registrars	0.21%	0.32%*	0.13%	0.13%
VSDP	0.45%	0.50%	0.48%	0.42%
VLDP				
Teachers	0.46%	0.45%	0.43%	0.48%
Pol. Subs.	0.78%	0.74%	0.71%	0.79%

<sup>\*</sup> HIC-State, HIC-Teachers, HIC-Const. Officers, HIC-Social Services EEs, and HIC-Registrars contribution rates held at 2021 valuation level; computed contribution rate decreased to 0.90%, 1.03%, 0.32%, 0.26%, and 0.17% respectively.



#### 1. Increased Funded Status on Actuarial Asset Basis

- Higher than expected returns for 2025 valuations,
- Salary and COLA Losses

#### 2. Contributions

- Pension & OPEB rates are mostly consistent with last year's valuation
- Generally, slightly lower rates than those currently being paid
- 3. Assumption update in line with experience study results
- 4. Possible future funding policy considerations





QUESTIONS





# **APPENDIX**



# Changes in Coverage Since Last Valuation (Pension)

Employer	Description of Change
Alleghany County (55102)	Increase Enhanced Hazardous Duty multiplier to 1.85%
Amelia County (55103)	Enhanced Hazardous Duty Benefit - Fire & EMTs
Bland County (55110)	Enhanced Hazardous Duty Benefit - Fire & EMTs
Culpeper County (55123)	Increase Enhanced Hazardous Duty multiplier to 1.85%
Cumberland County (55124)	Increase Enhanced Hazardous Duty multiplier to 1.85%
Floyd County (55131)	Enhanced Hazardous Duty Benefit - EMTs, 1.85% multiplier
Pulaski County (55177)	Enhanced Hazardous Duty Benefit - Fire
Warren County (55193)	Increase Enhanced Hazardous Duty multiplier to 1.85%
Washington County (55195)	Enhanced Hazardous Duty Benefit - Fire & EMTs
Wythe County (55198)	Enhanced Hazardous Duty Benefit - Fire & EMTs



# Changes in Coverage Since Last Valuation (Pension)

Employer	Description of Change
Town of Bowling Green (55331)	Increase Enhanced Hazardous Duty - LEOs
Town of Lawrenceville (55342)	Increase Enhanced Hazardous Duty - LEOs, 1.85% multiplier



### Summary: Unfunded Pension Plan Liabilities (\$000)

# **Unfunded Liability**

#### **AVA**

	2024		2025
State	\$	6,051,719	\$ 5,356,033
Teachers		12,022,101	11,179,129
SPORS		458,924	434,411
VaLORS		768,647	717,570
JRS		113,497	103,531
Pol. Subs.		3,601,170	2,802,585
Total		23,016,058	20,593,259

#### MVA

	2024	2025
State	\$ 5,404,292	\$ 4,535,147
Teachers	10,729,982	9,453,015
SPORS	429,446	396,218
VaLORS	716,554	649,166
JRS	94,899	80,225
Pol. Subs.	2,840,327	1,797,549
Total	20,215,500	16,911,320



# Summary: Unfunded OPEB Liabilities (\$000)

# **Unfunded Liability**

#### **AVA**

	2024	2025
GLI	\$ 1,260,597	\$ 1,115,507
HIC - State	691,541	624,328
HIC - Teachers	1,145,675	1,064,506
HIC - Pol. Subs.	29,409	25,570
HIC - Const. Off.	25,888	24,472
HIC - Social Svc EEs	8,264	7,645
HIC - Registrars	226	176
VSDP	(347,574)	(444,293)
VLDP - Teachers	623	1,263
VLDP - Pol. Subs.	(3,391)	(5,144)
Total	\$ 2,811,258	\$ 2,414,030

#### **MVA**

	2024	2025
GLI	\$ 1,166,536	\$ 980,861
HIC - State	689,141	613,069
HIC - Teachers	1,141,564	1,054,242
HIC - Pol. Subs.	29,409	24,118
HIC - Const. Off.	25,888	23,909
HIC - Social Svc EEs	8,264	7,524
HIC - Registrars	226	143
VSDP	(364,449)	(467,052)
VLDP - Teachers	471	828
VLDP - Pol. Subs.	(3,717)	(5,922)
Total	\$ 2,693,333	\$ 2,231,720



## Pension Inactive Participants at June 30, 2025

System	Plan 1	Plan 2	Hybrid	Total 2025	Total 2024	Percent Change
State	14,394	22,623	32,682	69,699	66,289	5.1%
Teachers	20,549	31,881	47,936	100,366	96,664	3.8%
SPORS	264	571	1	835	812	2.8%
VaLORS	2,352	12,860	-	15,212	14,268	6.6%
JRS	8	3	4	15	16	-6.3%
Pol. Sub.	27,899	50,696	56,278	134,873	127,308	5.9%
Total	65,466	118,634	136,900	321,000	305,357	5.1%

Includes counts for each plan from which members are entitled to deferred pension benefits. Members with benefits from more than one employer are counted more than once.



### Pension Retired Participants at June 30, 2025

				Total	Total	Percent
System	Plan 1	Plan 2	Hybrid	2025	2024	Change
State	70,174	2,969	895	74,038	73,100	1.3%
Teachers	110,192	3,494	894	114,580	112,565	1.8%
SPORS	1,834	48	1	1,882	1,829	2.9%
VaLORS	7,069	396	-	7,465	7,144	4.5%
JRS	571	22	20	613	597	2.7%
Pol. Sub.	84,979	5,827	1,481	92,287	89,324	3.3%
Total	274,819	12,756	3,290	290,865	284,559	2.2%

Includes counts for each plan from which members receive pension benefits.

Members with benefits from more than one employer are counted more than once.



# GLI, HIC Participants at June 30, 2024-2025

	Gr	roup Life	Insurance	HIC - State Employees		HIC - To	eachers	HIC - Political	Subdivisions	
Valuation Date (in \$thousands)	June 30	), 2025	June 30, 2024	June 30, 2025	J	June 30, 2024	June 30, 2025	June 30, 2024	June 30, 2025	June 30, 2024
Participants										
Active	(	389,086	379,583	119,94	5	116,817	160,951	156,506	40,317	39,312
Long Term Disability		2,250	2,358	2,53	4	2,660	62	54	58	56
Retirees		206,500	202,772	54,81	5	53,957	75,137	74,374	12,378	11,879
Disabled		12,140	12,446	2,20	0	2,311	3,048	3,124	1,408	1,447
Inactive, Vested		14,150	13,967	3,69	5	3,706	4,253	4,206	926	924
Inactive, Active Elsewhere in VRS		0	0	11,43	3	10,883	6,063	5,890	9,536	9,161
Total	(	624,126	611,126	194,62	2	190,334	249,514	244,154	64,623	62,779
Annual Covered Payroll	\$ 28,3	384,920	\$ 26,771,877	\$ 10,115,24	4 \$	9,574,104	\$ 11,740,521	\$ 11,009,136	\$ 2,198,684	\$ 2,062,946
Valuation Salary	25,4	454,212	24,034,698	9,210,22	7	8,708,367	10,325,860	9,709,000	1,982,188	1,860,652

	HIC - Constituti	ional Officers	HIC - Social Ser	vice Employees	HIC - Registrars			
Valuation Date (in \$thousands)	June 30, 2025	June 30, 2024	June 30, 2025	June 30, 2024	June 30, 2025	June 30, 2024		
Participants								
Active	14,652	14,269	6,652	6,460	324	312		
Long Term Disability	1	4	4	5	0	0		
Retirees	4,619	4,472	2,296	2,247	82	80		
Disabled	289	299	153	153	2	2		
Inactive, Vested	434	473	158	148	6	9		
Inactive, Active Elsewhere in VRS	3,780	3,660	3,425	3,211	49	44		
Total	23,775	23,177	12,688	12,224	463	447		
Annual Covered Payroll	\$ 1,045,810	\$ 982,051	\$ 412,369	\$ 387,181	\$ 24,290	\$ 22,603		
Valuation Salary	952,934	897,032	370,379	347,784	21,864	20,344		



## VSDP, VLDP Participants at June 30, 2024-2025

	V	SDP	VLDP -	Teachers	VLDP - Political	VLDP - Political Subdivisions		
Valuation Date (in \$thousands)	June 30, 2025	June 30, 2024	June 30, 2025	June 30, 2024	June 30, 2025	June 30, 2024		
Participants								
Number Active VSDP participants	85,767	83,922	21,564	19,367	19,399	17,153		
Number Disabled	2,040	2,142	56	50	136	121		
Number Ported	4,283	4,052	3	3	4	2		
Total	92,090	90,116	21,623	19,420	19,539	17,276		
Annual Covered Payroll	\$ 6,434,730	\$ 6,086,806	\$ 1,221,104	\$ 1,052,347	\$ 1,103,829	\$ 875,195		
Valuation Salary	5,866,109	5,542,549	1,053,819	908,057	916,700	771,757		



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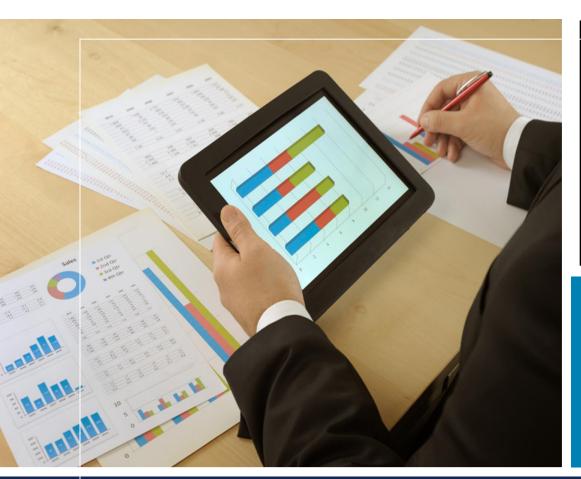
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June 30, 2025
Annual Actuarial
Valuation Results –
Line Of Duty Act Fund

Presented by: Becky Stouffer, ASA, MAAA; Jim Anderson, FSA, EA, MAAA



Benefits and Actuarial Committee November 12, 2025

# Agenda



Big Picture – Line Of Duty Act Fund

Valuation Highlights

**Appendix** 







# Line Of Duty Act Fund



### Big Picture: 2025 Actuarial Valuation Results

#### Line of Duty Death Act (LODA) develops:

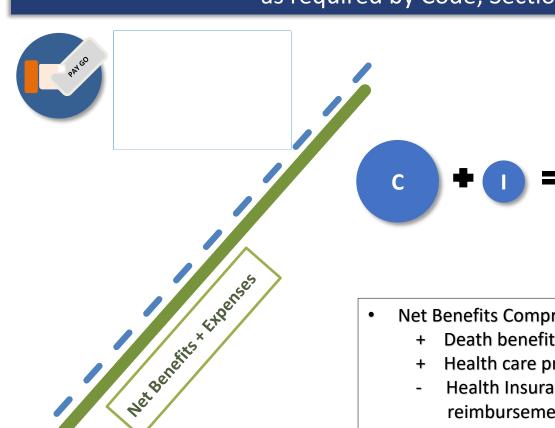
- 1. Pay-As-You-Go (PAYGO) rate per Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Employee
- Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution (for accounting purposes only)

Historically, odd year valuations determine LODA PAYGO Rate for 2 years





#### A Different Approach: LODA Based on PAYGO Financing as required by Code; Section 9.1-400.1



% of Active **Employee Payroll** 

- Net Benefits Comprised of:
  - Death benefit payments
  - Health care premium payments
  - Health Insurance Credit (HIC) reimbursements
- Expenses = Administration Costs



**Years of Time** 

### Actuarial Valuation Process - Line of Duty Act Fund

#### **Member Data**



17,445 Full Time Equivalent Employees

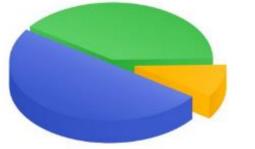
Death, Disability, and Health Care Plan Provisions



Updated with 2025 legislation



**Funding Approach** 



#### **Financial Data**



\$5 Million
Market Value

### Actuarial Assumptions



Updated in the Experience Study of 83









# JUNE 30, 2025 VALUATION RESULTS HIGHLIGHTS



## LODA Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Rate History

- FTE = \$ per full-time person
- Set at a level to cover "two" years of plan costs

Valuation Date	Fiscal Year	Board Certified Rate	Adjusted Rate	Informational Rate
6/30/2025	2027-2028*	\$1,385.00^	N/A	N/A
6/30/2024	2026	\$995.00	\$1,015.00	\$970.00
6/30/2023	2025	\$995.00	\$1,015.00	N/A
6/30/2022	2024	\$681.84	\$830.00	\$732.57
6/30/2021	2023	\$681.84	N/A	N/A

<sup>\*</sup> May be re-determined in an "informational" year

<sup>^</sup> FTE under 2024 weighting would have been \$1,300



## **LODA Active Participants**

Employer Group	FY 2024 Counts	FY 2024 Weight	FY 2024 FTEs	FY 2025 Counts	FY 2025 Weight	FY 2025 FTEs
State/VaLORS/SPORS						
Full-Time	8,316	100%	8,316	8,548	100%	8,548
Part-Time	415	100%	415	506	50%	253
Total State/VaLORS/SPORS	8,731		8,731	9,054		8,801
National Guard						
Full-Time	961	100%	961	1,050	75%	788
Part-Time	7,106	10%	711	7,062	5%	353
Total National Guard	8,067		1,672	8,112		1,141
Participating Pol. Sub.						
Full-Time	6,694	100%	6,694	6,935	100%	6,935
Part-Time	425	100%	425	471	50%	236
Volunteers	1,934	25%	484	1,664	20%	333
Total Pol. Sub. Employees	9,053		7,603	9,070		7,503
Aggregated Total	25,851		18,005	26,236		17,445

New weighting category with the recent experience study

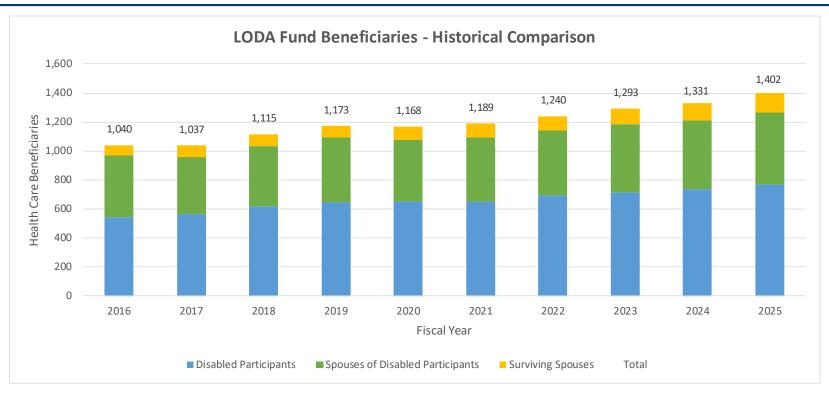
Updated weighting with the recent experience study

Lower Full Time

Total Active Count is <u>increased</u> from prior year. 2025 Count with 2024 FTE basis results in 18,632 FTEs. Equivalent count will increase the rate



# Health Care Beneficiaries: 10-year History



Beneficiary Type	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Disabled Participants	540	566	619	647	650	653	691	713	735	770
Spouses of Disabled Participants	431	394	413	447	429	440	449	471	477	495
Surviving Spouses	69	77	83	79	89	96	100	109	119	137
Total	1,040	1,037	1,115	1,173	1,168	1,189	1,240	1,293	1,331	1,402



#### **Health Care Premiums**

Premium amounts reflect recent claims experience of current LODA beneficiaries

		FY 2026			
Membership Level	LODA Plan Current LODA Employment <sup>1</sup>	LODA Plan Former LODA Employment <sup>1</sup>	Medicare Primary <sup>1,2</sup>		Medicare Part B Premium <sup>3</sup>
Single	\$1,231	\$1,270	\$405		\$206.50
Two Person	\$2,100	\$2,136	N/A		N/A
Family (3 or more family members)	\$2,977	\$3,012	N/A		N/A
		FY 2025			
Membership Level	LODA Plan Current LODA Employment <sup>1</sup>	LODA Plan Former LODA Employment <sup>1</sup>	Medicare Primary <sup>1,2</sup>		Medicare Part B Premium <sup>3</sup>
Single	\$1,149	\$1,186	\$346	l	\$185.00
Two Person	\$1,961	\$1,995	N/A		N/A
Family (3 or more	\$2,780	\$2,812	N/A		N/A

For Medicare eligible members: premiums increased 17.1% vs. 6.50% expected.

Medicare Part B premiums increased 11.6% vs. 3.4% expected.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 3}$  Rate effective January 1 following the Fiscal Year . From Trustees Report.



For Non-Medicare members: premiums increased 7.1% vs. 7.25% expected.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 1}$  Provided by Department of Human Resource Management (DHRM) .

 $<sup>^{2}</sup>$  Rate effective January 1 within the Fiscal Year  $\boldsymbol{.}$ 

#### **Health Care Trends**

Assumed trend for future health care costs is reviewed each valuation year

- Forward looking best estimate based upon national surveys
- Prior Year Rates
  - Pre-65: 7.25% initially, decreasing over 9 years to a 4.25% ult.
  - Post-65: 6.50% initially, decreasing over 9 years to a 4.25% ult.
- Current Year Rates
  - Pre-65: 7.75% initially, decreasing over 12 years to a 4.25% ult.
  - Post-65: 6.50% initially, decreasing over 10 years to a 4.25% ult.



## Market Value Assets: Year Ending June 30, 2025

Line of Duty Act:		
Beginning balance	4,840,570	
Additions:		
Member contributions	-	
Employer contributions	18,276,429	
Health Insurance Credit Offset	544,328	
Administrative expenses - Non-Participating	180,250	
Total additions	19,001,007	Expected Net Benefits:
Deductions:		\$17.8M
Line of Duty Act reimbursements		,
Health Care Benefits	18,426,630	A at at Nat Base Cite
Death Benefits	430,333	Actual Net Benefits:
Administrative expenses - Participating	951,273	\$18.3M
Administrative expenses - Non-Participating	180,250	
Other expenses	-	
Total deductions	19,988,486	
Investment Income (Net)	1,119,030	Expected Inv. Return: \$910k
Ending balance	4,972,121	70-011



LODA fund assets expected to earn 6.75% return

# Actual vs. Expected Benefit Payments

FY 2025								
Type of Benefit	Expected	Actual						
Health Insurance Benefits	\$17,669,141	\$18,426,630						
Death Benefits	\$654,233	\$430,333						
HIC Offsets	(\$528,834)	(\$544,328)						
Total	\$17,794,540	\$18,312,635						

Death benefit expectations are driven by the prior year benefit change \$75,000 lump sum death benefit



# Legislation

- HB 1815 and SB 1142 Adds private institutions of higher education and contributing private police departments to Line of Duty Act
- The legislation sets the election window for existing qualified police departments for a period of 180 days, starting July 1, 2025
- VRS to provide a list of the employers that choose to elect LODA benefits once the election period has closed
  - Inquiries are minimal;
  - Election window is still open



## Putting It All Together: Development of LODA Employer Costs Per Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Rate

#### Combine

- Demographics of group as of June 30, 2025
- Health care premium rates as of June 30, 2025
- Health care trend and other actuarial assumptions
- Health Insurance Credit (HIC) Program
   Reimbursements
- Administrative Expenses
  - Net fiscal year 2025 amount is \$951,273 assumed to increase at 3% per annum for future years



### Putting It All Together: Fiscal Years 2026-2028

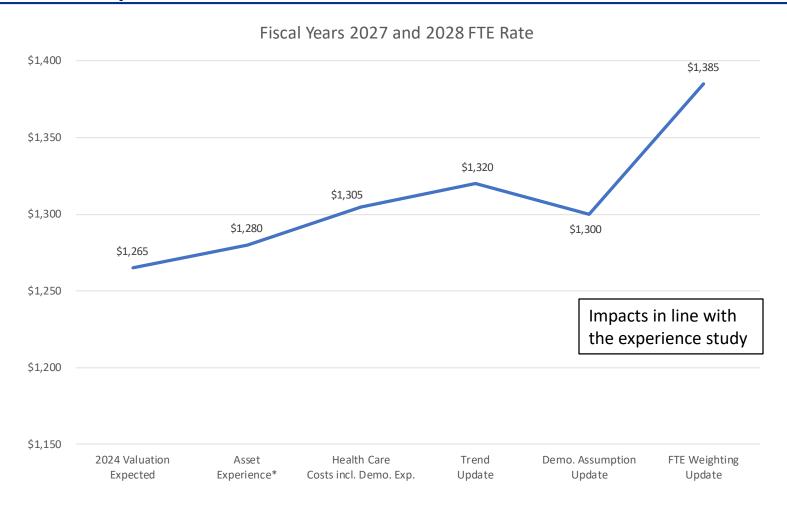
	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
FTE Employees	17,445	17,445	17,445
Employer Contributions <sup>1</sup>	\$ 18,920,260	\$ 24,139,723	\$ 24,139,723
Benefit Costs	(20,597,102)	(23,433,284)	(25,805,804)
Administrative Expenses	(979,811)	(1,009,205)	(1,039,481)
Investment Income	884,515	1,020,496	987,849
Net Cash Flow	(1,772,138)	717,730	(1,717,713)
End of Year Position <sup>2</sup>	3,199,983	3,917,713	2,200,000



 $<sup>^{\</sup>it 1}$  Based on known FY 2026 invoiced amount and \$1,385/FTE for FY 2027 and FY2028

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> FYE 2028 target of one month claim reserve was set equal to \$2,200,000

# Putting it All Together: Reflecting Fiscal Year 2025 Experience



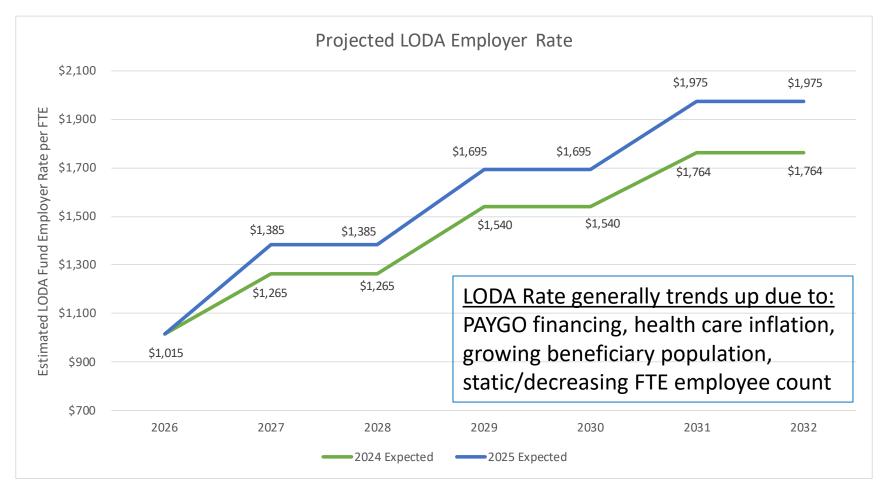


### LODA: 2025 Valuation Conclusions

- LODA Fund contributions are increased, in the current year, primarily due to:
  - Health care inflation
  - Increasing number of beneficiaries
  - Active population increased but
    - Experience study updated weightings led to a decrease in the FTE count



# LODA: Looking Ahead







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# **APPENDIX**



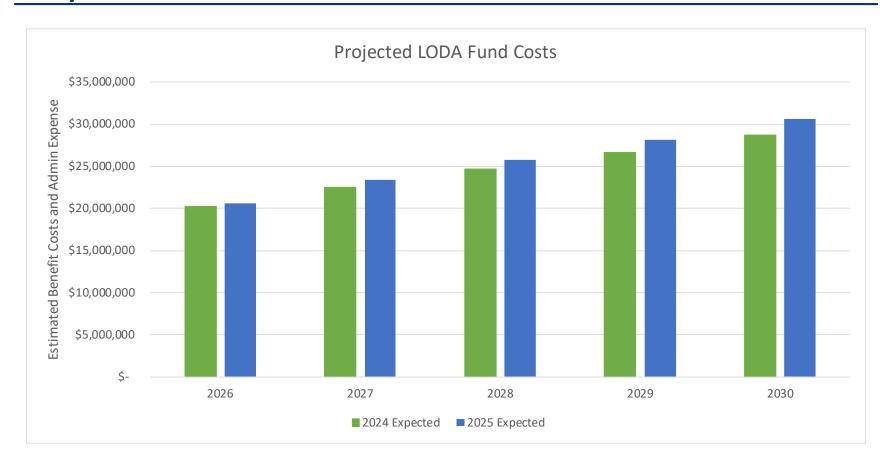
## Initial Monthly Per Capita Costs – Model Inputs

Valuation Date	Non- Medicare^	% Increase	Medicare Primary Including Medicare Part B	% Increase
June 30, 2025	\$1,662.82	8.5%	\$611.50	15.2%
June 30, 2024	\$1,532.23	8.0%	\$531.00	11.4%
June 30, 2023	\$1,418.67	4.0%	\$476.70	3.4%
June 30, 2022	\$1,413.08	7.1%	\$460.90	(0.5%)
June 30, 2021	\$1,319.01	N/A	\$463.10	N/A

^Non-Medicare: Includes the additional cost for coverage of dependent children



# Putting It All Together: Projected Benefit Payments





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