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## UNDERSTANDING NEW LEGISLATION — REEMPLOYMENT OF RETIRED PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS

[Senate Bill 1054](#) was passed by the Idaho Legislature and signed by the Governor on March 20, 2023. This legislation will become effective July 1, 2023, and amends Idaho Code §59-1356 to allow for the reemployment of certain retired members.

Under Idaho Code §59-1356(6) a retired member may return to work in a full-time capacity for any PERSI employer and continue to receive their PERSI retirement benefit, if the following conditions are met:

- Was employed as a public safety member at the time of termination;
  - » A public safety member is one who had Police Officer Member status, as defined in Idaho Code §59-1303, or was employed as a Firefighter, as defined in Idaho Code §59-1302(16).
- Has a date of last contribution on or after July 1, 2023;
- Retired on or after August 1, 2023, and has received a benefit payment;
- Retired on or after age fifty (50);

- Has completed a thirty (30) day break in service from all PERSI employers; and
  - » A member's break in service begins the day after termination of employment.
- Has not been guaranteed or promised re-employment by any PERSI employer.

If the above conditions are satisfied, a retired public safety member may elect to continue receiving benefits and not accrue additional service credit. In this situation, member and employer contributions must be made at the rate established for public safety members. A member does not need to be reemployed as a public safety member, but contributions are required at the public safety member rate regardless of the position the retired public safety member is hired into.

***Idaho Code §59-1315*** provides that revisions to Idaho Code are prospective only and that a member's benefits are determined based upon the terms of the plan on the date of the member's contribution as an active member. With the effective date of this legislation being July 1, 2023, members who have a date of last contribution

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and retirement date prior to July 1, 2023, are not eligible to return to work under Idaho Code §59-1356(6).

\*If a member does not meet the requirements for reemployment under Idaho Code §59-1356(6), the other provisions of Idaho Code §59-1356 apply.

\* Reemployment under Idaho Code §59-1356(6) is not guaranteed and all employment decisions are left to the employer.

If you have questions, call the PERSI Answer Center at 1-800-451-8228 or 208-334-3365.

## LET PERSI KNOW IF YOUR INFORMATION HAS CHANGED

As a retiree, you have options for keeping your contact information current with PERSI. Your quickest and most convenient option may be to submit updates online in your *myPERSI* portal. You will need to be registered for a *myPERSI* account before you can make any updates.

To register for a *myPERSI* account, you will need to request and receive a PIN number through the US mail.

Once you receive your PIN number, you may use your PIN number to register for a *myPERSI* account and then make updates.

Another option is to call PERSI and speak with a customer service representative who will direct you to the appropriate paper form.

The following will specify what is required to make updates to your mailing address, phone number, and email address:

### MAILING ADDRESS

Update your mailing address in your *myPERSI* account under the “Personal Info” tab in the *myPERSI* portal.

You may update your mailing address by mailing, emailing, or faxing a completed Member Mailing Address Change form to PERSI.

**NOTE:** Updating your mailing address with PERSI only updates your mailing address with PERSI and your PERSI Choice 401(k) Plan account, if you have one.

You will still need to update your mailing address with the United States Postal Service.

### PHONE NUMBER

Update your phone number by calling PERSI or you may update it in your *myPERSI* account.

**NOTE:** Updating your phone number with PERSI only updates your phone number with PERSI and your PERSI Choice 401(k) Plan account, if you have one. Also, PERSI does not text any information.

### EMAIL ADDRESS

If you need to change your email address, log into your *myPERSI* account and change it in your profile. Keep in mind, your email address is also your username for *myPERSI*.

PERSI will only email personal financial information to an email address that is registered and authenticated through the *myPERSI* online registration process.

**NOTE:** Email addresses cannot be updated over the phone.

### PERSI CHOICE 401(k) PLAN

By updating your contact information with PERSI, your PERSI Choice 401(k) Plan account will also be updated.

If you have questions, please call the PERSI Answer Center at 1-800-451-8228 or 208-334-3365.



## PERSI RETIREMENT BOARD UPDATE

PERSI congratulated Celia R. Gould on her dedicated service as a trustee on the PERSI Retirement Board this May. She served as a trustee from 2015 to 2023 (June 30), and has provided over thirty (30) years of public service to the State of Idaho.

Trustee Gould was a strong advocate for all public employees and served an important role with all state agencies, the executive branch, and the legislature.

During her tenure, assets grew from \$14,666,446,085 to \$20,058,404,443 and total membership grew from 139,492 to 177,802.

“It has been an honor serving with Celia. As a Board, we have been fortunate to have such an exceptional example of public service. The Board looks forward to welcoming Lori Wolff and working with her going forward.” said Chairman Jeff Cilek.

Governor Brad Little has appointed Ms. Lori Wolff, Administrator of the Division of Human Resources, to replace Trustee Gould on the PERSI Retirement Board. Ms. Wolff has over two (2) decades of public service to the State of Idaho. Ms. Wolff's term begins July 1, 2023.

## THE POCATELLO OFFICE HAS MOVED

The Pocatello PERSI office has moved. The new location is at:

**305 N. 3rd Avenue, Suite B  
Pocatello, Idaho 83201**

If you have questions, please call the PERSI Answer Center at 1-800-451-8228 or 208-334-3365.

## NEED HELP WITH MEDICARE?

Whether you are already retired or still working but nearing age 65, you may be confused about how Medicare works and the many other options you have for health insurance. Idaho's Senior Health Insurance Benefits Advisors (SHIBA) program can help.

SHIBA is a part of the Idaho Department of Insurance and has three main goals:

- Help people understand Medicare – how it works, the advantages and disadvantages of each option, and how to avoid costly mistakes like coverage gaps, penalties, and enrollment errors.
- Help Idahoans find the right plan for their health, prescriptions, and individual needs.
- Provide assistance with complaints, appeals, and grievances in the event of claim denials, billing disputes, or other issues.

SHIBA counselors can help you apply for assistance to pay for prescription drug costs, learn about Medicare options if you are under age 65, and provide the most current Medicare information. SHIBA has many counseling sites throughout Idaho, and multiple Certified Medicare Counselors are available to assist beneficiaries or their caregivers. Services are free and unbiased.

To learn more about SHIBA, register for a SHIBA Medicare workshop, or schedule an appointment with a counselor, call 1-800-247-4422.

For more information about SHIBA, visit the website at <https://doi.idaho.gov/shiba/>





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## VOLUNTEER AS A TOUR GUIDE AT THE IDAHO STATE CAPITOL!

Are you looking for volunteer opportunities, while still being of service to the State of Idaho?

The Idaho State Capitol Tour Program is looking for volunteer tour guides.

We have flexible schedules (you choose which tours work for your schedule), hands-on-shadowing opportunities for training, as well as the chance to see the excitement of visitors from 3rd grade through 100 years old and from all 50 states and international visitors as well!

Contact [capitol tours@iso.idaho.gov](mailto:capitol tours@iso.idaho.gov) or call 208-332-1012 with questions.

<https://legislature.idaho.gov/capitol/tours/>

## UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

PERSI will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

- Tuesday, July 4 – Independence Day
- Monday, September 4 – Labor Day

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## RETIREMENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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