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## AN ACT

- Amending Titles 24 (Education) and 71 (State Government) of the 2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, revising provisions 3 relating to investments of the Public School Employees' Retirement Board and the State Employees' Retirement Board, 5 respectively; excepting such boards from terms, conditions, 6 limitations and restrictions imposed on other administrative 7 boards of the Commonwealth in making investments; and 8 adopting prudent-person rule in lieu of specific "legal list" 9 of authorized investments. 10 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 11 hereby enacts as follows: 12 Section 1. Section 8521 of Title 24 of the Pennsylvania 13 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:
- 14 § 8521. Management of fund and accounts.
- 15 (a) Control and management of fund. -- The members of the
- 16 board shall be the trustees of the fund [and]. Regardless of any
- 17 other provision of law governing the investments of funds under
- 18 the control of an administrative board of the Commonwealth, the
- 19 trustees shall have exclusive control and management of the said
- 20 fund and full power to invest the same in accordance with the
- 21 provisions of this section, subject, however, to the exercise of

- 1 that degree of judgment and care under the circumstances then
- 2 prevailing which persons of prudence, discretion and
- 3 intelligence who are familiar with such matters exercise in the
- 4 management of their own affairs not in regard to speculation,
- 5 but in regard to the permanent disposition of the fund,
- 6 considering the probable income to be derived therefrom as well
- 7 as the probable safety of their capital[, and further subject to
- 8 all the terms, conditions, limitations, and restrictions imposed
- 9 by this part or other law upon the making of investments.
- 10 Subject to like terms, conditions, limitations, and
- 11 restrictions, said]. The board shall, when possible and
- 12 consistent with the standard of prudence imposed by this
- 13 <u>subsection</u>, invest in any project or business which promotes
- 14 employment of Pennsylvania residents. The trustees shall have
- 15 the power to hold, purchase, sell, lend, assign, transfer, or
- 16 dispose of any of the securities and investments in which any of
- 17 the moneys in the fund shall have been invested as well as of
- 18 the proceeds of said investments and of any moneys belonging to
- 19 said fund, subject in every case to meeting the standard of
- 20 prudence set forth in this subsection.
- 21 (b) Crediting of interest. -- The board annually shall allow
- 22 statutory interest to the credit of the members' savings account
- 23 on the mean amount of the accumulated deductions of all members
- 24 for whom interest is payable for the preceding year and
- 25 valuation interest on the mean amount of the annuity reserve
- 26 account for the preceding year to the credit of that account.
- 27 The board annually shall allow valuation interest calculated on
- 28 the mean amount for the preceding year of the balance in the
- 29 State accumulation account excluding any earnings of the fund
- 30 credited to the account during that year. In the event the total

- 1 earnings for the year do not exceed 5 1/2% of the mean amount
- 2 for the preceding year of the total assets of the fund less
- 3 earnings credited to the fund during that year plus the
- 4 administrative expenses of the board, the difference required to
- 5 be appropriated from the General Fund shall be credited to the
- 6 State accumulation account.
- 7 (c) Custodian of fund. -- The State Treasurer shall be the
- 8 custodian of the fund.
- 9 (d) Payments from fund.--All payments from the fund shall be
- 10 made by the State Treasurer in accordance with requisitions
- 11 signed by the secretary of the board, or his designee, and
- 12 ratified by resolution of the board.
- (e) Fiduciary status of board. -- The members of the board,
- 14 employees of the board, and agents thereof shall stand in a
- 15 fiduciary relationship to the members of the system regarding
- 16 the investments and disbursements of any of the moneys of the
- 17 fund and shall not profit either directly or indirectly with
- 18 respect thereto.
- 19 (f) Name for transacting business.--By the name of "The
- 20 Public School Employees' Retirement System" or "The Public
- 21 School Employes' Retirement System" all of the business of the
- 22 system shall be transacted, its fund invested, all requisitions
- 23 for money drawn and payments made, and all of its cash and
- 24 securities and other property shall be held, except that, any
- 25 other law to the contrary notwithstanding, the board may
- 26 establish a nominee registration procedure for the purpose of
- 27 registering securities in order to facilitate the purchase,
- 28 sale, or other disposition of securities pursuant to the
- 29 provisions of this part.
- 30 (g) Deposits in banks and trust companies.--For the purpose

- 1 of meeting disbursements for annuities and other payments in
- 2 excess of the receipts, there shall be kept available by the
- 3 State Treasurer an amount, not exceeding 10% of the total amount
- 4 in the fund, on deposit in any bank, savings bank or savings and
- 5 loan association in this Commonwealth organized under the laws
- 6 thereof or under the laws of the United States or with any trust
- 7 company or companies incorporated by any law of this
- 8 Commonwealth, provided any of such banks, trust companies,
- 9 savings banks or savings and loan associations shall furnish
- 10 adequate security for said deposit. The sum deposited in any one
- 11 bank or trust company shall not exceed 25% of the paid-up
- 12 capital and surplus of said bank or trust company or, in the
- 13 case of savings banks or savings and loan associations, shall
- 14 not exceed 25% of the unappropriated surplus.
- 15 [(h) Investment in corporate stocks.--Preferred and common
- 16 stock of any corporation organized under the laws of the United
- 17 States or of any commonwealth or state thereof or of the
- 18 District of Columbia and preferred and common stock as defined
- 19 in subsection (i) of any corporation as defined in subsection
- 20 (j) whose shares are traded in United States dollars on the New
- 21 York Stock Exchange and American Stock Exchange shall be an
- 22 authorized investment of the fund, provided that they fulfill
- 23 certain guidelines in paragraph (1), regardless of any other
- 24 provision of law provided that:
- 25 (1) in the case of any stock other than stock of a bank
- or insurance company, the stock is listed or traded (or if
- 27 unlisted or not entitled to trading privileges shall be
- 28 eligible for listing and application for such listing shall
- 29 have been made) on the New York Stock Exchange or American
- 30 Stock Exchange. No investment in the stock of corporations

- 1 not organized under the laws of the United States or of any
- 2 commonwealth or state thereof or of the District of Columbia
- 3 shall be made which would cause the book value of such
- 4 investment to exceed 5% of the book value of the total assets
- of the fund. Shares of banks and insurance companies shall be
- 6 eligible for purchase whether or not traded on the New York
- 7 Stock Exchange. The shares of unlisted nonfinancial companies
- 8 shall be eligible for purchase provided such corporations
- 9 produce revenue of \$200,000,000 or more in their most recent
- 10 fiscal year-end and have paid cash dividends for the past
- 11 five or more consecutive years;
- 12 (2) no investment in common stock be made which at that
- time would cause the book value of the investments in common
- 14 stock to exceed 50% of the total assets of the fund;
- 15 (3) the amount invested in the common stock of any one
- 16 company shall not exceed at cost 2% of the book value of the
- 17 assets of the fund at the time of purchase and shall not
- 18 exceed 5% of the issued and outstanding common stock of that
- 19 company; and
- 20 (4) the percentage limitations of paragraph (3) shall
- 21 not apply to the reinvestment of funds realized from the sale
- or transfer of common stocks and no sale or other liquidation
- of any investment shall be required solely because of any
- 24 change in market values whereby the percentages of stocks set
- 25 forth in this subsection are exceeded.
- 26 (i) Common stock defined.--"Common stock" as used in
- 27 subsection (h) shall include the stock certificates,
- 28 certificates of beneficial interests, or trust participation
- 29 certificates issued by any corporation or unincorporated
- 30 association included under the definition of "corporation" in

- 1 subsection (j).
- 2 (j) Corporation defined.--"Corporation" as used in
- 3 subsection (h) shall include a voluntary association, a joint-
- 4 stock association or company, a business trust, a Massachusetts
- 5 trust, a common-law trust, and any other organization organized
- 6 and existing for any lawful purpose and which like a
- 7 corporation, continues to exist, notwithstanding changes in the
- 8 personnel of its members or participants and conducts its
- 9 affairs through a committee, a board, or some other group acting
- 10 in a representative capacity.
- 11 (k) Investment in real estate and mortgages.--Real estate,
- 12 whether direct or through pooled funds, including but not
- 13 limited to real estate which shall not require managerial
- 14 responsibility by the board; and bonds, notes and deeds of
- 15 trust, of individuals or corporations secured by mortgages on
- 16 real estate located in any state, district or territory of the
- 17 United States, shall be an authorized investment of the board
- 18 regardless of any other provision of law. All instruments,
- 19 transfers of interest, and all records pertaining to real
- 20 estate, mortgages or bonds invested in by the board, shall be
- 21 open to public inspection.
- 22 (1) Additional board power on investments.--Regardless of
- 23 any limitations, conditions or restrictions imposed on the
- 24 making of investments by this part or other law, the board may,
- 25 at its discretion, invest a maximum of 10% of the book value of
- 26 the assets of the fund in any investments not otherwise
- 27 specifically authorized, provided that such investments are made
- 28 with the exercise of that degree of judgment and care under the
- 29 circumstances then prevailing which persons of prudence,
- 30 discretion and intelligence who are familiar with such matters

- 1 exercise in the management of their own affairs not in regard to
- 2 speculation, but in regard to the permanent disposition of the
- 3 fund, considering the probable income to be derived therefrom as
- 4 well as the probable safety of their capital.
- 5 (m) Obligations of United States to be authorized
- 6 investments. -- Regardless of any other provision of law,
- 7 obligations of the United States Government and its agencies
- 8 shall be authorized investments of the fund.
- 9 (n) Vehicles for authorized investments.--The board may make
- 10 any investments authorized in this part or other law by becoming
- 11 a limited partner in partnerships that will hold such
- 12 investments, or by acquiring shares or units of participation or
- 13 otherwise participating beneficially in bank collective trusts
- 14 or in separate accounts of any insurance company authorized to
- 15 do business in this Commonwealth, or by acquiring stocks or
- 16 shares or units of participation or otherwise participating
- 17 beneficially in the fund of any corporation or trust organized
- 18 or existing under the laws of the United States or of any state,
- 19 district or territory thereof which fund is maintained for and
- 20 consists of assets of employees' benefit trusts (including
- 21 governmental plans as defined in section 414(d) of the Internal
- 22 Revenue Code of 1986 (Public Law 99-514, 26 U.S.C. § 414(d)), as
- 23 from time to time amended) which meet the requirements for
- 24 qualification under section 401 of the Internal Revenue Code of
- 25 1986; provided that, in any such case, the liability of the
- 26 Public School Employees' Retirement Fund shall be limited to the
- 27 amount of its investment. In the case of authorized investments
- 28 in real estate or interests therein, the board's acquisition of
- 29 the stock or shares of or its other participation beneficially
- 30 in the fund or any such vehicle (including any entity organized

- 1 and maintained as a vehicle for an investment or investments of
- 2 the board exclusively) shall not be deemed an investment in the
- 3 common stock as defined in subsection (i) of any corporation as
- 4 defined in subsection (j) for the purposes of any limitation on
- 5 investment in corporate stocks set forth in subsection (h).
- 6 (o)] (h) Venture capital.--[The provisions of subsection (1)
- 7 notwithstanding, venture] <u>Venture</u> capital investments [made
- 8 through limited partnerships and through separate accounts]
- 9 shall be limited to not more than 2% of the book value of the
- 10 total assets of the fund as determined for financial statement
- 11 purpose as of June 30 next preceding the date of investment. [A
- 12 venture capital investment shall be made only if such investment
- 13 will enhance the general welfare of this Commonwealth and its
- 14 citizens through economic development and meets the standard of
- 15 prudence set forth in subsection (1)]. An investment shall be
- 16 deemed a venture capital investment if it results in the
- 17 acquisition of equity interests or a combination of debt and
- 18 equity [interests in a business which is expected to grow
- 19 substantially in the future and in which the expected return on
- 20 investment is to come predominantly from an increase in value of
- 21 the equity interest and that are not held through or secured by
- 22 stock that is an authorized investment under the authority of
- 23 subsection (h)] <u>interests</u> and are not interests in or secured by
- 24 real estate. A venture capital investment may be made only if,
- 25 <u>in the judgment of the board, the investment is reasonably</u>
- 26 <u>likely to enhance the general welfare of this Commonwealth and</u>
- 27 its citizens and meets the standard of prudence set forth in
- 28 <u>subsection (a). In determining whether the investment meets the</u>
- 29 standard of prudence, the board may consider, together with the
- 30 expected return on and the risk characteristics of the

- 1 particular investment, the actual and expected further returns
- 2 and the risk characteristics of the total venture capital
- 3 <u>investments held by the board at the time and the degree to</u>
- 4 <u>which proposed new investment would promote further</u>
- 5 diversification within the venture capital asset class.
- 6 (i) Vehicles for authorized investments.--The board in its
- 7 prudent discretion may make any investments which meet the
- 8 standard of prudence set forth in subsection (a) by becoming a
- 9 <u>limited partner in partnerships that will hold such investments</u>,
- 10 or by acquiring shares or units of participation or otherwise
- 11 participating beneficially in bank collective trusts or in the
- 12 <u>separate accounts of any insurance company authorized to do</u>
- 13 <u>business in this Commonwealth, or by acquiring stocks or shares</u>
- 14 or units of participation or otherwise participating
- 15 <u>beneficially in the fund of any corporation or trust organized</u>
- 16 or existing under the laws of the United States or of any state,
- 17 district or territory thereof which fund is maintained for and
- 18 consists of assets of employees' benefit trusts, including
- 19 governmental plans as defined in section 414(d) of the Internal
- 20 Revenue Code of 1986 (Public Law 99-514, 26 U.S.C. § 1 et seq.),
- 21 as from time to time amended, which meet the requirements for
- 22 qualification under section 401 of the Internal Revenue Code of
- 23 1986, provided that, in any such case, the liability of the fund
- 24 shall be limited to the amount of its investment.
- 25 (j) Legislative declaration concerning certain authorized
- 26 investments. -- The General Assembly finds and declares that
- 27 authorized investments of the fund, made by or in behalf of the
- 28 board pursuant to this section whereby the board becomes a joint
- 29 <u>owner or stockholder in any company, corporation or association,</u>
- 30 are outside the scope of the original intent of, and therefor do

- 1 not violate the prohibition set forth in section 8 of Article
- 2 VIII of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.
- 3 Section 2. Section 5931 of Title 71 is amended to read:
- 4 § 5931. Management of fund and accounts.
- 5 (a) Control and management of fund. -- The members of the
- 6 board shall be the trustees of the fund [and]. Regardless of any
- 7 <u>other provision of law governing the investments of funds under</u>
- 8 the control of an administrative board of the Commonwealth, the
- 9 trustees shall have exclusive control and management of the said
- 10 fund and full power to invest the same in accordance with the
- 11 provisions of this section, subject, however, to the exercise of
- 12 that degree of judgment, skill and care under the circumstances
- 13 then prevailing which persons of prudence, discretion and
- 14 intelligence, who are familiar with such matters, exercise in
- 15 the management of their own affairs not in regard to
- 16 speculation, but in regard to the permanent disposition of the
- 17 funds, considering the probable income to be derived therefrom
- 18 as well as the probable safety of their capital[, and further
- 19 subject to all the terms, conditions, limitations and
- 20 restrictions imposed by this part or other law upon the making
- 21 of investments]. The board shall, when possible and consistent
- 22 with the [terms, conditions, limitations, responsibilities and
- 23 restrictions] standard of prudence imposed by this subsection
- 24 [or other law], invest in any project or business which promotes
- 25 employment of Pennsylvania residents. [Subject to like terms,
- 26 conditions, limitations and restrictions, said] The trustees
- 27 shall have the power to hold, purchase, sell, lend, assign,
- 28 transfer or dispose of any of the securities and investments in
- 29 which any of the moneys in the fund shall have been invested as
- 30 well as of the proceeds of said investments and of any moneys

- 1 belonging to said fund, subject in every case to meeting the
- 2 standard of prudence set forth in this subsection.
- 3 (b) Crediting of interest. -- The board, annually, shall allow
- 4 the required interest on the mean amount for the preceding year
- 5 to the credit of each of the accounts. The amount so allowed
- 6 shall be credited thereto by the board and transferred from the
- 7 interest reserve account.
- 8 (c) Custodian of fund.--The State Treasurer shall be the
- 9 custodian of the fund.
- 10 (d) Payments from fund.--All payments from the fund shall be
- 11 made by the State Treasurer in accordance with requisitions
- 12 signed by the secretary of the board, or his designee, and
- 13 ratified by resolution of the board.
- 14 (e) Fiduciary status of board. -- The members of the board,
- 15 employees of the board and agents thereof shall stand in a
- 16 fiduciary relationship to the members of the system regarding
- 17 the investments and disbursements of any of the moneys of the
- 18 fund and shall not profit either directly or indirectly with
- 19 respect thereto.
- 20 (f) Name for transacting business.--By the name of "The
- 21 State Employees' Retirement System" or "The State Employes'
- 22 Retirement System" all of the business of the system shall be
- 23 transacted, its fund invested, all requisitions for money drawn
- 24 and payments made, and all of its cash and securities and other
- 25 property shall be held, except that, any other law to the
- 26 contrary notwithstanding, the board may establish a nominee
- 27 registration procedure for the purpose of registering securities
- 28 in order to facilitate the purchase, sale or other disposition
- 29 of securities pursuant to the provisions of this law.
- 30 (g) Deposits in banks and trust companies.--For the purpose

- 1 of meeting disbursements for annuities and other payments in
- 2 excess of the receipts, there shall be kept available by the
- 3 State Treasurer an amount, not exceeding 10% of the total amount
- 4 in the fund, on deposit in any bank or banks in this
- 5 Commonwealth organized under the laws thereof or under the laws
- 6 of the United States or with any trust company or companies
- 7 incorporated by any law of this Commonwealth, provided any of
- 8 such banks or trust companies shall furnish adequate security
- 9 for said deposit, and provided that the sum so deposited in any
- 10 one bank or trust company shall not exceed 25% of the paid-up
- 11 capital and surplus of said bank or trust company.
- 12 [(h) Investment in corporate stocks.--Preferred and common
- 13 stock as defined in subsection (i) of any corporation as defined
- 14 in subsection (j) organized under the laws of the United States
- 15 or of any commonwealth or state thereof or of the District of
- 16 Columbia and preferred and common stock as defined in subsection
- 17 (i) of any corporation as defined in subsection (j) whose shares
- 18 are traded in United States dollars on the New York Stock
- 19 Exchange shall be authorized investments of the fund, regardless
- 20 of any other provision of law provided that:
- 21 (1) no investment in common stock be made which at that
- time would cause the book value of the investments in common
- 23 stock to exceed 50% of the total assets of the fund;
- 24 (2) the amount invested in the common stock of any one
- company not exceed at cost 2% of the book value of the assets
- of the fund at the time of purchase and shall not exceed 5%
- of the issued and outstanding common stock of that company;
- 28 (3) no investment in the stock of corporations not
- organized under the laws of the United States or of any
- 30 commonwealth or state thereof or of the District of Columbia

- 1 shall be made which would cause the book value of such
- 2 investment to exceed 5% of the book value of the total assets
- 3 of the fund; and
- 4 (4) no sale or other liquidation of any investment be
- 5 required solely because of any change in market values
- 6 whereby the percentages of stocks hereinabove set forth are
- 7 exceeded.
- 8 (i) Common stock defined.--"Common stock" as used in
- 9 subsection (h) shall include the stock certificates,
- 10 certificates of beneficial interests or trust participation
- 11 certificates issued by any corporation or unincorporated
- 12 association included under the definition of "corporation" in
- 13 the following paragraph.
- 14 (j) Corporation defined.--"Corporation" as used in
- 15 subsection (h) shall include a voluntary association, a joint-
- 16 stock association or company, a business trust, a Massachusetts
- 17 trust, a common-law trust and any other organization organized
- 18 and existing for any lawful purpose and which like a
- 19 corporation, continues to exist, notwithstanding changes in the
- 20 personnel of its members or participants and conducts its
- 21 affairs through a committee, a board or some other group acting
- 22 in a representative capacity.
- 23 (k) Investment in real estate and mortgages.--Real estate
- 24 subject to a lease to one or more financially responsible
- 25 tenants which lease shall not require managerial responsibility
- 26 by the board; and bonds, notes and deeds of trust, of
- 27 individuals or corporations secured by mortgages on real estate
- 28 located in any state, district or territory of the United
- 29 States, shall be an authorized investment of the board
- 30 regardless of any other provision of law. The board shall

- 1 promulgate regulations to implement the foregoing to insure the
- 2 safety of investments made pursuant to this subsection which
- 3 regulations shall be in accordance with generally accepted
- 4 standards and investment principles for pension funds of
- 5 comparable size. All instruments, transfers of interest, and all
- 6 records pertaining to real estate, mortgages or bonds invested
- 7 in by the board, shall be open to public inspection. Reports as
- 8 requested by the board, shall be submitted on all real estate
- 9 and mortgage investments by mortgage advisors and
- 10 correspondents.
- 11 (1) Investment in institutional real estate.--Institutional
- 12 real estate funds shall be an authorized investment of the fund
- 13 provided that no investment shall be made which, at the time of
- 14 purchase, would cause the book value of such investments to
- 15 exceed 15% of the book value of the total assets of the fund.
- 16 (m) Additional board power on investments.--Regardless of
- 17 any limitations, conditions or restrictions imposed on the
- 18 making of investments by this part or other law, the board may,
- 19 at its discretion, invest a maximum of 10% of the book value of
- 20 the assets of the fund in any investments not otherwise
- 21 specifically authorized, provided that such investments are made
- 22 with the exercise of that degree of judgment, skill and care
- 23 under the circumstances then prevailing which persons of
- 24 prudence, discretion and intelligence, who are familiar with
- 25 such matters, exercise in the management of their own affairs
- 26 not in regard to speculation, but in regard to the permanent
- 27 disposition of the funds, considering the probable income to be
- 28 derived therefrom as well as the probable safety of their
- 29 capital.
- 30 (n) Obligations of United States to be authorized

- 1 investments. -- Regardless of any other provision of law,
- 2 obligations of the United States Government and its agencies
- 3 shall be authorized investments of the fund.
- 4 (o) Holding entities for authorized investments.--The board
- 5 may make any investments authorized by this part or other law by
- 6 becoming a limited partner in partnerships that will hold such
- 7 investments, or by acquiring shares or units of participation or
- 8 otherwise participating beneficially in bank collective trusts
- 9 or in separate accounts of any insurance company authorized to
- 10 do business in this Commonwealth, or by acquiring stocks or
- 11 shares or units of participation or otherwise participating
- 12 beneficially in the fund of any corporation or trust organized
- 13 or existing under the laws of the United States or of any state,
- 14 district or territory thereof which fund is maintained for and
- 15 consists of assets of employees' benefit trusts, including
- 16 governmental plans as defined in section 414(d) of the Internal
- 17 Revenue Code of 1986 (Public Law 99-514, 26 U.S.C. § 414(d)), or
- 18 which meet the requirements for qualification under section 401
- 19 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, provided that, in any such
- 20 case, the liability of the State Employees' Retirement Fund
- 21 shall be limited to the amount of its investment. In the case of
- 22 authorized investments in real estate or interests therein, the
- 23 board's acquisition of the stock or shares of or its other
- 24 participation beneficially in the fund of any such vehicle,
- 25 including any entity organized and maintained as a vehicle for
- 26 an investment or investments of the board exclusively, shall not
- 27 be deemed an investment in the common stock as defined in
- 28 subsection (i) of any corporation as defined in subsection (j)
- 29 for the purposes of any limitation on investment in corporate
- 30 stocks set forth in subsection (h). Nothing in this subsection

- 1 shall be deemed to supersede the limitation on investment in
- 2 institutional real estate funds as set forth in subsection (1).
- 3 (p)] (h) Venture capital.--[The provisions of subsection (m)
- 4 notwithstanding, venture] <u>Venture</u> capital investments [made
- 5 through limited partnerships and through separate accounts]
- 6 shall be limited to not more than 2% of the book value of the
- 7 total assets of the fund as determined for financial statement
- 8 purposes as of December 31 next preceding the date of
- 9 investment. [A venture capital investment shall be made only if
- 10 such investment will enhance the general welfare of this
- 11 Commonwealth and its citizens through economic development and
- 12 meets the standard of prudence set forth in subsection (m).] An
- 13 investment shall be deemed a venture capital investment if it
- 14 results in the acquisition of equity interests or a combination
- 15 of debt and equity interests in a business which is expected to
- 16 grow substantially in the future and in which the expected
- 17 return on investment is to come predominantly from an increase
- 18 in value of the equity [interest and that are not held through
- 19 or secured by stock that is an authorized investment under the
- 20 authority of subsection (h)] <u>interests</u> and are not interests in
- 21 or secured by real estate. A venture capital investment may be
- 22 made only if, in the judgment of the board, the investment is
- 23 reasonably likely to enhance the general welfare of this
- 24 Commonwealth and its citizens and meets the standard of prudence
- 25 set forth in subsection (a). In determining whether the
- 26 investment meets the standard of prudence, the board may
- 27 consider, together with the expected return on and the risk
- 28 characteristics of the particular investment, the actual and
- 29 <u>expected further returns and the risk characteristics of the</u>
- 30 total venture capital investments held by the board at the time

- 1 and the degree to which the proposed new investment would
- 2 promote further diversification within the venture capital asset
- 3 class.
- 4 (i) Vehicles for authorized investments.--The board in its
- 5 prudent discretion may make any investments which meet the
- 6 standard of prudence set forth in subsection (a) by becoming a
- 7 <u>limited partner in partnerships that will hold such investments</u>,
- 8 or by acquiring shares or units of participation or otherwise
- 9 participating beneficially in bank collective trusts or in the
- 10 separate accounts of any insurance company authorized to do
- 11 <u>business in this Commonwealth, or by acquiring stocks or shares</u>
- 12 or units of participation or otherwise participating
- 13 beneficially in the fund of any corporation or trust organized
- 14 or existing under the laws of the United States or of any state,
- 15 <u>district or territory thereof which fund is maintained for and</u>
- 16 consists of assets of employees' benefit trusts, including
- 17 governmental plans as defined in section 414(d) of the Internal
- 18 Revenue Code of 1986 (Public Law 99-514, 26 U.S.C. § 1 et seq.),
- 19 as from time to time amended, which meet the requirements for
- 20 qualification under section 401 of the Internal Revenue Code of
- 21 1986, provided that, in any such case, the liability of the fund
- 22 shall be limited to the amount of its investment.
- 23 (j) Legislative declaration concerning certain authorized
- 24 <u>investments.--The General Assembly finds and declares that</u>
- 25 authorized investments of the fund make by or in behalf of the
- 26 board pursuant to this section whereby the board becomes a joint
- 27 owner or stockholder in any company, corporation or association
- 28 are outside the scope of the original intent of, and therefor do
- 29 not violate the prohibition set forth in section 8 of Article
- 30 VIII of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

- 1 Section 3. The provisions of section 7 of the act of July 9,
- 2 1981 (P.L.208, No.66), known as the Public Employee Retirement
- 3 Commission Act, shall not apply to this act.
- 4 Section 4. This act shall take effect as follows:
- 5 (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), this act shall
- 6 take effect immediately.
- 7 (2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), any and all
- 8 investments of the Public School Employees' Retirement Board
- 9 and of the State Employees' Retirement Board, respectively,
- which on the effective date of this act are owned or held
- through a vehicle as described in 24 Pa.C.S. § 8521(i)
- 12 (relating to management of fund and accounts) or 71 Pa.C.S §
- 13 5931(i) (relating to management of fund and accounts), as
- applicable, shall be deemed to have been lawfully made
- through such vehicle at inception.