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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 18, 1984 (P.L.1005, No.205),  
2 entitled, as amended, "An act mandating actuarial funding  
3 standards for all municipal pension systems; establishing a  
4 recovery program for municipal pension systems determined to  
5 be financially distressed; providing for the distribution of  
6 the tax on the premiums of foreign fire insurance companies;  
7 and making repeals," in standards for municipal pension  
8 systems, further providing for definitions and providing for  
9 special procedures for certain professional services  
10 contracts.

11 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
12 hereby enacts as follows:

13 Section 1. The definition of "professional service contract"  
14 in section 701-A of the act of December 18, 1984 (P.L.1005,  
15 No.205), known as the Municipal Pension Plan Funding Standard  
16 and Recovery Act, is amended to read:

17 Section 701-A. Definitions.

18 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter  
19 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
20 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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22 "Professional services contract." A contract to which [the]

1 a municipal pension system having 100 or more active members is  
2 a party that is:

3 (1) for the purchase or provision of professional  
4 services, including investment services, legal services, real  
5 estate services and other consulting services; and

6 (2) not subject to a requirement that the lowest bid be  
7 accepted.

8 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

9 Section 702.1-A. Special procedures for certain professional  
10 services contracts.

11 The governing body of each municipal pension plan system,  
12 having less than 100 active members, shall select the most  
13 qualified person to enter into a contract to administer, manage  
14 or service the municipal pension plan. To ensure that the  
15 availability of a contract to administer, manage or service a  
16 municipal pension plan is provided to potential participants,  
17 the governing body shall:

18 (1) Announce at two consecutive regularly scheduled  
19 public meetings the availability of the contract.

20 (2) Post the availability of the contract on the  
21 official Internet website of the municipality, if any, for a  
22 period of no less than two weeks.

23 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.