

Exhibit B Lump-Sum Benefit Levels

Topic:

The Eden Prairie Fire Relief Association sought special legislation during the 2016 Legislative Session that would have allowed its maximum lump-sum service pension amount to increase from the current \$10,000 to \$15,000 per year of active service. The legislative proposal was supported by the Eden Prairie Fire Relief Association and by the City of Eden Prairie.

When the proposal was heard by the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement (LCPR), it was modified from an Eden Prairie-only provision to a general provision that would be applicable to all defined-benefit relief associations. While the change would increase the maximum allowable lump-sum benefit level for all relief associations, very few relief associations would be able to offer a benefit level at the higher maximum. Each relief association would still be subject to the flexible service pension maximum based on the relief association's average available financing per active firefighter.

The general legislative change to increase the maximum allowable benefit level to \$15,000 per year of service was included in the 2016 Omnibus Retirement Bill and in the 2017 Omnibus Retirement Bill, both of which were passed by the Legislature but vetoed by the Governor. The legislation will be before the LCPR membership for consideration this session.

A list is provided below of relief associations that offered lump-sum benefit levels during 2016 at or above \$7,000 per year of service. If available in reports currently on file with the Office of the State Auditor, the 2017 benefit levels are provided, too.

Relief Association Name	2016 Lump-Sum Benefit Level	2017 Lump-Sum Benefit Level
Eden Prairie Fire Relief Association	\$10,000	\$10,000
Maplewood Fire Relief Association	10,000	10,000
Plymouth Fire Relief Association	9,500	
Brainerd Fire Relief Association	8,750	9,500
Northfield Fire Relief Association	8,500	8,500
Inver Grove Heights Fire Relief Association	7,900	7,900
Robbinsdale Fire Relief Association	7,800	
Shakopee Fire Relief Association	7,800	8,025
Golden Valley Fire Relief Association	7,750	8,000
Alexandria Fire Relief Association	7,725	
Brooklyn Center Fire Relief Association	7,600	
Prior Lake Fire Relief Association	7,100	7,200
Rosemount Fire Relief Association	7,100	
Excelsior Fire Relief Association	7,050	7,250