WSR 23-04-065 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY DEPARTMENT OF RETIREMENT SYSTEMS [Filed January 30, 2023, 9:23 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Retiree return to work rules for some public employees' retirement system (PERS), teachers' retirement system (TRS), and school employees' retirement system (SERS) retirees.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 41.32.570, 41.32.802, 41.32.862, 41.35.060, and 41.40.037.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: To support the implementation of HB [ESHB] 1699 -2021-22, which creates additional opportunities for some retirees of TRS, SERS, and PERS to work for a school district for up to 1,040 hours per school year while in receipt of pension benefits until July 1, 2025. The department of retirement systems expects to create a new WAC and update existing WAC to ensure public servants, public employers, and stakeholders impacted by the legislation understand how the new rules will be implemented.

Process for Developing New Rule: Agency study.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Bianca Stoner, Department of Retirement Systems, P.O. Box 48380, Olympia, WA 98504-8380, phone 360-664-7291, TTY 711, email drs.rules@drs.wa.gov, website www.drs.wa.gov/rules.

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