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BULLETIN

To: ALL STATE AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS
ATTENTION: PAYROLL DIVISION

Date: December 29, 2005

Re: Employer Pickup Contributions Under Various Labor Agreements

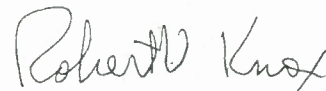
This is a reminder for state agencies which have employees covered under either the AFSCME Collective Bargaining Agreement (July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2008), or any other agreement which contains the same general provisions of the AFSCME contract.

Effective January 1, 2006, the pay raises for all bargaining unit classifications and steps covered under the AFSCME Collective Bargaining Agreement, or any other agreement which contains the same general provisions of the AFSCME contract, shall be increased by 3.00% for general employees and 3.75% for employees under the alternative formula. **In addition**, effective January 1, 2006, employees covered by the AFSCME, and similar labor agreements, shall make the total required employee contribution to the State Employees' Retirement System (SERS). The required employee contribution rates are 4% for covered (i.e. with Social Security) general employees, and 8½% for covered alternative formula employees. The noncovered (i.e. without Social Security) required employee contribution rates are 8% for general employees, and 12 ½% for alternative formula employees.

Please be sure to use the correct Employer Pickup Code, based upon the terms of the contract (AFSCME or otherwise), which is appropriate for the employees in your state agency **effective with pay periods beginning January 1, 2006**. Again, you **may** have employees who will require a change to the Employer Pickup Code on your payroll as of the beginning of the calendar year.

If you have any questions regarding the Bulletin, please contact Doreen Geissler in the Accounting Division at 217-524-3032.

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