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MEMORANDUM HR08-2026

To: Agency Administrators
From: Andy Snuggs, Director of Human Resources
Subject: Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) - Updates to Ch. 60S-11, Florida Administrative Code
Date: August 21, 2026

Revisions to [Ch. 60S-11, Florida Administrative Code](#), regarding the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP), were adopted August 6, 2026. Prior revisions to these rules had not been formally adopted since September 30, 2018.

Pending updates regarding the DROP participation period change from five to eight years, the increase of the annual interest rate earned on DROP accumulation payouts (4%), the removal of the 12-month DROP participation election window, and the standardization of the normal retirement age of 55 for members of the Special Risk Retirement Class without regard to their initial FRS enrollment date, effective July 1, 2023, have been formally adopted.

Additionally, pending updates regarding the removal of the "suspension of benefits" requirement during calendar months seven through twelve after retirement for reemployed retirees, effective July 1, 2024, have been adopted. Lastly, the allowance of an elected officer to receive their DROP accumulations after age 59 ½ without terminating employment, effective July 1, 2026, has been included.

This information is provided as a high-level summary and may not represent all amendments made.

NEW

As of September 1, 2026, the DROP begin date will no longer be the first day of the month in which the Division of Retirement (division) receives the application. **An employee's DROP begin date may be no sooner than the first day of the month following the division's receipt of the application.**

REVISED FORMS DP-11 AND DP-ELE

The [Application for Service Retirement and the DROP \(Form DP-11\)](#) and [Notice of Election to Participate in the DROP and Resignation of Employment \(Form DP-ELE\)](#) have been updated.

- The applicant's acknowledgment regarding the DROP begin date has been updated to reflect the policy change above.
- Notarization of the applicant's signature is no longer required.
- Only the last four digits of the applicant's SSN are required.
- A disclosure statement regarding the collection and use of Social Security numbers has been added.

All DROP application packets must include these newly revised forms. Although page two of Form DP-ELE only includes the member's name, last 4 of their SSN, and the disclosure statement, both pages of the form must be submitted.

Similar revisions have been made to the DROP Termination and Payout Forms for both elected officers and other members. These forms are generated by the division when appropriate and are specific to the member. Therefore, they are not available online.

Please reach out to your JAC Retirement Coordinator with any questions.