

Transparency Resolution

The Highway Patrol Retirement Board (hereinafter "the Board") recognizes the desire of the various media sources in the State of Ohio to obtain basic pension records from the Highway Patrol Retirement System and of the potential benefits to the system if these records are carefully released. The Board also recognizes our membership's right to privacy in their post-employment lives and activities.

The Board recognizes and the Ohio Attorney General's appointed counsel agrees that Ohio Revised Code sections 5505.04 C (2) and 149.43 A (1) (v) prohibit release of confidential personal history record information by the Board. Therefore, the Board cannot release these records under the current public record laws and the laws governing the Highway Patrol Retirement System.

The Board, therefore, resolves to consider any changes by the Ohio General Assembly to the publicly-funded pension systems in the State of Ohio mirroring public records statutes currently in place for active HPRS members.

The Board further resolves to continue dialogue with the other public pension systems in the State of Ohio to provide input and support to the General Assembly in the crafting of legislation to ensure the rights of our membership as well as the public's right to know.

Adopted by the Retirement Board, December 16, 2010