

1 Administration or his or her designee and ten members appointed by
2 the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, for terms
3 of four years and each may serve until his or her successor is
4 appointed and qualified. Members may be reappointed for successive
5 terms. No more than six members, including the Secretary of the
6 Department of Administration, may be of the same political party.

7 (b) (1) Of the ten members appointed by the Governor with
8 advice and consent of the Senate, one member shall represent the
9 interests of education employees, one shall represent the interests
10 of public employees, one shall represent the interests of retired
11 employees, one shall represent the interests of organized labor,
12 one shall represent the interests of a participating political
13 subdivision and five shall be selected from the public at large.
14 The Governor shall appoint the member representing the interests of
15 education employees from a list of three names submitted by the
16 largest organization of education employees in this state. The
17 Governor shall appoint the member representing the interests of
18 organized labor from a list of three names submitted by the state's
19 largest organization representing labor affiliates. The five
20 members appointed from the public shall each have experience in the
21 financing, development or management of employee benefit programs.

22 (2) All appointments shall be selected to represent the
23 different geographical areas within the state and all members shall
24 be residents of West Virginia. No member may be removed from

1 office by the Governor except for official misconduct,
2 incompetence, neglect of duty, neglect of fiduciary duty or other
3 specific responsibility imposed by this article or gross
4 immorality.

5 (c) The Secretary of the Department of Administration shall
6 serve as chair of the finance board, which shall meet at times and
7 places specified by the call of the chair or upon the written
8 request to the chair of at least two members. The Director of the
9 Public Employees Insurance Agency shall serve as staff to the
10 board. Notice of each meeting shall be given in writing to each
11 member by the director at least three days in advance of the
12 meeting. Six members constitute a quorum. The board shall pay
13 each member the same compensation and expense reimbursement that is
14 paid to members of the Legislature for their interim duties for
15 each day or portion of a day engaged in the discharge of official
16 duties.

17 (d) Upon termination of the board and notwithstanding any
18 provisions in this article to the contrary, the director is
19 authorized to assess monthly employee premium contributions and to
20 change the types and levels of costs to employees only in
21 accordance with this subsection. Any assessments or changes in
22 costs imposed pursuant to this subsection shall be implemented by
23 legislative rule proposed by the director for promulgation pursuant
24 to the provisions of article three, chapter twenty-nine-a of this

1 code. Any employee assessments or costs previously authorized by
2 the finance board shall then remain in effect until amended by rule
3 of the director promulgated pursuant to this subsection.