VSERS GROUP COMPARISONS	GROUP A	GROUP C	GROUP D	GROUP F Hired before 7/1/08	GROUP F Hired on or after 7/1/08
Employee Contributions	6.65% of gross salary	8.53% of gross salary	6.65% of gross salary	6.65% of gross salary	Same
Employer Contributions	21.4% of gross salary	21.4% of gross salary	21.4% of gross salary	21.4% of gross salary	Same
	(includes pension & post employment benefits)	(includes pension & post employment benefits)	(includes pension & post employment benefits)	(includes pension & post employment benefits)	
Average Final Compensation (AFC)	Highest 3 consecutive years, including unused annual leave payoff	Highest 2 consecutive years, including unused annual leave payoff	Final salary at retirement	Highest 3 consecutive years, excluding unused annual leave payoff	Same
Benefit Formula	1.67% x creditable service	2.5% x creditable service	3.33% x creditable service (after 12 years in Group D)	1.25% x service prior to 12/31/90 + 1.67% x service after 1/1/91	Same
Maximum Benefit Payable	100% of AFC	50% of AFC	100% of Final Salary	50% of AFC	60% of AFC
Normal Retirement (no reduction)	Age 65 or 62 with 20 years of service	Age 55 (mandatory)	Age 62		Age 65 or a combination of age & service credit that equals 87
Post-Retirement COLA	Full CPI, from a minimum of 1% up to a maximum of 5%, after 12 months of retirement	Full CPI, from a minimum of 1% up to a maximum of 5%, after 12 months of retirement	Full CPI, from a minimum of 1% up to a maximum of 5%, after 12 months of retirement	from a minimum of 1% up to a maximum of 5%, after reaching age 62, or	50% CPI until 1/1/2014; 100% of CPI thereafter, from a minimum of 1% up to a maximum of 5%, after reaching age 65 or age and service to equal 87
Early Retirement Eligibility	Age 55 with 5 years of service or 30 years of service (any age)	Age 50 with 20 years of service	Age 55 with 5 years of service	Age 55 with 5 years of service	Same
Early Retirement Reduction	Actuarially reduced benefit if under 30 years of service	No reduction	3% per year from age 62		Ser. Years     Monthly Red.       35+     1/8 <sup>th</sup> of 1%       30-34     1/4 <sup>th</sup> of 1%       25-29     1/3 <sup>rd</sup> of 1%       20-24     5/12 <sup>th</sup> of 1%       < 20
Post-Retirement Survivorship Options	100% and 50% (with or without pop-ups), all actuarially reduced based on age of beneficiary	70% spousal survivorship with no reduction in retiree's benefit	100% and 50% (with or without pop-ups), all actuarially reduced based on age of beneficiary	100% and 50% (with or without pop-ups), all actuarially reduced based on age of beneficiary	Same

Benefit Eligibility - Other (Vested Rights, Disability, Death-in-Service)	5 years of service (vested and disability) 10 years of service, or age 55 with 5 years (death-in-service)	5 years of service (vested and disability) 10 years of service (death-in-service)	5 years of service (vested and disability) 12 years of service, or age 55 with 5 years (death-in-service)	5 years of service (vested and disability) 10 years of service, or age 55 with 5 years (death-in-service)	Same
Disability Benefit	Unreduced, accrued benefit with minimum of 25% of AFC	Unreduced, accrued benefit with minimum of 25% of AFC, with children's benefit of 10% of AFC to maximum of 3 concurrently, if injured on the job 50% of AFC	Unreduced, accrued benefit with minimum of 25% of AFC	Unreduced, accrued benefit with minimum of 25% of AFC	Same
Death-in-Service Benefit	Disability benefit or early retirement benefit, whichever is greater, with 100% survivorship factor applied plus children's benefits up to maximum of three concurrently	70% of accrued benefit with no actuarial reduction applied, plus children's benefit	Disability benefit or early retirement benefit, whichever is greater, with 100% survivorship factor applied plus children's benefits up to maximum of three concurrently	Disability benefit or early retirement benefit, whichever is greater, with 100% survivorship factor applied plus children's benefits up to maximum of three concurrently	Same
Medical Benefits	80% of total premium	80% of total premium	80% of total premium	80% of total premium	The amount the State pays toward your medical coverage is based on your years of service at retirement as follows:  5-9 yrs Buy-in 10-14 yrs 40% State pays 15-20 yrs 60% State pays 20+ yrs 80% State pays Also, with 20 yrs. service, you may recapture (access) subsidized health insurance at 80% upon initiation of retirement benefits comparable to regular retirement, even if you terminated prior to your early retirement date.
Plan Description	Group A	Group C	Group D	Group F	Group F