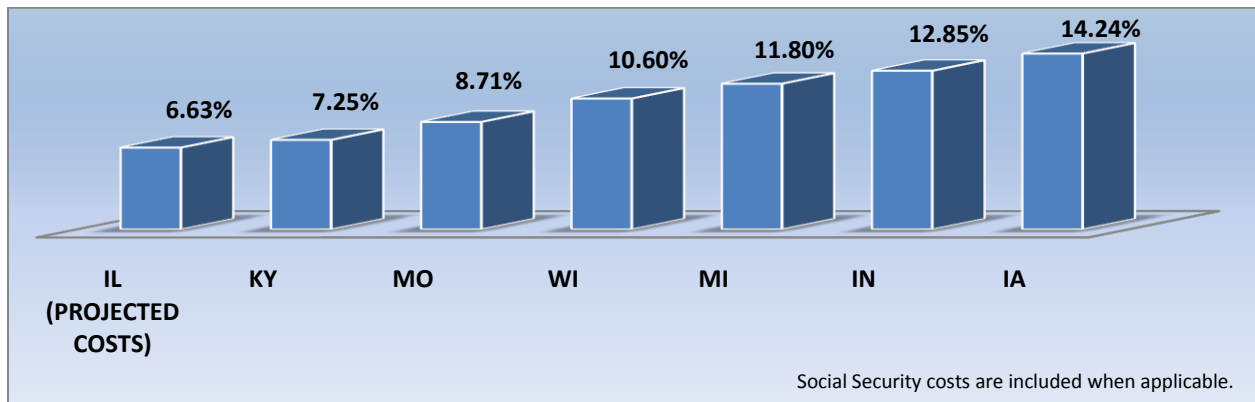


# IEA Pensions, just the facts please...

- ✓ TRS and SURS members DO NOT receive Social Security benefits for their years as an educator.
- ✓ Their sole retirement is their TRS or SURS.
- ✓ Average statewide TRS annuity after 29 years teaching = \$41,532
- ✓ Average statewide SURS annuity after 22 years = \$27,655

**Illinois teachers' retirement benefits are average and cost less when compared to surrounding states:**



**Illinois pension costs are comparable and at times less than the cost of the private sector model on contributions to employees' retirement:**

Private employers	Vs.	Teachers' Retirement System
<b>Social Security</b> 6.2 percent <small>(Federally mandated for all private employers)</small> <b>401k</b> <u>4.4 percent</u> <small>(Average, according to the "51<sup>st</sup> Annual Survey of Profit Sharing and 401k Plans")</small> <b>10.6 percent</b>		<b>Social Security</b> 0 percent <small>(Not paid for teachers)</small> <b>Normal Projected Pension Contribution</b> <u>6.63 percent</u> <small>(Paid by State of Illinois)</small>

**The state saves billions by not having to pay into Social Security, which private employers must do.**

**Key Facts** from the report submitted to the Illinois General Assembly by the Pension Modernization Task Force:

- The report states "that the future cost of TRS (6.63 percent) to Illinois is clearly not out of line with other states." (p. 28)
- A proposed two-tier pension plan results in **NO** significant savings for 25 to 30 years and will **NOT** reduce the state's unfunded pension liability by a single dollar.
- Illinois pension benefits were "generally found to be in the statistically median." (p. 28)

**AON Consulting Supports:** An AON report showed that when comparing Illinois to like states, Illinois teachers pay 15 percent more for their retirement benefits. Illinois teachers contribute 9.4 percent of their salary, while teachers elsewhere contribute 8.14 percent. Additionally, AON's research found that "**Illinois teachers receive a lesser benefit**" than their colleagues in other states "**even though they pay more for their benefit.**"