

## Did You Know?

- PERF has the lowest benefit formula of all public funds in the country. (Source: 2017-18 Wisconsin Legislative Council Study)
- There are **87,990** PERF retirees. There are **8,419** (9.5)% of these retirees who receive less than \$200 per month and **53,648** (61%) receive less than \$600 per month. (Does not include the Annuity Savings Account)
- The majority of public funds in the country exclude all or part of public pension income from state income tax. (Source: 2017-18 Wisconsin Legislative Counsel Study)
- Indiana does not exclude PERF pension income from state income tax. However, part of military pension income and federal civil service pension income is excluded from Indiana gross income tax.
- <u>HB 373</u> passed in 2018 provided a funding mechanism for future increases in the retirement income of PERF retirees. One of the results of this bill, not anticipated by the Indiana Legislature, was a <u>decrease</u> in the unfunded liability of PERF of \$731 million. Retirees should share in this savings. Less than \$5 million of this savings would be required to fund a \$50 increase in each bracket of the 13<sup>th</sup> check.

The RIPEA Board of Directors encourage you to contact your State Senator and State Representative to make them aware of these facts and request their support for an increase in the 13<sup>th</sup> check.

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WE NEED YOUR HELP!

## New Member Recruitment Campaign

- Recruit new member and WIN a VISA gift card
- All active and retired PERF members who have not paid for a 2019 RIPEA membership are considered new members.
- Complete new member form and include YOUR information to win
- Registration form and payment MUST be received before December 31, 2019
- Win \$25 VISA gift card if you recruit (1) new member before <u>December 31,2019</u>
- Win \$40 VISA gift card if you recruit (2) or more, new members before <u>December 31, 2019</u>
- Gift card will be mailed to you in 2020!



