# The Pension Crisis For Beginners



## Five Important Facts

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## WHAT IS THE PENSION CRISIS?

#### South Carolina's pension plan is \$24 billion in debt.

## That's the crisis!

### **PENSION DEBT**



### WHY DOES SC HAVE A \$24 BILLION DEBT?

What lead South Carolina into such a staggering and colossal pension debt?

#### **Bad Investments**

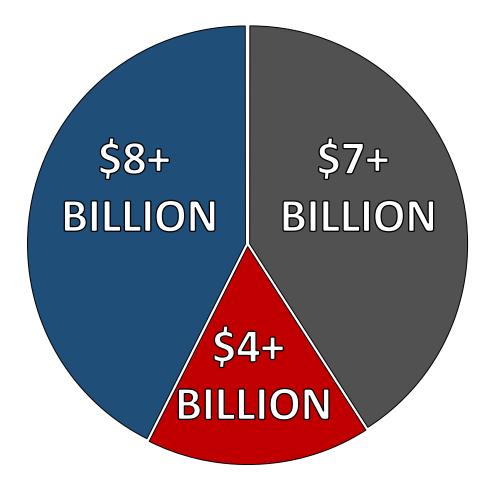
 SC Pension investments have underperformed the overall market by over \$7 billion and paid over \$3 billion in fees to Wall Street money managers

#### Poor Plan Structure

 Early Retirements, 28yr retirements, Cost of Living Adjustments & liberal actuarial assumptions have significantly contributed to the UAAL

#### Intentional Underfunding

 For over 15 years, the plan has failed to meet the full interest payment. This has added over \$4 billion in interest and interest-on-interest



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WHAT IS THE RESULT OF THE PENSION DEBT?

# Increase in taxes and contributions

The "Pension Mismanagement Tax"

## **Decrease in government services**

Fewer teachers, firefighters, police, etc.



# WHO PAYS FOR THE PENSION DEBT?

### YOU,



# **THE TAXPAYER\$**

Increasing taxes and fees while decreasing services is a <u>Pension Mismanagement Tax!</u>



## WHAT CAN WE DO?





# Request that the General Assembly make fixing The Pension Crisis their NUMBER ONE PRIORITY!