

(9) The executive director of the State Investment Agency shall submit a report on or before September 15 of each year to the Board of Trustees on the performance and operation of the Agency during the fiscal year concluded on the preceding June 30. The Board may prescribe the format of the report and may require such information as it deems appropriate.

(10) (a) The State Treasurer shall be the custodian of the annuity savings funds, accumulation funds, and expense funds of the several systems. All payments from the funds shall be made in accordance with rules adopted by the Board of Trustees, with the approval of the State Treasurer.

(b) The State Treasurer shall be the custodian of the securities, investments, deposits, and funds of the State Investment Agency.

(c) The State Treasurer is authorized to enter into arrangements with 1 or more duly qualified banks or trust companies for the safe custody of investments, for banking services, and for any other function considered necessary to physically safeguard the assets managed by the State Investment Agency.

(d) Any of the securities purchased by the State Investment Agency may be deposited in vaults or other safe depositories outside the office of the State Treasurer, both in and outside this State. A safekeeping receipt shall be delivered to and kept on file by the State Investment Agency for all securities so deposited. The safekeeping receipt shall describe the securities covered and be payable on demand, without conditions, to the State Investment Agency or to any designated fund under the control of the Agency or to the State Treasurer.

(11) (a) Except as provided in paragraph (d) of this subsection, the State Investment Agency may invest and reinvest assets of a fund, subject to the terms, conditions, limitations, and restrictions imposed by the Board of Trustees; except that not more than 15 percent of the assets that are invested in common stocks may be invested in nondividend paying common stocks. Subject to like terms, conditions, limitations, and restrictions, the Agency shall have full power to hold, purchase, sell, assign, transfer, and dispose of any of the securities and investments in which any fund shall have been invested, as well as the proceeds of the investments and any moneys belonging to the funds. Ground rent redemption deeds, releases or reassignments of mortgages, satisfactions or reassignments of notes conveying, releasing, or reassigning any interest owned by the State of Maryland for the use of a fund shall be executed by any 2 of the following: Treasurer of the State of Maryland, executive director of the State Investment Agency, or another employee of the State Investment Agency as designated by the executive director and approved by the Board of Trustees.