20 NCAC 02C .0211 is proposed for adoption as follows:

**SURETY FOR NON-TAXING AUTHORITY PARTICIPATION**

(a) An NTA shall provide surety to the Board establishing that any withdrawal liability that the NTA may incur will be paid by submitting a duly adopted resolution stating that the NTA is maintaining an amount equal to or greater than the Estimated Withdrawal Liability in a secure financial instrument and will maintain the funds in such instrument throughout its participation in the Retirement System. A secure financial instrument may include: an escrow account, a letter of credit, a bond, a deed of trust, or a deposit in the Ancillary Governmental Participant Investment Program (AGPIP) under G.S. 147-69.3 to the extent such an investment by the NTA is permitted by the Internal Revenue Code and State law.

(b) Any entity submitting a resolution required under Paragraph (a) of this Rule must also submit to the Division an “acknowledgement and acceptance letter” signed by every member of the entity’s governing board. The letter must acknowledge the specific amount of the Estimated Withdrawal Liability; acknowledge that the actual amount of the withdrawal liability, if incurred, will differ from the Estimated Withdrawal Liability; accept the obligation to pay the withdrawal liability, if incurred; and attest that the entity has reviewed the withdrawal-related requirements of G.S. 128-30(i).

*History Note: Authority G.S. 128-23(i)*

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