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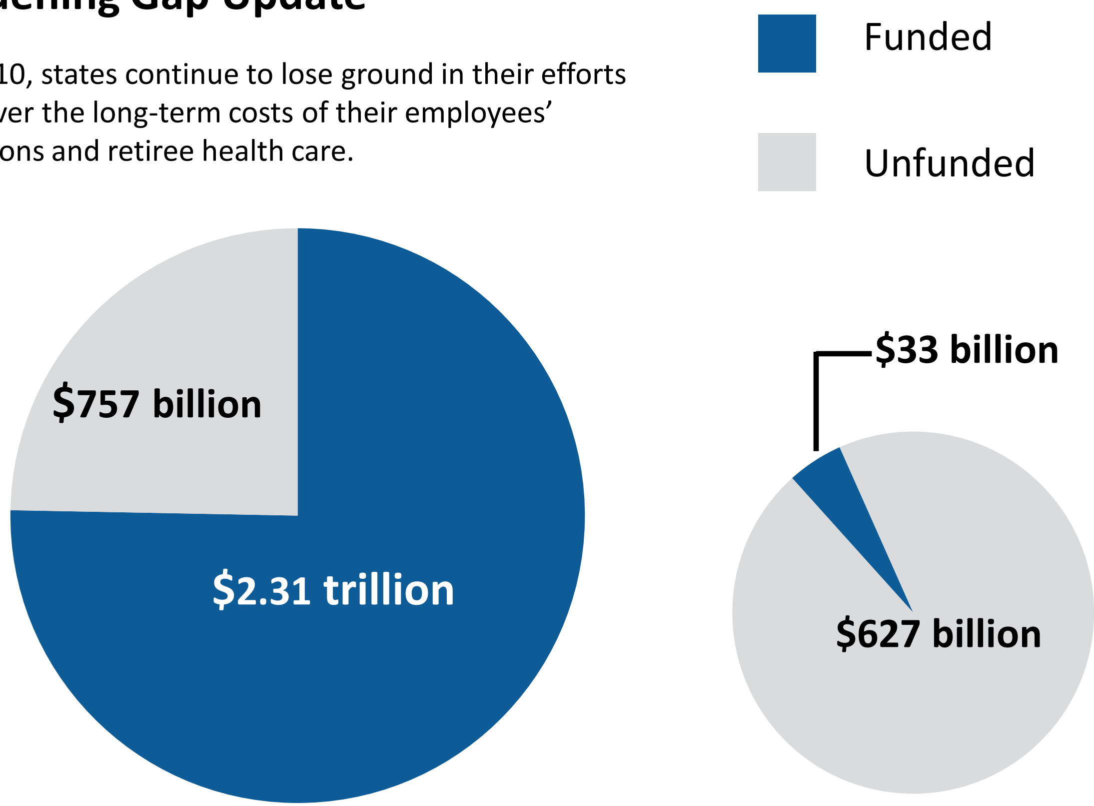
Pension Policy: What the States and the Feds are Up To

Widening Gap Update

In 2010, states continue to lose ground in their efforts to cover the long-term costs of their employees' pensions and retiree health care.



Pensions – $3.07 trillion

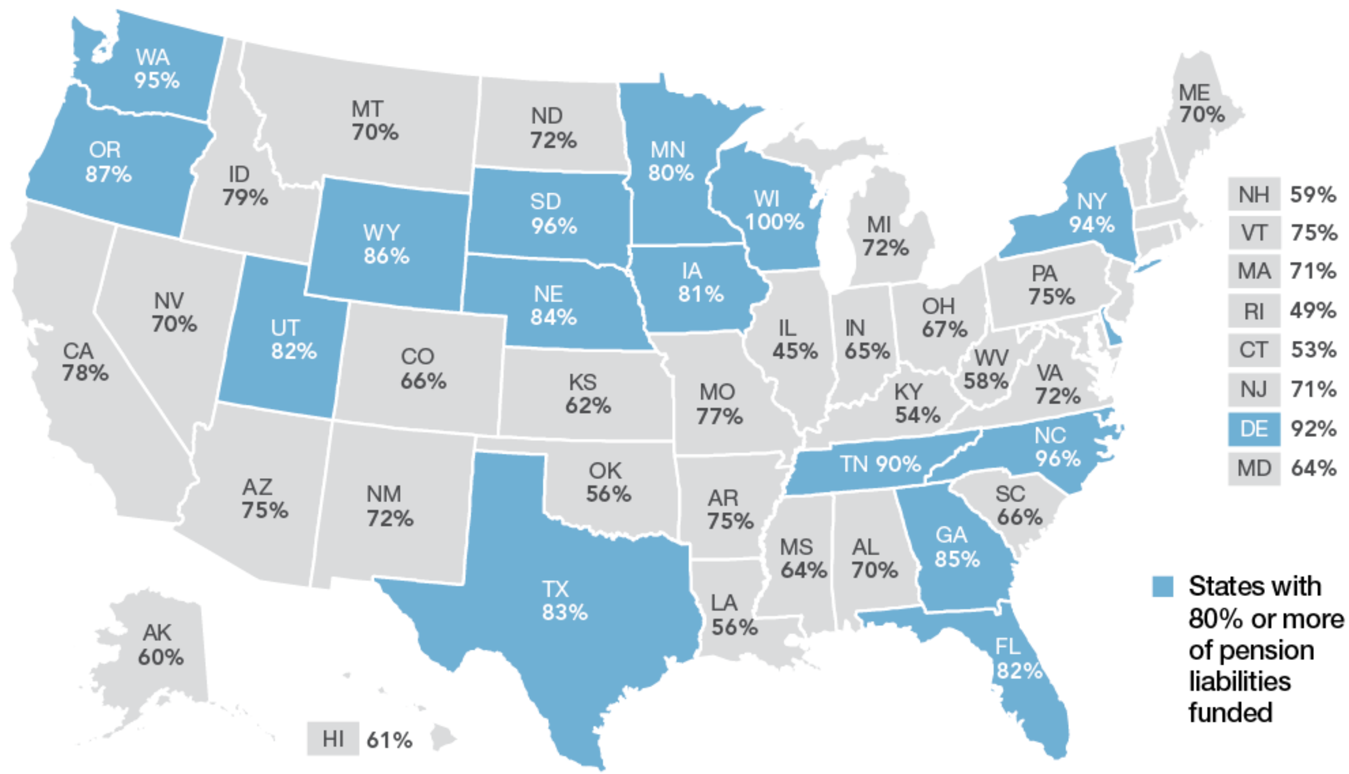
75 percent funded

Retiree Health Benefits – $660 billion

5 percent funded

Widening Gap Update – Public Sector Pensions

Thirty-four states had less than 80 percent of their pension promises funded in 2010.



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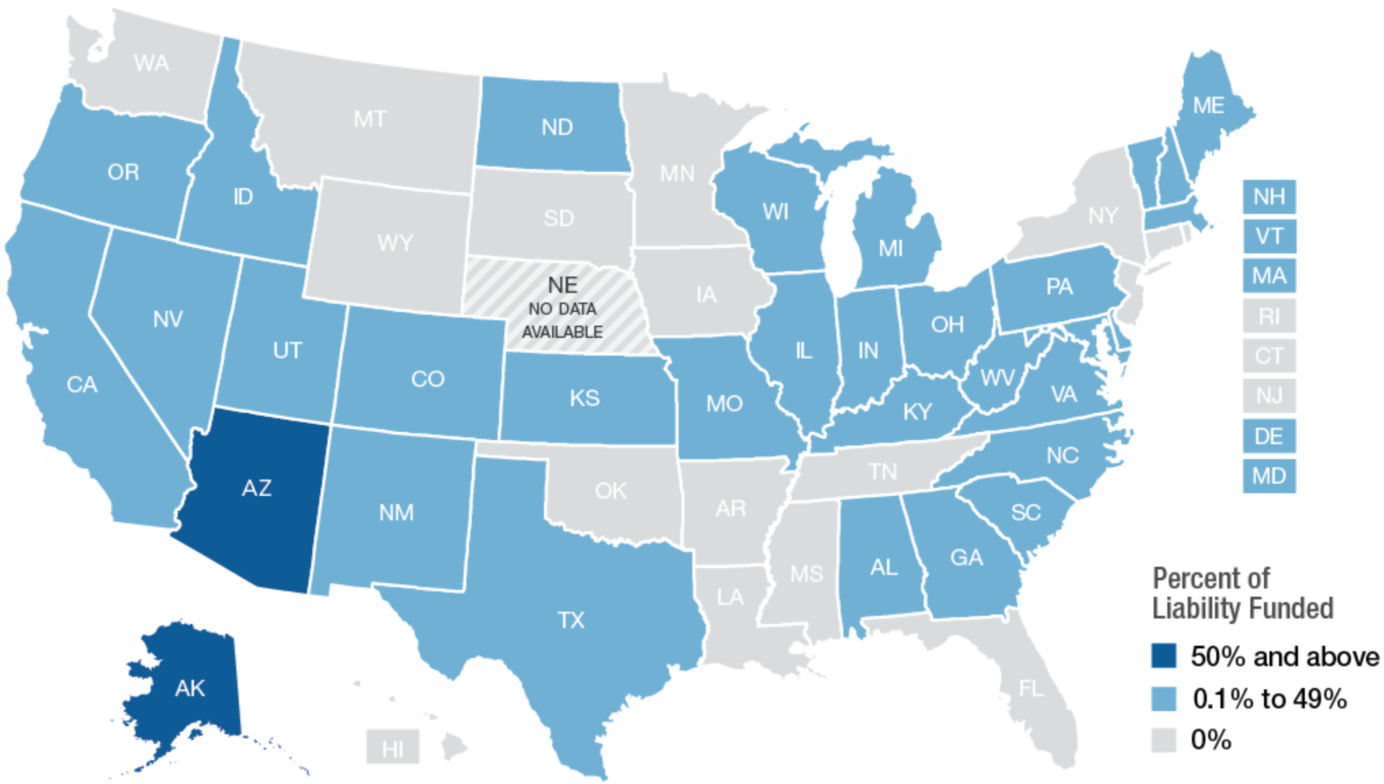
Widening Gap Update – Public Sector Retiree Health Benefits

Seventeen states had nothing set aside in 2010 to pay for their retiree health promises.



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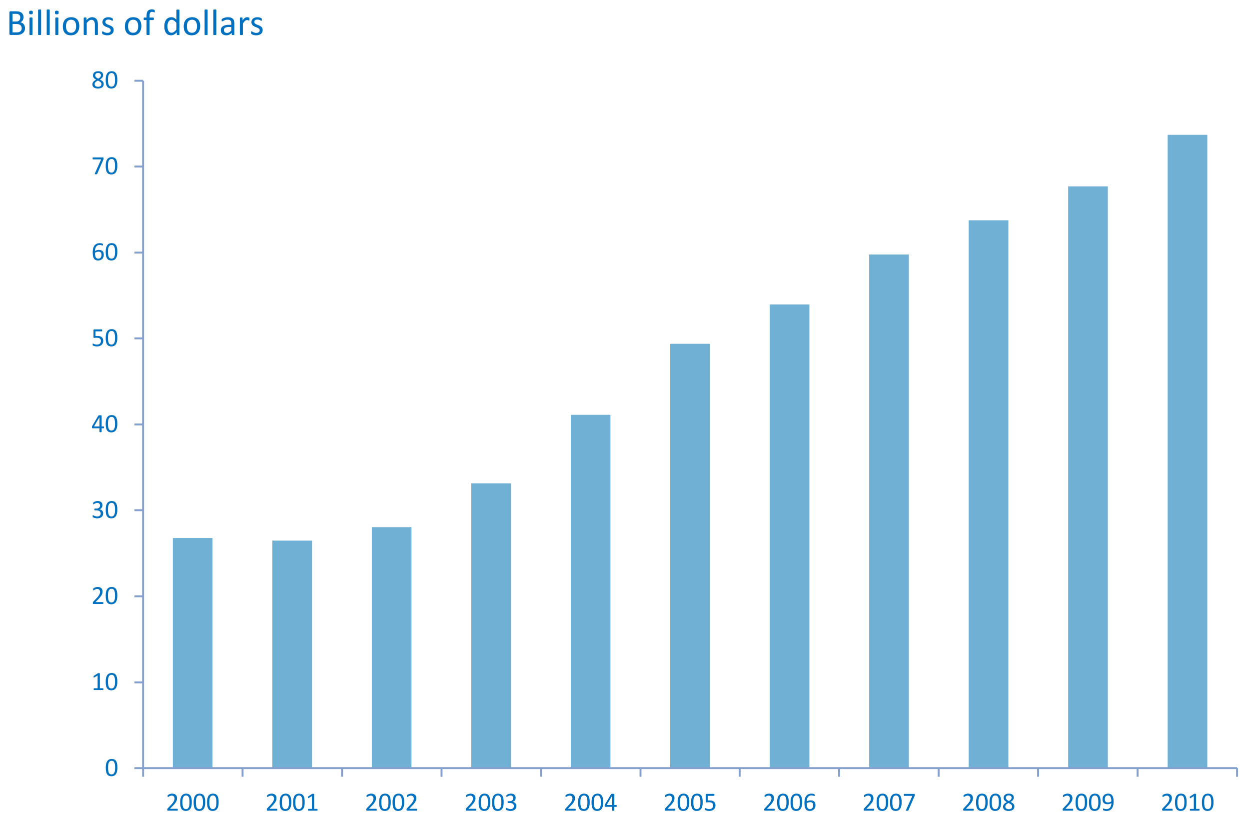
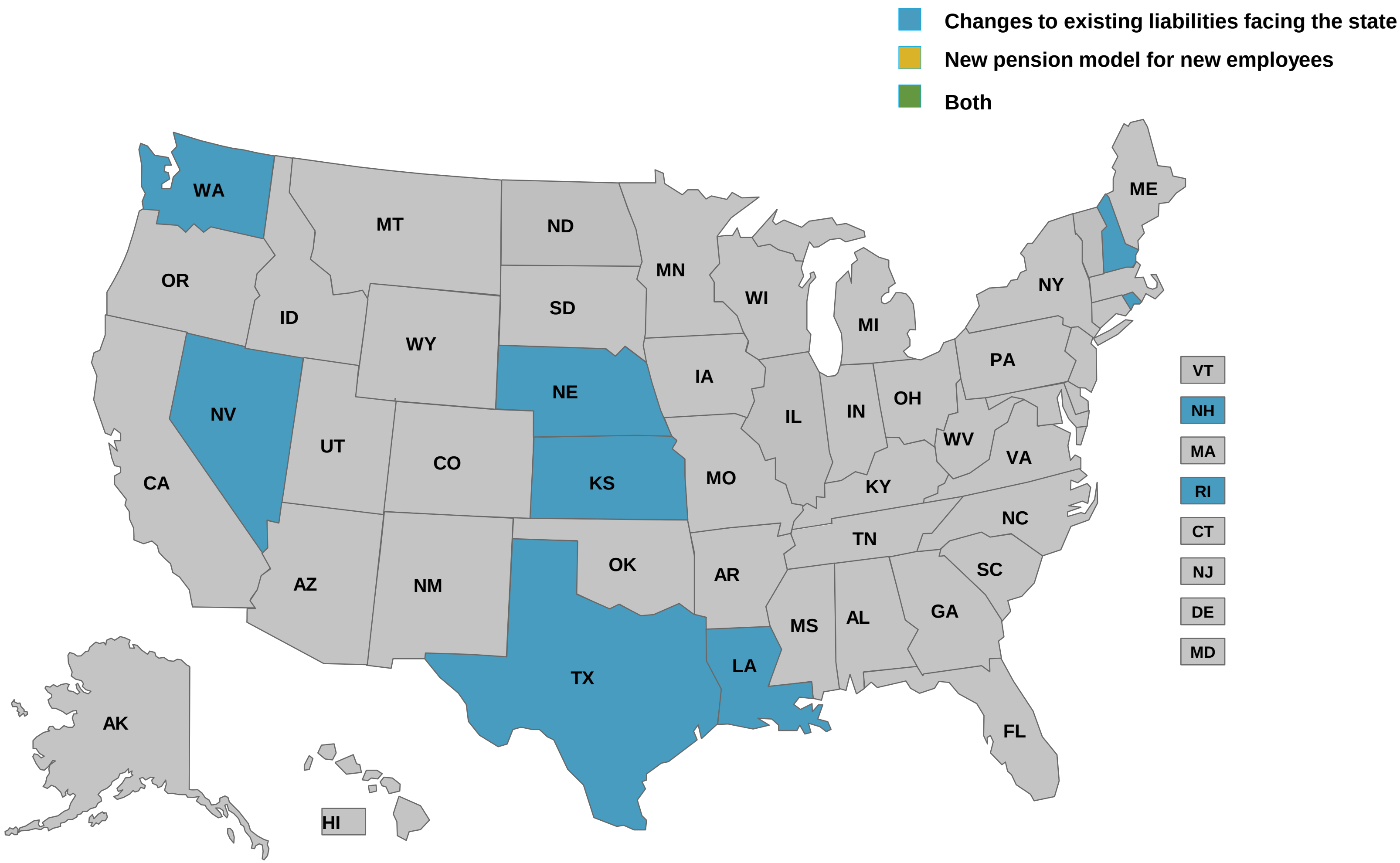
A Growing Annual Bill

The annual recommended contribution for states' pension promises has grown 175 percent since 2000.



State Pension Reforms - 2009



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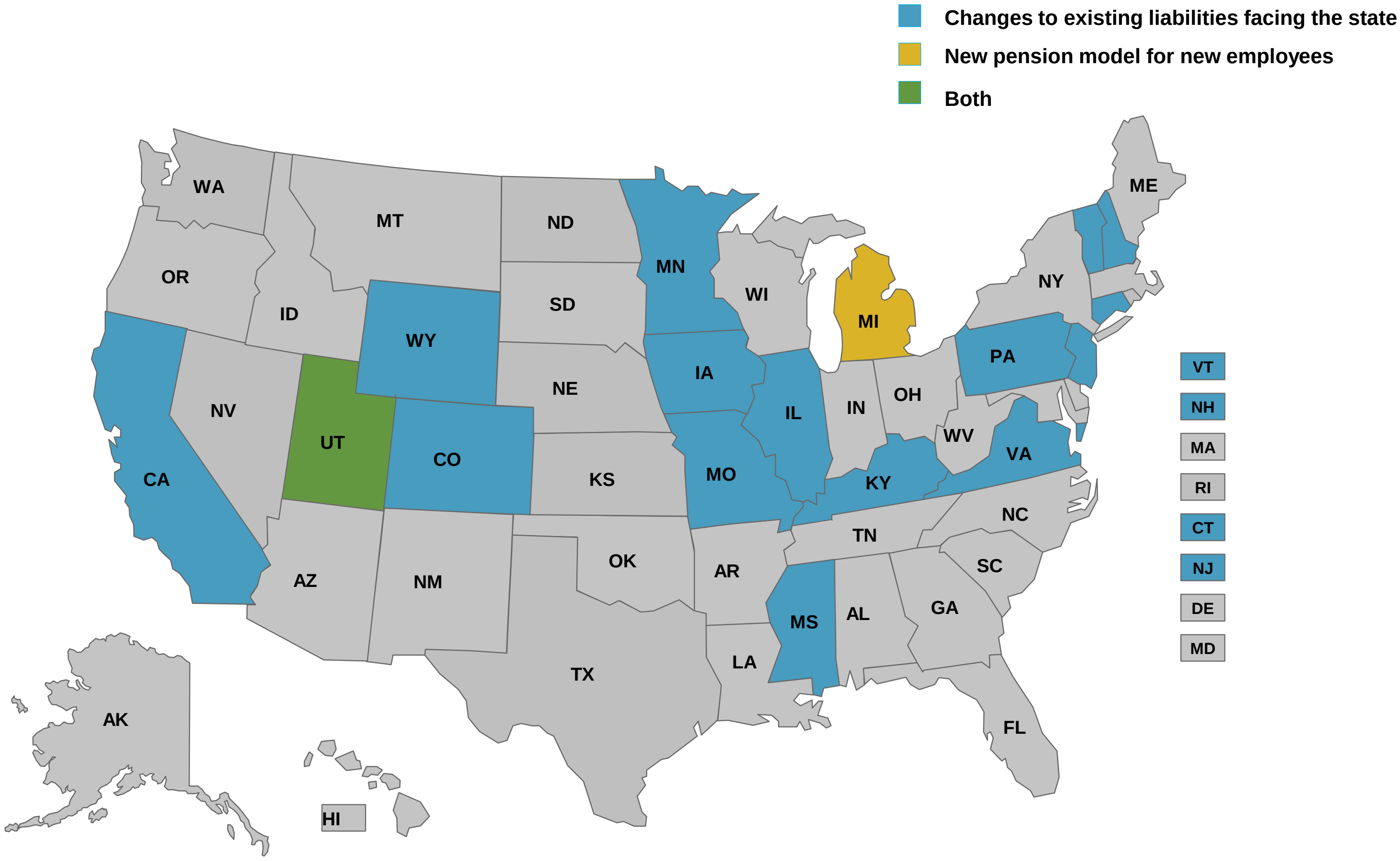

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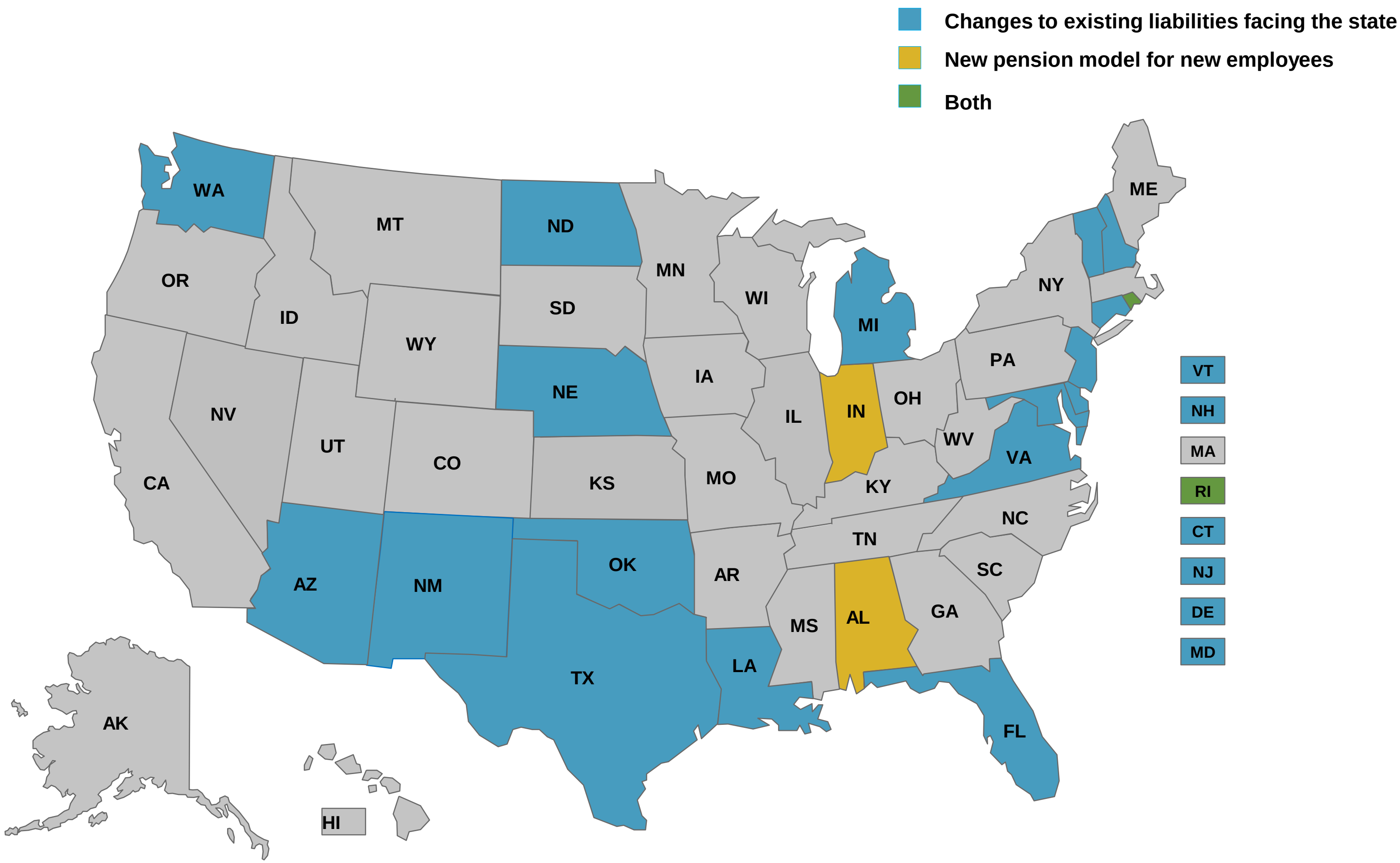

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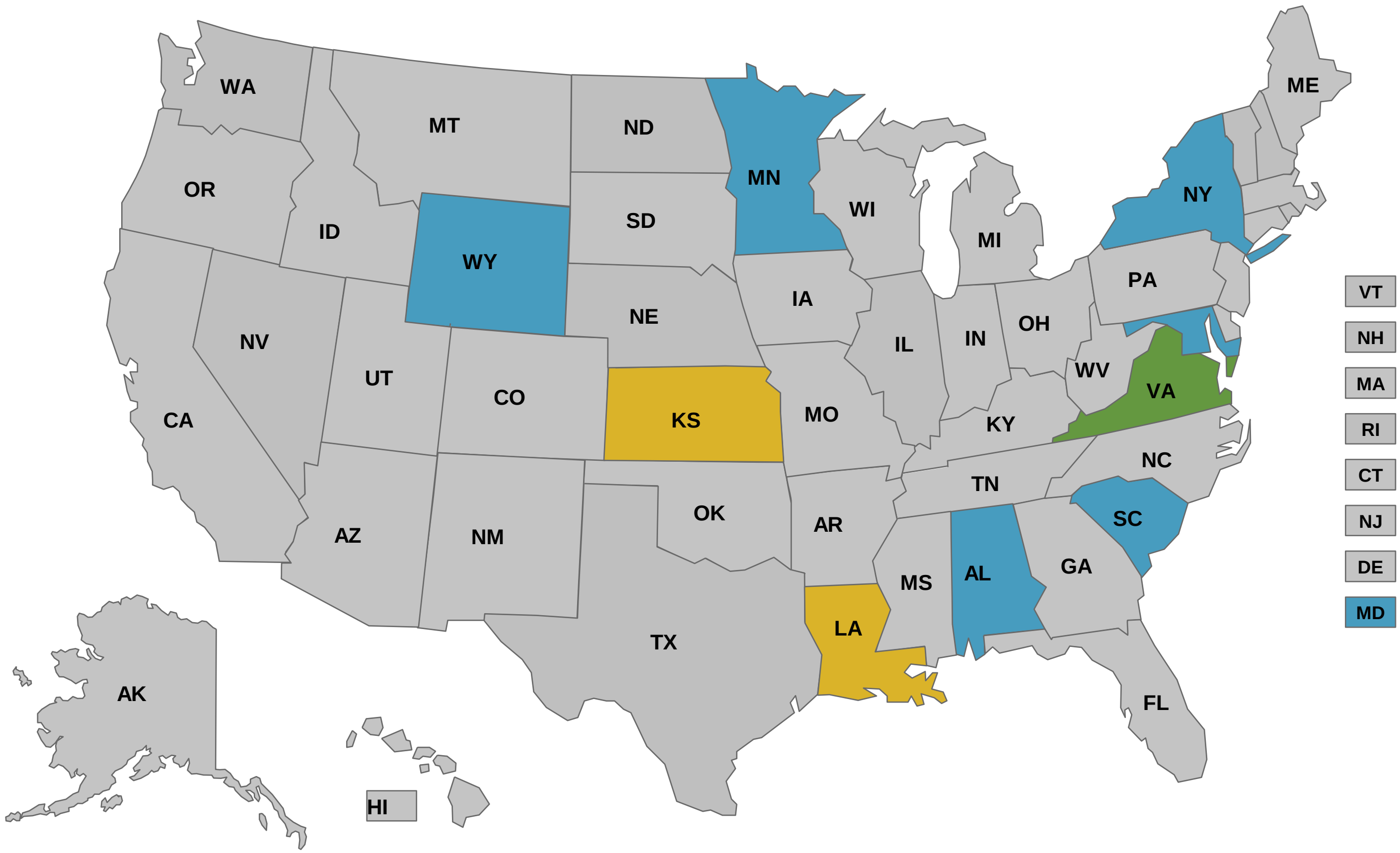
State Pension Reforms - 2012

- Changes to existing liabilities facing the state
- New pension model for new employees
- Both



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