



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 396

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AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM STATUTES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10-183b of the 2022 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

4 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

5 (1) "Actuarial reserve basis" means a basis under which the liabilities
6 of the retirement system are determined under acceptable actuarial
7 methods and under which assets are accumulated under a program
8 designed to achieve a proper balance between the accumulated assets
9 and the liabilities of the system.

10 (2) "Amortization of unfunded liabilities" means: (A) For fiscal years
11 ending on or before June 30, 2019, a systematic program of annual
12 payments determined as a level per cent of expected member annual
13 salaries in lieu of a lump sum payment; and (B) for fiscal years ending
14 on or after June 30, 2020, a systematic program of annual payments,
15 transitioning equally over five consecutive fiscal years from a level per
16 cent of expected annual member salaries to a level payment, in lieu of a
17 lump sum payment.

18 (3) "Annual salary" means the annual salary rate for service as a
19 Connecticut teacher during a school year but not including unused sick
20 leave, unused vacation, terminal pay, coaching or extra duty
21 assignments, unless compensation for coaching or extra duty
22 assignment was included in salary for which contributions were made
23 prior to July 1, 1971. In no event shall annual salary include amounts
24 determined by the board to be included for the purpose of inflating the
25 member's average annual salary. The inclusion in annual salary of
26 amounts paid to the member, in lieu of payment by the employer for the
27 cost of benefits, insurance, or individual retirement arrangements which
28 in prior years had been paid by the employer and not included in the
29 member's annual salary, shall be prima facie evidence that such
30 amounts are included for the purpose of inflating the member's average
31 annual salary. Annual salary shall not (A) include payments the timing
32 of which may be directed by the member, (B) include payments to a
33 superintendent pursuant to an individual contract between such
34 superintendent and a board of education, of amounts which are not
35 included in base salary, or (C) exceed the maximum amount allowed
36 under Section 401(a)(17) of the Internal Revenue Code for the applicable
37 limitation year, provided in no event shall the limitation under Section
38 401(a)(17) of the Internal Revenue Code apply to the annual salary of a
39 member whose membership began prior to January 1, 1996, if such
40 limitation would reduce the amount of the member's annual salary
41 below the amount permitted for calculation of the member's retirement
42 benefit under chapter 167a, without regard to the limitation under
43 Section 401(a)(17) of the Internal Revenue Code. Annual salary shall
44 include amounts paid to the member during a sabbatical leave during
45 which mandatory contributions were remitted, provided such member
46 returned to full-time teaching for at least five full years following the
47 completion of such leave.

48 (4) "Average annual salary" means the average [annual salary
49 received during the three years of highest salary] of the three highest
50 annual salaries received as an active member.

51 (5) "Board" means the Teachers' Retirement Board.

52 (6) "Child" means a natural child, an adopted child, or a stepchild of
53 a deceased member who has been a stepchild for at least one year
54 immediately prior to the date on which the member died. A child is a
55 "dependent child" of a deceased member if at the time of the member's
56 death (A) the member was living with the child or providing or
57 obligated to provide, by agreement or court order, a reasonable portion
58 of the support of the child, and (B) the child (i) is unmarried and has not
59 attained age eighteen, or (ii) is disabled and such disability began prior
60 to the child's attaining age eighteen.

61 (7) "Contributions" means amounts withheld pursuant to this chapter
62 and paid to the board by an employer from compensation payable to a
63 member. Prior to July 1, 1989, "mandatory contributions" are
64 contributions required to be withheld under this chapter and consist of
65 five per cent regular contributions and "one per cent contributions".
66 From July 1, 1989, to June 30, 1992, "mandatory contributions" are
67 contributions required to be withheld under this chapter and consist of
68 five per cent regular contributions and one per cent health
69 contributions. From July 1, 1992, to June 30, 2004, "mandatory
70 contributions" are contributions required to be withheld under this
71 chapter and consist of six per cent "regular contributions" and one per
72 cent health contributions. From July 1, 2004, to December 31, 2017,
73 "mandatory contributions" are contributions required to be withheld
74 under this chapter and consist of six per cent regular contributions and
75 one and one-fourth per cent health contributions. From January 1, 2018,
76 to December 31, 2019, inclusive, "mandatory contributions" are
77 contributions required to be withheld under this chapter and consist of
78 seven per cent "regular contributions" and one and one-fourth per cent
79 health contributions. On and after January 1, 2020, "mandatory
80 contributions" are contributions required to be withheld under this
81 chapter and consist of seven per cent "regular contributions" and one
82 and one-fourth per cent health contributions, except that no health
83 contributions shall be required for an employee of the state that (A) has

84 completed the vesting service necessary to receive health benefits
85 provided to retired state employees, and (B) does not participate in any
86 group health insurance plans maintained for retired teachers. Nothing
87 in this subdivision shall affect any other obligation of such a state
88 employee to contribute to the state's retiree health care trust fund.
89 "Voluntary contributions" are contributions by a member authorized to
90 be withheld under section 10-183i.

91 (8) "Coparticipant" means a person who the member elects at the time
92 of retirement to receive guaranteed lifetime benefits upon the death of
93 the member.

94 ~~[(8)]~~ (9) "Credited interest" means interest at the rate from time to time
95 fixed by the board consistent with industry standards and practices.
96 Such interest shall be applied to a member's account based on the
97 balance as of the previous June thirtieth. Credited interest shall [be
98 assessed] accrue on any mandatory contributions which were due but
99 not remitted prior to the close of the school year for which salary was
100 paid.

101 ~~[(9)]~~ (10) "Current service" means service rendered in the current
102 fiscal year.

103 ~~[(10)]~~ (11) "Dependent former spouse" means a former spouse of a
104 deceased member who (A) has in his or her care a dependent child of
105 the deceased member; and (B) was receiving, or was entitled to receive,
106 from the deceased member at the time of the death of the deceased
107 member, at least one-half of his or her support; and (C) has not
108 remarried; and (D) is the parent of the child or adopted the child while
109 married to the member and before the child attained age eighteen or,
110 while married to the member, both of them adopted the child before the
111 child attained age eighteen.

112 ~~[(11)]~~ (12) "Dependent parent" means a parent of a deceased member
113 who (A) has reached the age of sixty-five; and (B) has not married after
114 the death of the member; and (C) was receiving at least one-half of his

115 or her support from the member at the time of the member's death and
116 files proof of such support within two years of the date of the member's
117 death; and (D) is not receiving, or entitled to a federal or state old age
118 benefit based on the parent's own earnings, equal to or greater than the
119 amount the parent would be entitled to as a dependent parent under
120 this chapter. A "parent of a deceased member" is (i) the mother or father
121 of a deceased member_z [; or] (ii) a stepparent of a deceased member by
122 a marriage entered into before the member attained age sixteen_z [;] or
123 (iii) an adopting parent of a deceased member who adopted the
124 deceased member before the member attained age sixteen.

125 [(12)] (13) "Designated beneficiary" means a person designated on a
126 form prescribed by the board by a member to receive amounts [which]
127 that may become payable under this chapter as the result of the
128 member's death_z [whether before or after retirement.] If a designated
129 beneficiary is not living at the time of the death of a member, the
130 amounts that would have been payable to the designated beneficiary
131 shall be paid to the member's estate.

132 [(13)] (14) "Disabled" means the inability to perform any teaching
133 service, whether or not such service is performed full-time or part-time,
134 in a public or nonpublic school or a nonschool setting, on a volunteer
135 basis or for compensation, within or without the state, or engage in any
136 substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable
137 physical or mental impairment that (A) is permanent or can be expected
138 to last continually for not less than twelve months from the onset of such
139 impairment, or (B) can be expected to result in death or to be of long-
140 continued and indefinite duration, except that during the first twenty-
141 four months that a member is receiving a disability allowance,
142 "disabled" means the inability to perform the usual duties of [his] the
143 member's occupation by reason of any such impairment.

144 [(14)] (15) "Employer" means an elected school committee, a board of
145 education, the State Board of Education, the Office of Early Childhood,
146 the Technical Education and Career System, the Board of Regents for
147 Higher Education or any of the constituent units, the governing body of

148 the Children's Center and its successors, The University of Connecticut
149 Board of Trustees, the E. O. Smith School, [and] or any other activity,
150 institution or school employing members, except "employer" shall not
151 include the governing body of the Children's Center and its successors
152 for members hired on or after July 1, 2022.

153 [(15)] (16) "Formal leave of absence" means any absence from active
154 service in the public schools of Connecticut formally granted by a
155 member's employer as evidenced by contemporary records of the
156 employer, provided in the case of an absence due to illness, medical or
157 other evidence of such illness may, at the discretion of the Teachers'
158 Retirement Board, be accepted in lieu of evidence of the formal granting
159 of a leave.

160 [(16)] (17) "Formal application of retirement" means: (A) the
161 member's application, birth certificate or notarized statement supported
162 by other evidence satisfactory to the board, in lieu thereof, (B) records
163 of service, if such records are required by the board to determine a salary
164 rate or years of creditable service, (C) a statement of payment plan,
165 including, if applicable, the fixed period of time selected by a member
166 under Plan C or the coparticipant's share designated under Plan D, (D)
167 in the case of an application for a disability benefit, a physician's, a
168 physician assistant's or an advanced practice registered nurse's
169 statement of health, and (E) any other documentation required by the
170 board.

171 [(17)] (18) "Funding" means the accumulation of assets in advance of
172 the payment of retirement allowances in accordance with a [definite
173 actuarial program] board-approved actuarial methodology.

174 [(18)] (19) "Member" means any Connecticut teacher employed (A)
175 on, and compensated for, the first school day, in accordance with the
176 member's contractual schedule, and (B) for an average of at least one-
177 half of each school day after the first school day, except that no teacher
178 who under any provision of the general statutes elects not to participate
179 in the system shall be a member unless and until the teacher elects to

180 participate in the system. [Members] A member teaching in a nonpublic
181 school classified as a public school by the board under the provisions of
182 this section may continue as [members] a member as long as [they
183 continue as teachers] the member continues to be a teacher in such
184 school even if the school ceases to be so classified. A former teacher who
185 has not withdrawn his or her accumulated contributions shall be an
186 "inactive member". A member who, during the period of a formal leave
187 of absence granted by his or her employer, but not exceeding an
188 aggregate of ten school months, continues to make mandatory
189 contributions to the board, retains his or her status as an active member.

190 [(19)] (20) "Normal cost" means the amount of contribution which the
191 state is required to make into the retirement fund in order to meet the
192 actuarial cost of current service.

193 [(20)] (21) "Public school" means any day school conducted within or
194 without this state under the orders and superintendence of a duly
195 elected school committee, a board of education, the State Board of
196 Education, the Office of Early Childhood, the Board of Regents for
197 Higher Education, or any of its constituent units, The University of
198 Connecticut Board of Trustees, the board of governors or any of its
199 constituent units, the Technical Education and Career System, the E. O.
200 Smith School, the Children's Center and its successors, the State
201 Education Resource Center established pursuant to section 10-4q of the
202 2014 supplement to the general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to
203 January 1, 2013, the State Education Resource Center established
204 pursuant to section 10-357a, joint activities of boards of education
205 authorized by subsection (b) of section 10-158a and any institution
206 supported by the state at which teachers are employed or any
207 incorporated secondary school not under the orders and
208 superintendence of a duly elected school committee or board of
209 education but located in a town not maintaining a high school and
210 providing free tuition to pupils of the town in which it is located, and
211 which has been approved by the State Board of Education under the
212 provisions of part II of chapter 164, provided that such institution or

213 such secondary school is classified as a public school by the retirement
214 board. With respect to members hired prior to July 1, 2022, "public
215 school" also means the Children's Center and its successors, the State
216 Education Resource Center established pursuant to section 10-4q of the
217 2014 supplement to the general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to
218 January 1, 2013, and the State Education Resource Center established
219 pursuant to section 10-357a.

220 [(21)] (22) "Retirement allowance" means payments for life derived
221 from member contributions, including credited interest, and
222 contributions from the state.

223 (23) "Retired member" means a member who receives a retirement
224 benefit computed pursuant to section 10-183g, as amended by this act.

225 [(22)] (24) "School year" means the twelve months ending on June
226 thirtieth of each year.

227 [(23)] (25) "Surviving spouse" means a widow or widower of a
228 deceased member who (A) was living with the member at the time of
229 the member's death, or receiving, or entitled by court order or
230 agreement to receive, regular support payments from the member, and
231 (B) has not remarried.

232 [(24) "Survivors"] (26) "Survivor" means a surviving spouse, a
233 dependent former spouse, a dependent child and a dependent parent.

234 [(25)] (27) "System" means the Connecticut teachers' retirement
235 system.

236 [(26)] (28) "Teacher" means any: (A) [any] Person, including, but not
237 limited to, a teacher, permanent substitute teacher, principal, assistant
238 principal, supervisor, assistant superintendent or superintendent who
239 is employed by [the] a public [schools] school in a professional capacity
240 while possessing a certificate or permit, except a school business
241 administration endorsement, issued by the State Board of Education,
242 provided on and after July 1, 1975, such certificate shall be for the

243 position in which the person is then employed, except as provided for
244 in section 10-183qq; [] (B) [certified personnel] person possessing a
245 certificate or permit issued by the State Board of Education, who was
246 hired before July 1, 2022, and who [provide] provides health and welfare
247 services for children in a nonprofit [schools] school, as provided in
248 section 10-217a, under an oral or written agreement; [] (C) [any] person
249 who is engaged in teaching or supervising [schools] in a program in the
250 state that leads to a high school diploma at a school for adults if the
251 annual salary paid for such service is equal to or greater than the
252 minimum salary paid for a regular, full-time teaching position in the
253 day schools in the town where such service is rendered; [] (D) [a]
254 member of the professional staff [of] employed in an educational role at
255 the State Board of Education, the Office of Early Childhood, [or of] the
256 Board of Regents for Higher Education or any of the constituent units,
257 or the Technical Education and Career System; (E) faculty member
258 employed by The University of Connecticut in an educational role; and
259 [(E) a member of the staff of] (F) staff member employed in an
260 educational role at the State Education Resource Center established
261 pursuant to section 10-4q of the 2014 supplement to the general statutes,
262 revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2013, or the State Education
263 Resource Center established pursuant to section 10-357a, employed in a
264 professional capacity while possessing a certificate or permit issued by
265 the State Board of Education, provided such staff member was hired
266 prior to July 1, 2022. A "permanent substitute teacher" is [one] a person
267 who serves as [such for at least ten months during any school year] a
268 substitute teacher in the same assignment for an entire school year.

269 [(27)] (29) "Unfunded liability" means the actuarially determined
270 value of the liability for service before the date of the actuarial valuation
271 less the accumulated assets in the retirement fund.

272 [(28)] (30) "Internal Revenue Code" means the Internal Revenue Code
273 of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the
274 United States, as from time to time amended, and any regulations
275 promulgated under or interpretations of said code that may affect this

276 chapter.

277 [(29)] (31) "Limitation year" means the twelve-month period
278 beginning each July first and ending each June thirtieth.

279 (32) "Educational role" or "educational capacity" means having duties
280 and responsibilities that would require a certificate issued by the State
281 Department of Education if performed in a public school.

282 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 10-183c of the general statutes is
283 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
284 *2022*):

285 (a) The Connecticut teachers' retirement system is established to
286 provide retirement and other benefits for teachers, their survivors and
287 beneficiaries. On or after a member vests in the system by becoming
288 eligible to receive a retirement benefit pursuant to section 10-183f, or
289 accumulates ten years of credited service in the system, as defined in
290 subsection (a) of section 10-183e, as amended by this act, whichever is
291 later, the member's benefit under sections 10-183e, as amended by this
292 act, 10-183f, 10-183g, as amended by this act, 10-183h, as amended by
293 this act, 10-183j, as amended by this act, and 10-183aa, as amended by
294 this act, is contractual in nature and no public or special act of the
295 General Assembly shall diminish such benefit, provided this section
296 shall apply only to an active member who is vested on October 1, 2003,
297 or to a member who vests or accumulates ten years of credited service
298 on or after October 1, 2003, and shall apply to the member's benefit in
299 existence on October 1, 2003, or to the member's benefit in existence on
300 the date the member vests or accumulates ten years of credited service,
301 respectively, whichever is later.

302 Sec. 3. Section 10-183e of the general statutes is repealed and the
303 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

304 (a) (1) A member shall receive a month of credited service for each
305 month of service, from September to June, inclusive, as a teacher,
306 provided the [Teachers' Retirement Board may grant a member]

307 member makes the mandatory contribution for each month. Ten months
308 of credited service shall be deemed to be one year of credited service. A
309 member may not accumulate more than one year of credited service
310 during any school year.

311 (2) The board may grant a member a month of credited service for a
312 month during which such member was employed after the first school
313 day but not later than the fifth school day of such month if [(1)] (A) such
314 month was the member's first month of service as a teacher, [and (2)] (B)
315 such month of credited service is needed by the member in order to
316 qualify for a normal retirement benefit, [. Ten months of credited service
317 shall be equal to one year of credited service. A member may not
318 accumulate more than one year of credited service during any school
319 year] and (C) the mandatory contribution for such month is paid.

320 (b) Any member may purchase, as provided in subsection (c) of this
321 section, additional credited service, but not to exceed an aggregate of
322 one year in the case of service described in subdivision (2) of this
323 subsection for each two years of active full-time service as a Connecticut
324 teacher; and not to exceed an aggregate of one year in the case of absence
325 described in subdivision (8) of this subsection for each five years of
326 active full-time service as a Connecticut teacher, provided if any such
327 absence exceeds thirty consecutive school months, such additional
328 credited service shall be limited to thirty school months; and not to
329 exceed an aggregate of ten years for all service described in this
330 subsection, except for service described in subdivision (2) of this
331 subsection. In no event may any service described in this subsection be
332 purchased if the member is receiving or is, or will become, entitled to
333 receive a retirement benefit based upon such service from any
334 governmental system other than the teachers' retirement system or the
335 federal Social Security System. Additional credited service includes:

336 (1) Service as a teacher in a school for military dependents established
337 by the United States Department of Defense;

338 (2) Service as a teacher in a public school of another state of the United

339 States, its territories or possessions;

340 (3) Service in the armed forces of the United States in time of war, as
341 defined in section 27-103, or service in said armed forces during the
342 period beginning October 27, 1953, and ending January 31, 1955;

343 (4) Service in a permanent full-time position for the state;

344 (5) Service as a teacher at The University of Connecticut prior to July
345 1, 1965;

346 (6) Service as a teacher at the Wheeler School and Library, North
347 Stonington, prior to September 1, 1949;

348 (7) Service as a teacher at the Gilbert Home, Winsted, prior to
349 September 1, 1948;

350 (8) Any formal leave of absence as provided in regulations adopted
351 by the board, if the member subsequently returns to service for at least
352 one school year;

353 (9) Service as a teacher at the American School [at Hartford] for the
354 Deaf, the Connecticut Institute for the Blind or the Newington
355 Children's Hospital;

356 (10) Forty or more days of service as a substitute teacher, or the
357 equivalent service rendered at less than half-time, in a single public
358 school system within the state of Connecticut in any school year,
359 provided (A) eighteen days of such service shall equal one month of
360 credited service under subsection (a) of this section, and (B) on and after
361 July 1, 2022, such days of service shall be rendered within one school
362 year;

363 (11) Service in the armed forces of the United States, other than
364 service described in subdivision (3) of this subsection, not to exceed
365 thirty months;

366 (12) Service as a full-time, salaried, elected official of the state or any

367 political subdivision of the state during the 1978 calendar year or
368 thereafter, if such member subsequently returns to service as a teacher
369 in a public school for at least one school year;

370 (13) Service in the public schools of Connecticut as a member of the
371 federal Teacher Corps, not to exceed two years;

372 (14) Service in the United States Peace Corps;

373 (15) Service in the United States VISTA (Volunteers in Service to
374 America) program;

375 (16) Service in the public schools of Connecticut as a social work
376 assistant, from January 1, 1969, to December 31, 1986, inclusive, if such
377 member became a certified school social worker and remained in service
378 in the public [school service] schools of Connecticut as a social worker
379 after certification; and

380 (17) Service prior to July 1, 2007, as a member of the staff of the State
381 Education Resource Center established pursuant to section 10-4q of the
382 general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2007, employed
383 in a professional capacity while possessing a certificate or permit issued
384 by the State Board of Education.

385 (c) Credited service described in subdivisions (3), (8) and (10) of
386 subsection (b) of this section shall be deemed to be service in the public
387 schools of Connecticut.

388 [(c)] (d) Additional credited service [must] shall be purchased by a
389 member (1) prior to the [time] effective date of such member's
390 retirement, or (2) at the time a surviving spouse elects benefits under the
391 provisions of subsection (d) of section 10-183h, as amended by this act.
392 [or (3) at the time benefits commence as provided under sections 10-
393 183g and 10-183jj.] Any purchase of such service shall be accomplished
394 by the member paying to the board an amount determined on the basis
395 of actuarial factors adopted by the board that reflect the present value
396 of one-half of the full actuarial cost of the benefit increase that will be

397 derived by the purchase of such service, except that in the case of
398 purchase of service described in subdivision (17) of subsection (b) of this
399 section, or in the case of purchase of service described in subdivision (2)
400 of said subsection (b) in excess of ten years, the present value of the full
401 actuarial cost. Such factors shall consider the member's age at the time
402 of purchase, actual or projected salary, and the earliest date on which
403 the member would be eligible for a normal retirement allowance.
404 Payments for additional credited service may be made in a lump sum
405 by transfer of funds from the member's accumulated one per cent
406 contributions withheld prior to July 1, 1989, with credited interest and
407 accumulated voluntary contributions with credited interest plus such
408 other amounts as may be required to complete the purchase.

409 [(d) For the purpose of determining eligibility for benefits under
410 section 10-183f, credited service purchased under subsection (b) of this
411 section shall not be used except that (1) service in a school for military
412 dependents described in subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section
413 and out-of-state public school service described in subdivision (2) of
414 said subsection (b) shall be used to determine eligibility for a normal
415 retirement benefit based upon thirty-five years of credited service and
416 for an early retirement benefit; and (2) military service described in
417 subdivision (3) of said subsection (b), any leave of absence described in
418 subdivision (8) of said subsection (b) and substitute service described in
419 subdivision (10) of said subsection (b) shall be used as if they were
420 service in the public schools of Connecticut.

421 (e) For purposes of computing benefit amounts under section 10-
422 183g, other than proratable benefits and deferred vested retirement
423 benefits, credited service purchased under subsection (b) of this section
424 shall be used in the same manner as credited service described in
425 subsection (a) of this section. In computing proratable benefits,
426 purchased service credits shall be used as set forth in subsection (b) of
427 section 10-183g. In computing deferred vested retirement benefits,
428 purchased service credits shall be used as set forth in subsection (d) of
429 section 10-183g. In computing the lump sum death benefit under section

430 10-183h, military service described in subdivision (3) of subsection (b)
431 of this section and leaves of absence described in subdivision (8) of said
432 subsection (b) shall be used as if they were service in the public schools
433 of Connecticut.]

434 [(f)] (e) For purposes of computing benefit amounts under section 10-
435 183g, as amended by this act, whole months of credited service,
436 including additional credited service, in excess of whole years shall be
437 used in determining aggregate accumulations of credited service.

438 [(g)] (f) Any member who has been elected to a full-time or part-time
439 position in an organization which has been duly designated as the
440 teachers' representative or who has been elected to a full-time or part-
441 time position in a state-wide, national or international bargaining
442 organization may, during the time such member so serves, continue
443 membership and may make, or have made for such member, payments
444 of contributions for such time, provided the organization which such
445 member represents shall pay the full actuarial cost that would otherwise
446 be incurred by the state for the time such member serves in excess of one
447 year. If payment is made during such periods or at any time before
448 retirement, such member shall receive credit for such service and shall
449 be considered as serving as a [public school] teacher in the [state] the
450 public schools of Connecticut for the purpose of computing length of
451 service, and for the purpose of computing average annual salary, and
452 shall be considered by the retirement board as though such member
453 were remaining in such member's latest teaching position.

454 Sec. 4. Section 10-183g of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes
455 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
456 *1, 2022*):

457 (a) The normal retirement benefit shall be two per cent times the
458 number of years of full-time credited service and a proportional fraction
459 of two per cent times the number of years of credited service at less than
460 full-time multiplied by average annual salary. In no event, however,
461 shall such benefit exceed seventy-five per cent of such salary or be less

462 than three thousand six hundred dollars.

463 (b) The proratable retirement benefit shall be computed as follows:
464 Average annual salary multiplied by (1) number of years of credited
465 service [, excluding all additional credited service, except service
466 described in subdivisions (3), (8) and (10) of subsection (b) of section 10-
467 183e,] in the public schools of Connecticut multiplied by the applicable
468 percentage based on age and service as determined from the table
469 below, and (2) number of years of all additional credited service not
470 used in subdivision (1) of this subsection multiplied by one per cent.

T1 TABLE

T2 AGE OF RETIREMENT

T3 Years Of

T4 Connecticut

T5	Service	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
T6	10	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
T7	11	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
T8	12	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
T9	13	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
T10	14	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
T11	15	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
T12	16	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6
T13	17	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7
T14	18	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8
T15	19	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9
T16	20	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0

471 (c) The early retirement benefit shall be computed in the same
472 manner as the normal retirement benefit, then actuarially reduced, on
473 the basis of early retirement tables adopted from time to time by the
474 board, for each month early retirement precedes the minimum age at
475 which the member could have retired with a normal retirement benefit

476 pursuant to subsection (a) of section 10-183f. [Such minimum age shall
477 be such member's actual age at retirement plus the lesser of (1) the
478 difference between such age and age sixty, or (2) the difference between
479 thirty-five years and the sum of such member's years of Connecticut
480 public school service plus all purchased leaves of absence, military and
481 out-of-state public school service.] On and after July 1, 1999, any
482 revisions to the early retirement tables shall be submitted to the Office
483 of Policy and Management and the joint standing committee of the
484 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
485 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies within one month of
486 their adoption by the board. Any such revisions shall be accompanied
487 by an actuarial certification of the costs associated with such revisions.

488 (d) The deferred vested retirement benefit shall be computed as
489 follows: Average annual salary multiplied by (1) number of years of
490 credited service [, excluding all additional credited service, except
491 service described in subdivisions (3), (8) and (10) of subsection (b) of
492 section 10-183e,] in the public schools of Connecticut multiplied by two
493 per cent, then actuarially reduced in the same manner as the early
494 retirement benefit if the years of service which could have been
495 rendered were less than twenty years by age sixty or by the subsequent
496 date of retirement, and (2) number of years of all additional credited
497 service not used in subdivision (1) of this subsection multiplied by one
498 per cent.

499 (e) Repealed by P.A. 79-541, S. 5, 6.

500 (f) [In] (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, in
501 addition to a retirement benefit computed under subsections (a) to (d),
502 inclusive, of this section and a disability allowance under subsections
503 (a) to (g), inclusive, of section 10-183aa, a member shall receive a lump
504 sum payment equal to the member's accumulated one per cent
505 contributions withheld prior to July 1, 1989, and any voluntary
506 contributions, with credited interest. Such lump sum shall be paid not
507 later than three months after (A) the effective date of retirement, or (B)
508 the date the first payment of a disability allowance under section 10-

509 183aa, as amended by this act, is made, except the board may delay
510 payment of such lump sum in extenuating circumstances. In the case of
511 a delay in payment of the lump sum in extenuating circumstances, the
512 board shall provide notice in writing to the member explaining the
513 nature of the extenuating circumstances necessitating a delay in
514 payment and an estimated time when the board expects to make the
515 payment to the member.

516 (2) In lieu of such lump sum, the member may elect to receive an
517 actuarially equivalent annuity for life. [Such lump sum or] Payment of
518 such annuity shall [be paid, or commenced to be paid,] commence when
519 the first payment of the [other] retirement benefit computed under
520 subsections (a) to (d), inclusive, of this section or a disability allowance
521 under subsections (a) to (g), inclusive, of section 10-183aa whichever is
522 earlier, is made.

523 (g) A member's complete formal application for retirement, if sent by
524 mail, shall be deemed to have been filed with the board on the date such
525 application is postmarked. No benefit computed under subsections (a)
526 to (d), inclusive, of this section and under subsections (a) to (g),
527 inclusive, of section 10-183aa shall become effective until [the end of the
528 calendar month of the filing by the] a member eligible for retirement
529 under section 10-183f files with the board [of] a complete formal
530 application for retirement and terminates service with such member's
531 employer. Such benefit shall accrue from the first day of the month
532 following [such] the calendar month in which such application is filed
533 and payment of such benefit in equal monthly installments shall
534 commence on the last day of the month in which such benefit begins to
535 accrue. The initial payment of such benefit may be made not later than
536 three months following the effective date of retirement, provided such
537 payment shall be retroactive to such effective date. Upon a finding that
538 extenuating circumstances relating to the health of a member caused a
539 delay in the filing of the member's complete formal application, and
540 such application is filed on or after July 1, 1986, the board may deem
541 such application to have been filed up to three months earlier than the

542 actual date of the filing. Upon a finding that extenuating circumstances
543 related to the health of a member caused a delay in the filing of an
544 election pursuant to subsection (g) of section 10-183aa, and such election
545 is filed on or after July 1, 1986, the board may deem such election to have
546 been filed as of the date such member's benefits would otherwise have
547 been converted to a normal retirement [allowance, provided such
548 member's disability allowance became effective on or before November
549 1, 1976, and such member attained the age of sixty on or after August 1,
550 1984] benefit under this section.

551 (h) (1) A benefit computed under subsections (a) to (d), inclusive, of
552 this section and under subsections (a) to (g), inclusive, of section 10-
553 183aa shall continue until the death of the member.

554 (2) For any member who accumulates ten years of credited service in
555 the public schools of Connecticut prior to July 1, 2019, the member's
556 designated beneficiary shall be paid on the death of the member a lump
557 sum amount equal to the sum of such member's accumulated regular
558 contributions, including any one per cent contributions withheld prior
559 to July 1, 1989, and any voluntary contributions plus credited interest
560 that had been accrued to the date benefits commenced, less an amount
561 equal to twenty-five per cent of the aggregate benefits paid to such
562 member [prior to] through the month of the member's death.

563 (3) For any member who accumulates ten years of credited service in
564 the public schools of Connecticut on or after July 1, 2019, the member's
565 designated beneficiary shall be paid on the death of the member a lump
566 sum amount equal to the sum of such member's accumulated regular
567 contributions, including any one per cent contributions withheld prior
568 to July 1, 1989, and any voluntary contributions plus credited interest
569 that had been accrued to the date benefits commenced, less an amount
570 equal to fifty per cent of the aggregate benefits paid to such member
571 [prior to] through the month of the member's death.

572 (i) [In lieu of a benefit computed under subsections (a) to (d),
573 inclusive, of this section and under subsections (a) to (g), inclusive, of

574 section 10-183aa, a] A member [may] shall elect one of the benefit
575 options described in section 10-183j, as amended by this act, or any other
576 actuarially equivalent option which the board may offer from time to
577 time.

578 (j) Beginning the first day of January or July which follows nine
579 months in retirement, a retired member who retired prior to September
580 1, 1992, or a member's successor beneficiary, except a person receiving
581 survivor's benefits, shall be eligible for an annual five per cent cost of
582 living allowance on any benefit except a benefit based upon such
583 member's one per cent contributions or voluntary contributions. Such
584 cost of living allowance shall be computed on the basis of the retirement
585 benefits to which such retired member or successor beneficiary was
586 entitled on the last day of the preceding December or June except
587 benefits based upon one per cent or voluntary contributions. Such
588 member's successor beneficiary means any person, other than such
589 member, receiving benefits as the result of the election of a period
590 certain option or a coparticipant option, including an election for such
591 an option by a surviving spouse under subsection (d) of section 10-183h,
592 as amended by this act. The right to such allowance, or any portion
593 thereof, may be waived by the person entitled thereto at any time. Any
594 waiver shall remain in effect until the first day of the month following
595 such person's death or the filing with the board of a written notice of
596 cancellation of the waiver. Any allowance waived shall be forever
597 forfeited. If on any subsequent first day of January or July the Teacher's
598 Retirement Board determines that the National Consumer Price Index
599 for urban wage earners and clerical workers for the twelve-month
600 period ending on the last day of the preceding November or May has
601 increased less than the cost of living allowance provided under this
602 subsection, the cost of living allowance provided by this subsection shall
603 be adjusted to reflect the change in such index provided such cost of
604 living allowance shall not be less than three per cent.

605 (k) Beginning the first day of January or July which follows nine
606 months in retirement, a retired member who retired on or after

607 September 1, 1992, or a member's successor beneficiary, except a person
608 receiving survivor's benefits, shall be eligible for an annual cost of living
609 allowance calculated in accordance with the provisions of subsections
610 (l) or (m) of this section on any benefit except a benefit based upon such
611 member's one per cent contributions or voluntary contributions. Such
612 cost of living allowance shall be computed on the basis of the retirement
613 benefits to which such retired member or successor beneficiary was
614 entitled on the last day of the preceding December or June except
615 benefits based upon one per cent or voluntary contributions. [Such
616 member's successor beneficiary means any person, other than such
617 member, receiving benefits as the result of the election of a period
618 certain option or a coparticipant option, including an election for such
619 an option by a surviving spouse under subsection (d) of section 10-
620 183h.] The right to such allowance, or any portion thereof, may be
621 waived by the person entitled thereto at any time. Any waiver shall
622 remain in effect until the first day of the month following such person's
623 death or the filing with the board of a written notice of cancellation of
624 the waiver. Any allowance waived shall be forever forfeited.

625 (l) (1) Beginning the first day of January or July which follows nine
626 months in retirement, a retired member who retired on or after
627 September 1, 1992, or a member's successor beneficiary, except a person
628 receiving survivor's benefits, shall be eligible for an annual cost of living
629 allowance. The cost of living allowance shall be calculated by using the
630 percentage cost of living adjustment granted by the Social Security
631 Administration for the applicable year, computed on the basis of the
632 retirement benefits to which such retired member or successor
633 beneficiary was entitled on the last day of the preceding December or
634 June except benefits based upon one per cent or voluntary contributions,
635 provided no cost of living allowance shall exceed six per cent and
636 provided further, if the total return earned by the trustees on the market
637 value of the pension assets for the preceding fiscal year is less than six
638 and nine-tenths per cent, any cost of living allowance granted shall not
639 exceed one and one-half per cent.

640 (2) A member entering the retirement system commencing on or after
641 July 1, 2007, or such member's successor beneficiary, except a person
642 receiving survivor's benefits, shall, beginning the first day of January or
643 July that follows nine months in retirement, be eligible for an annual
644 cost of living allowance as follows: The cost of living allowance shall be
645 calculated by using the percentage cost of living adjustment granted by
646 the Social Security Administration for the applicable year, computed on
647 the basis of the retirement benefits to which such retired member or
648 successor beneficiary was entitled on the last day of the preceding
649 December or June, as applicable, except benefits based upon one per
650 cent or voluntary contributions, provided (A) no cost of living
651 allowance shall exceed five per cent, and (B) if the total return earned by
652 the trustees on the market value of the pension assets for the preceding
653 fiscal year is less than six and nine-tenths per cent, any cost of living
654 allowance granted shall not exceed one per cent, if such total return for
655 the preceding fiscal year is greater than six and nine-tenths per cent but
656 less than nine and nine-tenths per cent, any cost of living allowance
657 granted shall not exceed three per cent, and if such return exceeds nine
658 and nine-tenths per cent, any cost of living allowance granted shall not
659 exceed five per cent.

660 (m) Repealed by P.A. 07-186, S. 14.

661 (n) Repealed by P.A. 07-186, S. 14.

662 (o) On January 1, 1988, each eligible retired member who had
663 rendered at least twenty-five years of full-time service prior to normal
664 retirement under the provisions of subsection (a) of section 10-183f, or
665 such member's successor beneficiary, as defined in subsection (j) of this
666 section, shall receive a single increase in retirement benefits provided
667 under this chapter. Such increase shall be paid to such eligible members
668 or successor beneficiaries whose monthly benefit as of December 31,
669 1987, before any reduction for an optional benefit payment plan, is less
670 than eight hundred dollars, and shall be sufficient to increase such
671 monthly benefit to eight hundred dollars.

672 (p) On January 1, 1991, each eligible retired member who had
673 rendered at least twenty-five years of full-time service at least twenty
674 years of which were service in the public schools of Connecticut prior to
675 early retirement before January 1, 1976, under the provisions of
676 subsection (c) of section 10-183f, or such member's successor beneficiary,
677 as defined in subsection (j) of this section, shall receive a single increase
678 in retirement benefits provided under this chapter. Such increase shall
679 be paid to such eligible members or successor beneficiaries whose
680 monthly benefit as of December 31, 1990, before any reduction for an
681 optional benefit payment plan, is less than eight hundred dollars, and
682 shall be sufficient to increase such monthly benefit to eight hundred
683 dollars.

684 (q) On January 1, 1999, each eligible retired member who had
685 rendered at least twenty-five years of full-time service, or such
686 member's successor beneficiary, as defined in subsection (j) of this
687 section, shall receive a single increase in benefits provided under this
688 chapter. Such increase shall be sufficient to increase the monthly benefit
689 of such eligible members or successor beneficiaries, whose monthly
690 benefit as of December 31, 1998, before any actuarial reduction for early
691 retirement or for an optional benefit payment plan, is less than twelve
692 hundred dollars and shall be sufficient to increase such monthly benefit
693 to twelve hundred dollars.

694 (r) No retirement benefit payable under this chapter, including any
695 cost of living allowance, shall exceed the maximum dollar limit in effect
696 under Section 415(b) of the Internal Revenue Code for the applicable
697 limitation year, as increased in subsequent years pursuant to Section
698 415(d) of the Internal Revenue Code. [A subsequent annual increase
699 shall apply to a member if the increase becomes effective after the
700 member retires or, if such increase becomes effective before a member
701 retires, after the date on which such benefit begins to accrue.]

702 (s) For purposes of this section, "successor beneficiary" means any
703 person, other than the member, who is receiving benefits as the result of
704 the election of a period certain option or a coparticipant option,

705 including an election for such an option by a surviving spouse under
706 subsection (d) of section 10-183h, as amended by this act.

707 Sec. 5. Section 10-183h of the general statutes is repealed and the
708 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

709 (a) The basic monthly survivor's [monthly] benefit, subject to a family
710 maximum of one thousand five hundred dollars, shall be (1) three
711 hundred dollars each for a surviving spouse, plus twenty-five dollars
712 for each year of service in excess of twelve years in the [Connecticut]
713 public schools of Connecticut completed by the member, subject to a
714 maximum monthly benefit of six hundred dollars, (2) three hundred
715 dollars each for a dependent former spouse; for a dependent parent if
716 there is no surviving spouse or dependent child; and for a legal guardian
717 of any dependent child if there is no surviving spouse, dependent
718 former spouse or dependent parent, and (3) three hundred dollars for
719 each dependent child. In applying the family maximum, the benefit
720 shall be first allocated to the child or children, with the excess allocated
721 to the surviving spouse and any dependent former spouse in proportion
722 to the amount each would receive according to the above formula.
723 Payment of the benefit shall commence on the last day of the month
724 following the month of the member's death. Such benefit shall continue
725 through the month preceding the month in which the survivor dies or
726 ceases to be eligible for such benefit. Such benefit to the legal guardian
727 of dependent children shall continue until all such children are no
728 longer dependent, as defined in section 10-183b, as amended by this act.
729 Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, any such surviving
730 spouse, dependent former spouse, dependent parent or legal guardian
731 may waive the right to payment of the benefit under this subsection in
732 order that a designated beneficiary who is the child of the deceased
733 member may receive such member's accumulated contributions plus
734 credited interest. Such waiver shall be made prior to the payment of the
735 benefit to any such surviving spouse, dependent former spouse,
736 dependent parent or legal guardian.

737 (b) [If no coparticipant option under 10-183j has become effective, a]

738 A lump sum death benefit shall be payable to [the] a surviving spouse.
739 Such benefit shall be one thousand dollars for five years or less of
740 [Connecticut public school] service in the public schools of Connecticut,
741 plus two hundred dollars for each year of credited service in the public
742 schools of Connecticut in excess of five years, to a maximum of two
743 thousand dollars. [For purposes of this subsection, purchased military
744 service and purchased leaves of absence under subdivisions (3) and (8)
745 of subsection (b) of section 10-183e shall be deemed to be Connecticut
746 public school service.] If there is no surviving spouse, such benefit shall
747 be equal to the member's burial expenses but not in excess of what
748 would have been payable to a surviving spouse and shall be payable to
749 the person who paid such expenses. No payment under this subsection
750 shall be made unless application for the payment is filed with the board
751 within two years of such member's death.

752 (c) In lieu of [such] a basic survivor's benefit and [such] a lump sum
753 death benefit, a sole survivor who has attained age eighteen, and is the
754 member's designated beneficiary may elect to receive an amount equal
755 to such member's accumulated contributions together with credited
756 interest. [When a member has designated two or more beneficiaries,
757 who have, at the time of such member's death, attained age eighteen, the
758 one entitled to basic survivor's benefits, if any, shall be deemed the sole
759 survivor within the meaning of this subsection, provided, that all other
760 designated beneficiaries relinquish all claim to any amounts that may
761 be due them from the system.]

762 (d) The surviving spouse of any member who, at the time of death
763 was eligible for a retirement benefit other than a disability benefit and
764 had not filed a waiver of the coparticipant's option, may elect to receive
765 (1) a monthly benefit for life equal to the benefit payable if a one
766 hundred per cent coparticipant's option had been elected or (2) an
767 amount equal to the member's accumulated contributions with credited
768 interest.

769 (e) If no coparticipant option has become effective and if the
770 aggregate payments under this section are less than the accumulated

771 mandatory contributions of a deceased member plus credited interest,
772 there shall be paid to such member's designated beneficiary an amount
773 equal to the difference between such aggregate payments and such
774 accumulated mandatory contributions plus credited interest.

775 (f) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (B) of
776 subdivision [(23)] (25) of section 10-183b, as amended by this act,
777 benefits payable under this section to a surviving spouse shall not be
778 terminated because of remarriage if such surviving spouse has attained
779 the age of sixty.

780 (g) If a member who has filed an application for retirement dies prior
781 to the effective date of retirement, such member's spouse, if such spouse
782 is designated on such application as the sole beneficiary, may elect to
783 receive either (1) the preretirement death benefits as set forth in this
784 section, or (2) the benefit payment option selected by the deceased
785 member on such retirement application.

786 Sec. 6. Section 10-183j of the general statutes is repealed and the
787 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

788 (a) [In lieu of a normal, early, proratable or deferred vested benefit,
789 a] A member [may] shall elect [either of the] one of the benefit options
790 described in [subsections (b) and (c) of] this section. A member may
791 amend or revoke such benefit option election by delivering written
792 notice, signed by the member and notarized, to the board prior to the
793 date of the member's retirement. A member's benefit option election
794 may not be amended or revoked after the member's date of retirement.

795 (b) A member may elect the Plan N single life option. A member
796 electing this option shall receive benefits as described in section 10-183g,
797 as amended by this act.

798 [(b) A] (c) A member may elect the Plan C period certain option, [may
799 be elected in which the member receives] A member electing this option
800 shall receive an actuarially reduced benefit for a fixed period of time
801 selected by such member, [and for the remainder of such member's life.]

802 Such member may select a fixed period of twenty-five years or such
803 shorter period as the board may offer. If such member dies before
804 receiving the benefit for the selected period, such benefit shall be paid
805 to the member's designated beneficiary for the remainder of such
806 period. If such member's designated beneficiary dies before such
807 member, or if such member has no designated beneficiary and such
808 member dies before receiving the benefit for the selected period, any
809 remaining benefit shall be paid to such member's estate as a commuted
810 value. If there are multiple designated beneficiaries and a designated
811 beneficiary dies before the end of the selected period, the deceased
812 designated beneficiary's remaining benefit shall be allocated equally to
813 the remaining living designated beneficiaries. If a sole designated
814 beneficiary dies before the end of such period, any remaining benefit
815 shall be paid to the designated beneficiary's estate as a commuted value.

816 [(c) A] (d) (1) A member may elect the Plan D coparticipant's option.
817 [may be elected in which the member receives] A member electing this
818 option shall receive an actuarially reduced benefit as [provided in]
819 described in subdivision (2) of this subsection [(d) of this section] and,
820 upon such member's death, one-third, one-half, two-thirds, three-
821 fourths or all of such [amount is] benefit shall be paid to such member's
822 designated beneficiary for life. Any member who elects this option shall
823 select one designated beneficiary, who shall be such member's
824 coparticipant. The member's selection of a designated beneficiary shall
825 be irrevocable and shall terminate only as provided in this subsection.
826 With respect to any benefits which become effective on or after January
827 1, 2001, if twenty-five per cent of the aggregate benefits paid to the
828 member or such member's designated beneficiary are, upon the death
829 of such member or such designated beneficiary, less than such member's
830 accumulated contributions plus credited interest, the estate of such
831 member or such designated beneficiary, as appropriate, shall be paid a
832 lump sum amount equal to the difference between such aggregate
833 benefits paid and such accumulated contributions plus credited interest.

834 [(d)] (2) The benefits payable to [such] a member electing the Plan D

835 coparticipant's option and such member's coparticipant shall be
836 computed as follows:

837 [(1)] (A) The benefit payable to such member at retirement and to
838 such coparticipant upon such member's death shall be the actuarial
839 equivalent of the normal, early, [or] prorable or deferred vested
840 benefit for which such member is eligible and based upon such
841 member's age at retirement and the age of such coparticipant on such
842 retirement date. In the event the member predeceases the coparticipant,
843 upon the death of the coparticipant, any remaining value in the account
844 shall be paid in a lump sum to the coparticipant's estate. In the event (i)
845 the coparticipant predeceases the member, (ii) the member and the
846 coparticipant divorce, or (iii) the member and the coparticipant legally
847 separate on or after July 1, 2020, the member's actuarially reduced
848 benefit shall revert to an unreduced benefit under Plan N and, upon the
849 member's death, any remaining value in the member's account shall be
850 paid to the member's designated beneficiary, if any, or, if there is no
851 designated beneficiary, to the member's estate.

852 [(2) The benefit payable to such coparticipant of such member who
853 dies after such option first becomes effective but before retirement shall
854 be the actuarial equivalent of the normal, early or prorable benefit for
855 which such member was eligible based on such member's age at death
856 and the age of such coparticipant on such date of death.]

857 [(3) (A)] (B) (i) Except as provided in this subparagraph, [(B) of this
858 subdivision,] a coparticipant option shall be terminated, for any
859 member whose designated coparticipant dies or is divorced from the
860 member after the member's retirement, on the date of such death or
861 divorce. Such member shall thereupon be paid the normal, early or
862 prorable retirement benefit for which the member is eligible. [(B)] (ii)
863 On and after July 1, 2016, upon the divorce of a member and the
864 member's designated coparticipant or upon the legal separation of a
865 member and such member's designated coparticipant occurring on or
866 after July 1, 2020, and subsequent to the member's retirement, the
867 member may retain the coparticipant designation and the coparticipant

868 option elected at the time of retirement by filing a [qualified] domestic
869 relations order with the board.

870 Sec. 7. Section 10-183k of the general statutes is repealed and the
871 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

872 (a) A member who voluntarily or involuntarily terminates [prior to]
873 service with the member's employer, including termination due to the
874 member's death, before retirement shall be entitled to have refunded his
875 or her accumulated voluntary contributions with credited interest.

876 (b) A member who voluntarily or involuntarily terminates service
877 with the member's employer, including termination due to the
878 member's death, before retirement with less than five [years'] years of
879 credited service in the public schools of Connecticut shall be entitled to
880 have refunded his or her accumulated regular contributions with
881 credited interest. A member who voluntarily or involuntarily terminates
882 service with the member's employer, including termination due to the
883 member's death, before the member's retirement with more than five
884 years of credited service shall be entitled to have refunded his or her
885 accumulated regular contributions with credited interest and his or her
886 accumulated one per cent contributions withheld prior to July 1, 1989.
887 A member who elects to receive a refund of contributions in accordance
888 with this subsection, shall have all credited service canceled and any
889 right to benefits under this chapter shall be extinguished, except as
890 provided in subsection (d) of this section.

891 (c) A member who voluntarily or involuntarily terminates service
892 with the member's employer, including termination due to the
893 member's death, before retirement with more than ten years' credited
894 service in the public schools of Connecticut [but prior to retirement] may
895 elect to receive in lieu of the benefits provided by this chapter a refund
896 of his or her accumulated contributions with credited interest as
897 provided in subsection (b) of this section. If such member elects a
898 refund, all credited service shall be cancelled and any rights to benefits
899 provided by this chapter shall be extinguished, except as provided in

900 subsection (d) of this section. If such member does not elect a refund,
901 but dies before age sixty or before receiving the deferred vested benefit,
902 if later, such member's [accumulated voluntary contributions,]
903 accumulated regular contributions with credited interest and
904 accumulated one per cent contributions withheld prior to July 1, 1989,
905 [together with credited interest] shall be paid to such member's
906 designated beneficiary.

907 (d) A member who receives a refund and returns to service shall be
908 regarded as a new member unless such member repays, subject to the
909 requirements established by the board, the amount refunded, other than
910 voluntary contributions and the interest thereon, together with credited
911 interest compounded from the date interest was last credited to such
912 member's account to the date of repayment. The credited service
913 accumulated before termination and any unrefunded one per cent
914 contributions withheld prior to July 1, 1989, and credited interest shall
915 be restored to a member who makes such repayment. Restored
916 contributions and interest shall be credited with credited interest for the
917 period between the last day for which interest was credited on such
918 contributions and such member's [return to service] date of repayment.

919 Sec. 8. Section 10-183n of the general statutes is repealed and the
920 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

921 (a) Each employer shall: (1) Before employing a teacher, notify such
922 teacher of the provisions of this chapter applicable to such teacher; (2)
923 distribute, post or otherwise disseminate in a timely manner, to teachers
924 in its employ, any notices, bulletins, newsletters, annual statements of
925 account and other information supplied by the board for the purpose of
926 properly notifying teachers of their rights and obligations under the
927 system; (3) furnish to the board at times designated by [said] the board
928 such reports and information as the board deems necessary or desirable
929 for the proper administration of the system; and (4) deduct each month
930 [seven] eight and one-fourth per cent of one-tenth of such teacher's
931 annual salary rate as directed by [said] the board and any additional
932 voluntary deductions as authorized by such teacher. [, except that no

933 deductions shall be made from any amounts received by regularly
934 employed teachers for special teaching assignments rendered for the
935 State Board of Education or the Board of Regents for Higher Education
936 unless the salary for such special teaching assignment is equal to or
937 greater than the minimum salary paid for such teacher's regular
938 teaching assignment.] In the event an employer does not deduct the
939 monthly amount for the member's mandatory contribution from the
940 member's annual salary, as required and set forth in subdivision (4) of
941 this subsection, the member shall remit such amount to the board. A
942 member who fails to remit such amount to the board shall not receive
943 annual salary rate credit for the amount to which the payment relates.

944 (b) (1) Each local treasurer or other person having custody of amounts
945 deducted under this chapter by an employer shall transmit and report
946 such amounts to the board so that they are received by [said] the board
947 no later than the fifth business day of the following month. On and after
948 July 1, 2001, all such amounts shall be transmitted via electronic transfer
949 of funds. [Such amounts] If the employer deducted such amount from
950 the member's salary but failed to remit the payment to the board, the
951 employer shall be responsible for paying the amount deducted for the
952 mandatory contribution plus the credited interest due from the date the
953 payment of the mandatory contribution amount was required to be
954 made by the employer to the date the payment was received by the
955 board. In the event the mandatory contribution amount is not received
956 by the board, the member shall be ineligible for the associated service
957 credit. The board shall not be required to refund credited interest for
958 payments made to the board before the required due date.

959 (2) All amounts transmitted to the board for member contributions
960 shall at all times be the property of the system and while in the custody
961 of such local treasurer or other person such person is a fiduciary with
962 respect to such amounts and shall discharge a fiduciary's
963 responsibilities solely for the benefit of the system. If such amounts are
964 not accompanied by the reports and information deemed necessary or
965 desirable by the board for the proper administration of the system, in

966 accordance with subsection (a) of this section, the board may deem such
967 amounts not received by the fifth business day of the following month
968 for purposes of this subsection until the date on which such reports and
969 information are received. [Said] The board shall be entitled to receive
970 from an employer interest at the rate of nine per cent per year from the
971 due date on all amounts deducted by such employer and not received
972 by [said] the board by the fifth business day of the following month.
973 Interest at the rate of nine per cent per year shall be compounded
974 annually on the interest assessed from the date payment is received to
975 the date the interest assessment is paid. Such interest shall be treated as
976 an amount earned by assets of the system.

977 (c) All amounts received by the board under this section shall be
978 forwarded to the State Treasurer.

979 (d) Each member shall file with the board [an enrollment and such
980 other] such forms, documents and information as the board deems
981 necessary or desirable for the proper administration of the system.

982 Sec. 9. Section 10-183o of the general statutes is repealed and the
983 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

984 During any period when this country is at war, a board of education
985 may [cause to be paid] pay to the retirement board the mandatory
986 contributions of members who were in its employ at the time of entering
987 into the armed forces, as defined in section 27-103, [. Such contributions
988 as may be approved by the board of education shall be included in the
989 annual itemized budget estimate of the costs of maintenance of public
990 schools for the ensuing year] on behalf of such members, in accordance
991 with the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights
992 Act, 38 USC Chapter 43, as amended from time to time.

993 Sec. 10. Section 10-183q of the general statutes is repealed and the
994 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

995 (a) The portion of each member's compensation deducted or to be
996 deducted under this chapter and all rights of each member and of each

1097 survivor to receive benefits or other payments under this chapter; [shall]
1098 (1) Shall be exempt from the operation of any laws relating to
1099 bankruptcy or insolvency; and (2) shall not be subject to garnishment,
1100 attachment, execution, levy or any other similar legal process or order
1101 of any court, except such compensation shall be subject to a court-
1102 approved domestic relations order in favor of an alternate payee. No
1103 assignment of any right of a member or any other person to receive
1104 benefits or other payments from the system shall be valid. The funds of
1105 the system invested in personal property shall be exempt from taxation.

1106 (b) A person selected by the court as an alternate payee under an
1107 approved domestic relations order may elect, at the time and in the
1108 manner prescribed by the board, to have any portion of an eligible
1109 rollover distribution or trustee-to-trustee transfer paid directly to an
1110 eligible retirement plan by way of a direct rollover. Taxable funds may
1111 be distributed as a rollover if elected by such person. For purposes of
1112 this subsection, "eligible rollover distribution" and "eligible retirement
1113 plan" have the same meanings as provided in Section 402 of the Internal
1114 Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal
1115 revenue code of the United States, as amended from time to time, except
1116 (1) a qualified trust shall be deemed an eligible retirement plan only if it
1117 accepts such person's eligible rollover distribution; and (2) in the case of
1118 an eligible rollover distribution to a surviving spouse, an eligible
1119 retirement plan means an individual retirement account or an
1120 individual retirement annuity, as defined in said section of the Internal
1121 Revenue Code of 1986.

1122 Sec. 11. Section 10-183t of the general statutes is repealed and the
1123 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

1124 (a) The [retirement] board shall offer one or more health benefit plans
1125 to: Any member receiving retirement benefits or a disability allowance
1126 from the system; the spouse or surviving spouse of such member, and a
1127 disabled dependent of such member if there is no spouse or surviving
1128 spouse, provided such member, spouse, surviving spouse, or disabled
1129 dependent is participating in Medicare Part A hospital insurance and

1030 Medicare Part B medical insurance. The board may offer one or more
1031 basic plans, the cost of which to any such member, spouse, surviving
1032 spouse or disabled dependent shall be one-third of the basic plan's
1033 premium equivalent, and one or more optional plans, provided such
1034 member, spouse, surviving spouse or disabled dependent shall pay one-
1035 third of the basic plan's premium equivalent plus the difference in cost
1036 between any such basic plans and any such optional plans. The board
1037 shall designate those plans which are basic and those plans which are
1038 optional for the purpose of determining such cost and the amount to be
1039 charged or withheld from benefit payments for such plans. The
1040 surviving spouse of a member, or a disabled dependent of a member if
1041 there is no surviving spouse, shall not be ineligible for participation in
1042 any such plan solely because such surviving spouse or disabled
1043 dependent is not receiving benefits from the system. With respect to any
1044 person participating in any such plan, the state shall appropriate to the
1045 board one-third of the cost of such basic plan or plans, or one-third of
1046 the cost of the rate in effect during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998,
1047 whichever is greater. [On and after July 1, 2012, federal reimbursements
1048 received by the retirement board under the retiree drug subsidy
1049 provisions of Medicare Part D shall be used to offset amounts
1050 appropriated by the state to the board pursuant to this subsection.]

1051 (b) (1) Any member who (A) is receiving retirement benefits or a
1052 disability allowance from the system, the spouse or surviving spouse of
1053 such member, or a disabled dependent of such member if there is no
1054 spouse or surviving spouse, and who is not participating in Medicare
1055 Part A hospital insurance and Medicare Part B medical insurance, and
1056 (B) meets the state's eligibility criteria for health insurance or is eligible
1057 to participate in the group health insurance plan offered by such
1058 member's last employing board of education, may fully participate in
1059 any or all group health insurance plans maintained for active teachers
1060 by such member's last employing board of education, or by the state in
1061 the case of a member who was employed by the state, upon payment to
1062 such board of education or to the state, as applicable, by such member,
1063 spouse, surviving spouse or disabled dependent, of the premium

1064 charged for [his] the member's form of coverage. Such premium shall be
1065 no greater than that charged for the same form of coverage for active
1066 teachers.

1067 (2) The member's spouse, surviving spouse or disabled dependent
1068 shall not be ineligible for participation in any such plan solely because
1069 such spouse, surviving spouse or disabled dependent is not receiving
1070 benefits from the system. No person shall be ineligible for participation
1071 in such plans for failure to enroll in such plans at the time the member's
1072 retirement benefit or disability allowance became effective.

1073 (3) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to impair or alter the
1074 provisions of any collective bargaining agreement relating to the
1075 payment by a board of education of group health insurance premiums
1076 on behalf of any member receiving benefits from the system. Prior to the
1077 cancellation of coverage for any member, spouse, surviving spouse or
1078 disabled dependent for failure to pay the required premiums or cost
1079 due, the board of education or the state, if applicable, shall notify the
1080 Teachers' Retirement Board of its intention to cancel such coverage at
1081 least thirty days prior to the date of cancellation. Absent any contractual
1082 provisions to the contrary, the payments made pursuant to subsection
1083 (c) of this section shall be first applied to any cost borne by the member,
1084 spouse, surviving spouse or disabled dependent participating in any
1085 such plan.

1086 (4) As used in this subsection, "last employing board of education"
1087 means the board of education by which such member was employed
1088 when such member filed his or her initial application for retirement, and
1089 "health insurance plans" means hospital, medical, major medical, dental,
1090 prescription drug or auditory benefit plans that are available to active
1091 teachers.

1092 (c) (1) On and after July 1, 2000, the board shall pay a subsidy equal
1093 to the subsidy paid in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, to the board
1094 of education or to the state, if applicable, on behalf of any member who
1095 is receiving retirement benefits or a disability allowance from the

1096 system, the spouse of such member, the surviving spouse of such
1097 member, or a disabled dependent of such member if there is no spouse
1098 or surviving spouse, who is participating in a health insurance plan
1099 maintained by a board of education or by the state, if applicable. Such
1100 payment shall not exceed the actual cost of such insurance.

1101 (2) With respect to any person participating in any such plan
1102 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, the state shall appropriate to
1103 the board one-third of the cost of the subsidy, except that, for the fiscal
1104 year ending June 30, 2013, the state shall appropriate twenty-five per
1105 cent of the cost of the subsidy. On and after July 1, 2018, for the fiscal
1106 year ending June 30, 2019, and for each fiscal year thereafter, fifty per
1107 cent of the total amount appropriated by the state in each such fiscal
1108 year for the state's share of the cost of such subsidies shall be paid to the
1109 board on or before July first of such fiscal year, and the remaining fifty
1110 per cent of such total amount shall be paid to the board on or before
1111 December first of such fiscal year.

1112 (3) No payment to a board of education pursuant to this subsection
1113 may be used to reduce the amount of any premium payment on behalf
1114 of any such member, spouse, surviving spouse, or disabled dependent,
1115 made by such board of education pursuant to any agreement in effect
1116 on July 1, 1990. On and after July 1, 2012, the board shall pay a subsidy
1117 of two hundred twenty dollars per month on behalf of the member,
1118 spouse or the surviving spouse of such member who: (A) Has attained
1119 the normal retirement age to participate in Medicare; [,] (B) is not eligible
1120 for Medicare Part A without cost; [,] and (C) contributes at least two
1121 hundred twenty dollars per month towards his or her medical and
1122 prescription drug plan provided by the board of education.

1123 (d) The Treasurer shall establish a separate retired teachers' health
1124 insurance premium account within the Teachers' Retirement Fund.
1125 Commencing July 1, 1989, and annually thereafter all health benefit plan
1126 contributions withheld under this chapter in excess of five hundred
1127 thousand dollars shall, upon deposit in the Teachers' Retirement Fund,
1128 be credited to such account. Interest derived from the investment of

1129 funds in the account shall be credited to the account. Funds in the
1130 account shall be used for (1) payments to boards of education pursuant
1131 to subsection (c) of this section and for payment of premiums on behalf
1132 of members, spouses of members, surviving spouses of members or
1133 disabled dependents of members participating in one or more health
1134 insurance plans pursuant to subsection (a) of this section in an amount
1135 equal to the difference between the amount paid pursuant to subsection
1136 (a) of this section and the amount paid pursuant to subsection (c) of this
1137 section, and (2) payments for professional fees associated with the
1138 administration of the health benefit plans offered pursuant to this
1139 section. If, during any fiscal year, there are insufficient funds in the
1140 account for the purposes of all such payments, the General Assembly
1141 shall appropriate sufficient funds to the account for such purpose.

1142 (e) (1) Not later than the first business day of February, May, August
1143 and November of each year, each employer shall submit to the board, in
1144 a format required by the board, any information the board determines
1145 to be necessary concerning additions, deletions and premium changes
1146 for the health insurance subsidy program described in subsection (c) of
1147 this section. Any report received by the board after the due date shall be
1148 processed in the following quarterly cycle. An employer's failure to
1149 timely submit a quarterly report shall result in a delay of the subsidy for
1150 that quarter and the board shall pay the subsidy as a retroactive subsidy,
1151 as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection.

1152 (2) Retroactive subsidy payments shall be limited to six months prior
1153 to the first day of the month in which the board receives an untimely
1154 report that includes newly eligible retired members or dependents. The
1155 board shall pay the subsidy retroactively to the effective date of the
1156 disability, provided any eligible members or dependents are added to
1157 the report not later than the first quarter following the board's approval
1158 of the disability and the member's disability allowance is initiated
1159 within four months of board approval. The employer shall hold any
1160 member or dependent harmless for any costs associated with, arising
1161 from or out of the loss of the benefit of the subsidy as a result of the

1162 employer's untimely or inaccurate filing of the quarterly report.

1163 Sec. 12. Subsection (b) of section 10-183v of the 2022 supplement to
1164 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1165 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

1166 (b) A teacher receiving retirement benefits from the system may be
1167 reemployed for up to one full school year by a local board of education,
1168 the State Board of Education, the Technical Education and Career
1169 System or by any constituent unit of the state system of higher education
1170 (1) in a position designated by the Commissioner of Education as a
1171 subject shortage area for the school year in which the teacher is being
1172 employed, (2) at a school located in a school district identified as a
1173 priority school district, pursuant to section 10-266p, for the school year
1174 in which the teacher is being employed, (3) if the teacher graduated from
1175 a public high school in an educational reform district, as defined in
1176 section 10-262u, or (4) if the teacher graduated from an historically black
1177 college or university or a Hispanic-serving institution, as those terms are
1178 defined in the Higher Education Act of 1965, P.L. 89-329, as amended
1179 from time to time, and reauthorized by the Higher Education
1180 Opportunity Act of 2008, P.L. 110-315, as amended from time to time.
1181 Notice of such reemployment shall be sent to the board by the employer
1182 and by the retired teacher at the time of hire and at the end of the
1183 assignment. Such reemployment may be extended for one additional
1184 school year, not to exceed two school years over the lifetime of the
1185 retiree, provided the local board of education (A) submits a written
1186 request for approval to the Teachers' Retirement Board, (B) certifies that
1187 no qualified candidates are available prior to the reemployment of such
1188 teacher, and (C) indicates the type of assignment to be performed, the
1189 anticipated date of rehire and the expected duration of the assignment.

1190 Sec. 13. Section 10-183aa of the 2022 supplement to the general
1191 statutes is amended by adding subsection (h) as follows (*Effective July 1,*
1192 *2022*):

1193 (NEW) (h) For purposes of this section, "active member" means a

1194 member who (1) is actively employed as a teacher at the time the
1195 member submits an application for disability benefits, or (2) was
1196 actively employed as a teacher not more than ninety days before the
1197 date the member submitted his or her application for disability benefits.

1198 Sec. 14. Section 10-183ff of the general statutes is repealed and the
1199 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

1200 (a) Should any change or error in records result in any member or
1201 beneficiary receiving from the teachers' retirement system more or less
1202 than [he] the member or beneficiary would have been entitled to receive
1203 had the records been correct, then upon discovery of any such error the
1204 Teachers' Retirement Board shall notify the member or beneficiary
1205 affected, [and correct the same, and as far as practicable] The board
1206 shall, to the extent feasible, adjust the member's or beneficiary's
1207 payments [in such manner] so that the member or beneficiary is paid the
1208 actuarial equivalent of the benefit [to which such member or
1209 beneficiary] he or she was correctly entitled [shall] to be paid, [
1210 provided if] If such [change or] error or adjustment results in any
1211 member or beneficiary receiving less than he [would have been] or she
1212 is eligible to receive, such member or beneficiary may elect to have such
1213 benefit paid in a single payment. The board may grant a request for a
1214 reimbursement of overdraft charges incurred by a member or
1215 beneficiary that resulted from an error in benefit payments, provided
1216 the member or beneficiary makes a request for such reimbursement in
1217 writing to the board not later than the last business day of the month
1218 after the error occurred.

1219 (b) If a member or beneficiary has been overpaid through no fault of
1220 his or her own, and [he] the member or beneficiary could not reasonably
1221 have been expected to detect the error, the board may waive any
1222 repayment which it [believes] determines would cause hardship.

1223 (c) Upon determination by the [Teachers' Retirement Board] board
1224 that any person has erroneously been included in membership in the
1225 teachers' retirement system, contributions and interest credited under

1226 the provisions of this chapter shall be refunded and records of related
1227 service voided.

1228 (d) Upon determination that the [Teachers' Retirement Board] board
1229 has invoiced a member for the purchase of additional credited service
1230 in an amount in excess of that permitted by law, and such member has
1231 paid the invoiced amount, the amount of the overpayment shall be
1232 refunded to such member with interest at a rate equal to the average of
1233 interest rates for the most recent ten-year period from the date of the
1234 member's retirement to the date such amount is refunded.

1235 [(e) Upon determination that a member has not purchased additional
1236 credited service which was invoiced to him in an amount in excess of
1237 that permitted by law, such member shall be given the opportunity at
1238 any time to make such purchase by the payment of the proper amount
1239 with interest to the date of payment. The additional benefit resulting
1240 from the credited service so purchased shall be made retroactive to the
1241 date of the member's retirement, and the aggregate amount of such
1242 additional benefit shall be paid to the member in a single payment
1243 together with interest calculated at a rate equal to the average of interest
1244 rates for the most recent ten-year period from the date each payment
1245 was due to the date such payment is made.]

1246 [(f)] (e) Upon determination by the [Teachers' Retirement Board]
1247 board that a member received, on or after November 1, 2008, an estimate
1248 of benefits statement from the board that contained a material error, the
1249 board shall pay the member the benefits set forth in such estimate if the
1250 board determines that (1) the member could not reasonably have been
1251 expected to detect such error, and (2) the member, in reliance upon such
1252 estimate, irrevocably submitted (A) his or her resignation to the
1253 employing board of education, and (B) a formal application of
1254 retirement to the [Teachers' Retirement Board] board. For purposes of
1255 this subsection, "material error" means an error that amounts to a
1256 difference of ten per cent or greater between the estimated retirement
1257 benefits and the actual retirement benefits to which such member would
1258 otherwise be entitled.

1259 Sec. 15. Section 10-183gg of the general statutes is repealed and the
1260 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

1261 Part-time service averaging at least one-half of a school day but less
1262 than a full school day shall be treated as full-time service for purposes
1263 of determining eligibility for benefits under this chapter. For purposes
1264 of determining benefits under subsections (a) to (d), inclusive, of section
1265 10-183g, as amended by this act, the percentages utilized in said sections
1266 shall be proportionally reduced for each year or portion of a year of
1267 service rendered or purchased after July 1, 1977, which is part-time
1268 service. Notwithstanding the provisions of [subdivision (4) of] section
1269 10-183b, as amended by this act, the average annual salary of a member
1270 with part-time service shall be such member's full-time annualized
1271 salary [during his three highest years] for the three years in which the
1272 member's annual salary was highest. Any benefit awarded pursuant to
1273 this section shall be proportional in all respects to the benefit which
1274 would have been payable had such service been rendered on a full-time
1275 basis.

1276 Sec. 16. Subsection (a) of section 10-183jj of the general statutes is
1277 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
1278 *2022*):

1279 (a) A local or regional board of education may establish a retirement
1280 incentive plan for teachers [, as defined in subparagraph (A) of
1281 subdivision (26) of section 10-183b,] in its employ who are members of
1282 the teachers' retirement system. The plan shall provide for purchase of
1283 additional credited service by a board of education and a member of the
1284 system who chooses to participate in the plan, of additional credited
1285 service for such member and for payment by the board of education of
1286 not less than fifty per cent of the entire cost of such additional credited
1287 service and payment by the member of the remaining percentage of
1288 such total cost. The member shall pay the remaining percentage of such
1289 total cost, if any, in one lump sum not later than thirty days after receipt
1290 of notification by the Teachers' Retirement Board of the amount owed.
1291 Any such plan shall specify a maximum number of years, not exceeding

1292 five years, of additional credited service which may be purchased under
1293 the plan. Any such plan shall have a two-month application period.

1294 Sec. 17. Section 10-183pp of the general statutes is repealed and the
1295 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

1296 Any member who began receiving disability benefits October 1, 1977,
1297 under the provisions of subsection (d) of section 10-166 and who elected
1298 to receive benefits in accordance with the former provisions of
1299 subsection (c) of section 10-164-7 of the Regulations of Connecticut State
1300 Agencies in effect June 30, 1978, may elect to receive such benefits
1301 readjusted under the provisions of subsection [(b) or] (c) or (d) of section
1302 10-183j, as amended by this act, provided such member provides written
1303 notice of such election to the Teachers' Retirement Board not later than
1304 ninety days following January 1, 2001.

1305 Sec. 18. Subsection (a) of section 10-183ww of the general statutes is
1306 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
1307 *2022*):

1308 (a) Not later than fourteen business days after the last action
1309 necessary to make effective a state budget act for the biennium ending
1310 June 30, 2021, subject to the approval of the Teachers' Retirement Board,
1311 the credited interest percentage for member accounts, except voluntary
1312 accounts containing only those contributions made pursuant to section
1313 10-183i shall be not more than four per cent per annum and the return
1314 assumption shall be six and nine-tenths per cent per annum.
1315 Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 10-183vv, 12-801, 12-806 and
1316 12-812, if the board fails to revise such percentage and adopt such return
1317 assumption: (1) No moneys shall be deposited in the Connecticut
1318 Teachers' Retirement Fund Bonds Special Capital Reserve Fund,
1319 established in section 10-183vv; (2) the Treasurer's duties and
1320 obligations under section 10-183vv shall terminate; and (3) the pledges
1321 made in section 10-183vv shall not be in effect.

1322 Sec. 19. Subsection (d) of section 10-66dd of the general statutes is

1323 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
1324 *2022*):

1325 (d) (1) An otherwise qualified school professional hired by a charter
1326 school prior to July 1, 2010, and employed in a charter school may
1327 participate in the state teachers' retirement system under chapter 167a
1328 on the same basis as if such professional were employed by a local or
1329 regional board of education. The governing council of a charter school
1330 shall make the contributions, as defined in [subdivision (7) of] section
1331 10-183b, as amended by this act, for such professional.

1332 (2) An otherwise qualified school professional hired by a charter
1333 school on or after July 1, 2010, and who has not previously been
1334 employed by a charter school in this state prior to July 1, 2010, shall
1335 participate in the state teachers' retirement system under chapter 167a
1336 on the same basis as if such professional were employed by a local or
1337 regional board of education. The governing council of a charter school
1338 shall make the contributions, as defined in [subdivision (7) of] section
1339 10-183b, as amended by this act, for such professional.

1340 (3) Any administrator or person providing instruction or pupil
1341 services in a charter school who holds a charter school educator permit
1342 issued by the State Board of Education pursuant to section 10-145q shall
1343 participate in the state teachers' retirement system under chapter 167a
1344 pursuant to subdivision (2) of this section when such administrator or
1345 person providing instruction or pupil services obtains professional
1346 certification pursuant to section 10-145b.

1347 Sec. 20. Subsection (a) of section 10a-55i of the 2022 supplement to the
1348 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1349 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

1350 (a) There is established a Higher Education Consolidation Committee
1351 which shall be convened by the chairpersons of the joint standing
1352 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
1353 relating to higher education or such chairpersons' designee, who shall

1354 be a member of such joint standing committee. The membership of the
1355 Higher Education Consolidation Committee shall consist of the higher
1356 education subcommittee on appropriations and the chairpersons, vice
1357 chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committees of
1358 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher
1359 education and appropriations. The Higher Education Consolidation
1360 Committee shall establish a meeting and public hearing schedule for
1361 purposes of receiving updates from (1) the Board of Regents for Higher
1362 Education on the progress of the consolidation of the state system of
1363 higher education pursuant to this section, section 4-9c, subsection (g) of
1364 section 5-160, section 5-199d, subsection (a) of section 7-323k, subsection
1365 (a) of section 7-608, subsection (a) of section 10-9, section 10-155d,
1366 subdivision [(14)] (15) of section 10-183b, as amended by this act,
1367 sections 10a-1a to 10a-1d, inclusive, 10a-3 and 10a-3a, 10a-8, 10a-10a to
1368 10a-11a, inclusive, 10a-17d and 10a-22a, subsections (f) and (h) of section
1369 10a-22b, subsections (c) and (d) of section 10a-22d, sections 10a-22h and
1370 10a-22k, subsection (a) of section 10a-22n, sections 10a-22r, 10a-22s, 10a-
1371 22u, 10a-22v, 10a-22x and 10a-34 to 10a-35a, inclusive, subsection (a) of
1372 section 10a-48a, sections 10a-71 and 10a-72, subsections (c) and (f) of
1373 section 10a-77, section 10a-88, subsection (a) of section 10a-89,
1374 subsection (c) of section 10a-99 and sections 10a-102, 10a-104, 10a-105,
1375 10a-109e, 10a-143 and 10a-168a, and (2) the Board of Regents for Higher
1376 Education and The University of Connecticut on the program approval
1377 process for the constituent units. The Higher Education Consolidation
1378 Committee shall convene its first meeting on or before September 15,
1379 2011, and meet not less than once every two months.

1380 Sec. 21. Section 10-183rr of the general statutes is repealed and the
1381 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

1382 Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision [(26)] (28) of section
1383 10-183b, as amended by this act, concerning the requirement that a
1384 teacher hold a certificate for the position in which the person is
1385 employed, any teacher who possesses a certificate or permit issued by
1386 the State Board of Education and is notified on or after December 1, 2003,

1387 by the Department of Education that such teacher is not properly
1388 certified for the position in which the teacher is employed or has been
1389 employed, such teacher shall receive no further credit in the teachers'
1390 retirement system for employment in such position until the teacher
1391 becomes properly certified for such position. The Teachers' Retirement
1392 Board shall not rescind any credited service to such teacher for such
1393 employment and shall restore any such credit to such teacher if
1394 rescinded prior to May 27, 2008.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2022	10-183b
Sec. 2	July 1, 2022	10-183c(a)
Sec. 3	July 1, 2022	10-183e
Sec. 4	July 1, 2022	10-183g
Sec. 5	July 1, 2022	10-183h
Sec. 6	July 1, 2022	10-183j
Sec. 7	July 1, 2022	10-183k
Sec. 8	July 1, 2022	10-183n
Sec. 9	July 1, 2022	10-183o
Sec. 10	July 1, 2022	10-183q
Sec. 11	July 1, 2022	10-183t
Sec. 12	July 1, 2022	10-183v(b)
Sec. 13	July 1, 2022	10-183aa
Sec. 14	July 1, 2022	10-183ff
Sec. 15	July 1, 2022	10-183gg
Sec. 16	July 1, 2022	10-183jj(a)
Sec. 17	July 1, 2022	10-183pp
Sec. 18	July 1, 2022	10-183ww(a)
Sec. 19	July 1, 2022	10-66dd(d)
Sec. 20	July 1, 2022	10a-55i(a)
Sec. 21	July 1, 2022	10-183rr

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