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

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

1 Section 1. Section 10-183b of the 2020 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective July 1, 2020*):

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 this 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, as amended by this act.

91 (8) "Coparticipant" means a designated beneficiary under the
 92 provisions of subsection (d) of section 10-183j, as amended by this act.

93 ~~[(8)]~~ (9) "Credited interest" means interest at the rate from time to time
 94 fixed by the board consistent with industry standards and practices.
 95 Such interest shall be applied to a member's account based on the
 96 balance as of the previous June thirtieth. Credited interest shall [be
 97 assessed] accrue on any mandatory contributions which were due but
 98 not remitted prior to the close of the school year for which salary was
 99 paid.

100 ~~[(9)]~~ (10) "Current service" means service rendered in the current
 101 fiscal year.

102 ~~[(10)]~~ (11) "Dependent former spouse" means a former spouse of a
 103 deceased member who (A) has in his or her care a dependent child of
 104 the deceased member; and (B) was receiving, or was entitled to receive,
 105 from the deceased member at the time of the death of the deceased
 106 member, at least one-half of his or her support; and (C) has not
 107 remarried; and (D) is the parent of the child or adopted the child while
 108 married to the member and before the child attained age eighteen or,
 109 while married to the member, both of them adopted the child before the
 110 child attained age eighteen.

111 ~~[(11)]~~ (12) "Dependent parent" means a parent of a deceased member
 112 who (A) has reached the age of sixty-five; and (B) has not married after
 113 the death of the member; and (C) was receiving at least one-half of his

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

124 [(12)] (13) "Designated beneficiary" means a person designated on a
 125 form prescribed by the board by a member to receive amounts which
 126 may become payable under this chapter as the result of the member's
 127 death whether before or after retirement. If a designated beneficiary is
 128 not living at the time of the death of a member, the amounts that would
 129 have been payable to the designated beneficiary shall be paid to the
 130 member's estate.

131 (14) "Disability allowance" means the amount payable to a disabled
 132 member pursuant to the provisions of section 10-183aa, as amended by
 133 this act.

134 [(13)] (15) "Disabled" means the inability to perform any teaching
 135 service, whether or not such service is performed full-time or part-time,
 136 in a public or nonpublic school or a nonschool setting, on a volunteer
 137 basis or for compensation, within or without the state of Connecticut, or
 138 engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically
 139 determinable physical or mental impairment [which] that (A) is
 140 permanent or can be expected to last continually for not less than twelve
 141 months from the onset of such impairment, or (B) can be expected to
 142 result in death or to be of long-continued and indefinite duration, except
 143 that during the first twenty-four months that a member is receiving a
 144 disability allowance, "disabled" means the inability to perform the usual
 145 duties of his occupation by reason of any such impairment.

146 [(14)] (16) "Employer" means an elected school committee, a board of
 147 education, the State Board of Education, the Office of Early Childhood,
 148 the Board of Regents for Higher Education or any of the constituent
 149 units, [the governing body of the Children's Center and its successors,]
 150 the E. O. Smith School and any other activity, institution or school
 151 employing members. With respect to members hired prior to July 1,
 152 2020, "employer" also means the governing body of the Children's
 153 Center and its successors.

154 [(15)] (17) "Formal leave of absence" means any absence from active
 155 service in the public schools of Connecticut formally granted by a
 156 member's employer as evidenced by contemporary records of the
 157 employer, provided in the case of an absence due to illness, medical or
 158 other evidence of such illness may, at the discretion of the Teachers'
 159 Retirement Board, be accepted in lieu of evidence of the formal granting
 160 of a leave.

161 [(16)] (18) "Formal application of retirement" means (A) the member's
 162 application, birth certificate or notarized statement supported by other
 163 evidence satisfactory to the board, in lieu thereof, (B) records of service,
 164 [when] if such records are required by the board to determine a salary
 165 rate or years of creditable service, (C) a statement of payment plan,
 166 [and,] including, if applicable, the fixed period of time selected by a
 167 member under Plan C or the coparticipant's share designated under
 168 Plan D, pursuant to section 10-183j, as amended by this act, (D) in the
 169 case of an application for a disability benefit, a physician's or an
 170 advanced practice registered nurse's statement of health, (E) in the case
 171 of a member who is married, a marriage certificate, and (F) any other
 172 documentation required by the board.

173 [(17)] (19) "Funding" means the accumulation of assets in advance of
 174 the payment of retirement allowances in accordance with a [definite
 175 actuarial program] reasonable actuarial methodology.

176 [(18)] (20) "Member" means any Connecticut teacher employed for an
 177 average of at least one-half of each 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] and who was employed on and compensated
 181 for the first school day, according to such member's schedule, of a school
 182 month. Members teaching in a nonpublic school classified as a public
 183 school [by the board] under the provisions of this section may continue
 184 as members as long as they continue as teachers in such school even if
 185 the school ceases to be so classified. A former teacher who has not
 186 withdrawn his or her accumulated contributions shall be an "inactive
 187 member". A member who, during the period of a formal leave of
 188 absence granted by his or her employer, but not exceeding an aggregate
 189 of ten school months, continues to make mandatory contributions to the
 190 board, retains his or her status as an active member.

191 [(19)] (21) "Normal cost" means the amount of contribution which the
 192 state is required to make into the retirement fund in order to meet the
 193 actuarial cost of current service.

194 [(20)] (22) "Public school" means any day school conducted within or
 195 without this state under the orders and superintendence of a duly
 196 elected school committee, a board of education, the State Board of
 197 Education, the Office of Early Childhood, the board of governors or any
 198 of its constituent units, the E. O. Smith School, [the Children's Center
 199 and its successors, the State Education Resource Center established
 200 pursuant to section 10-4q of the 2014 supplement to the general statutes,
 201 revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2013, the State Education Resource
 202 Center established pursuant to section 10-357a,] joint activities of boards
 203 of education authorized by subsection (b) of section 10-158a and any
 204 institution supported by the state at which teachers are employed or any
 205 incorporated secondary school not under the orders and
 206 superintendence of a duly elected school committee or board of
 207 education but located in a town not maintaining a high school and
 208 providing free tuition to pupils of the town in which it is located, and
 209 which has been approved by the State Board of Education under the
 210 provisions of part II of chapter 164, provided that such institution or
 211 such secondary school is classified as a public school by the retirement

212 board. With respect to members hired prior to July 1, 2020, "public
213 school" also means the Children's Center and its successors, the State
214 Education Resource Center established pursuant to section 10-4q of the
215 2014 supplement to the general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to
216 January 1, 2013, and the State Education Resource Center established
217 pursuant to section 10-357a.

218 [(21)] (23) "Retirement allowance" means payments for life derived
219 from member contributions, including credited interest, and
220 contributions from the state.

221 (24) "Retired member" means a member receiving a retirement
222 benefit as computed under section 10-183g, as amended by this act.

223 [(22)] (25) "School year" means the twelve months ending on June
224 thirtieth of each year.

225 [(23)] (26) "Surviving spouse" means a widow or widower of a
226 deceased member who (A) was living with the member at the time of
227 the member's death, or receiving, or entitled by court order or
228 agreement to receive, regular support payments from the member, and
229 (B) has not remarried.

230 [(24)] (27) "Survivors" means a surviving spouse, a dependent former
231 spouse, a dependent child and a dependent parent.

232 [(25)] (28) "System" means the Connecticut teachers' retirement
233 system.

234 [(26)] (29) "Teacher" means (A) any person employed by the public
235 schools of Connecticut, including, but not limited to, a teacher,
236 permanent substitute teacher, principal, assistant principal, supervisor,
237 assistant superintendent or superintendent employed by the public
238 schools in a professional capacity while possessing a certificate or
239 permit issued by the State Board of Education, except State Board of
240 Education endorsement 85 or any successor to such endorsement,
241 provided on and after July 1, 1975, such certificate shall be for the

242 position in which the person is then employed, except as provided for
 243 in section 10-183qq, (B) certified personnel hired prior to July 1, 2020,
 244 who provide health and welfare services for children in nonprofit
 245 schools, as provided in section 10-217a, under an oral or written
 246 agreement, (C) any person who is engaged in teaching or supervising
 247 schools for adults in a program that leads to a high school diploma if the
 248 annual salary paid for such service is equal to or greater than the
 249 minimum salary paid for a regular, full-time teaching position in the
 250 day schools in the town where such service is rendered, (D) a member
 251 of the professional staff of [the State Board of Education,] the Office of
 252 Early Childhood, or of the Board of Regents for Higher Education or any
 253 of the constituent units, [and] (E) a [member of the] staff member of the
 254 State Education Resource Center established pursuant to section 10-4q
 255 of the 2014 supplement to the general statutes, revision of 1958, revised
 256 to January 1, 2013, or the State Education Resource Center established
 257 pursuant to section 10-357a, employed in a professional capacity while
 258 possessing a certificate or permit issued by the State Board of Education,
 259 provided such staff member was hired prior to July 1, 2020, and (F) any
 260 person employed as professional staff of the State Board of Education,
 261 provided such person was a member or inactive member prior to July 1,
 262 2020. A "permanent substitute teacher" is [one] a person who serves as
 263 [such for at least ten months during any school year] a substitute teacher
 264 in the same assignment for an entire school year.

265 [(27)] (30) "Unfunded liability" means the actuarially determined
 266 value of the liability for service before the date of the actuarial valuation
 267 less the accumulated assets in the retirement fund.

268 [(28)] (31) "Internal Revenue Code" means the Internal Revenue Code
 269 of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the
 270 United States, as from time to time amended, and any regulations
 271 promulgated under or interpretations of said code that may affect this
 272 chapter.

273 [(29)] (32) "Limitation year" means the twelve-month period
 274 beginning each July first and ending each June thirtieth.

275 Sec. 2. Section 10-183c of the general statutes is repealed and the
276 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2020*):

277 (a) The Connecticut teachers' retirement system is established to
278 provide retirement and other benefits for teachers, their survivors and
279 beneficiaries. On or after a member vests in the system by becoming
280 eligible to receive a retirement benefit pursuant to section 10-183f, as
281 amended by this act, or accumulates ten years of credited service in the
282 system, as defined in subsection (a) of section 10-183e, as amended by
283 this act, whichever is later, the member's benefit under sections 10-183e,
284 10-183f, 10-183g, 10-183h, 10-183j and 10-183aa, as amended by this act,
285 is contractual in nature and no public or special act of the General
286 Assembly shall diminish such benefit, provided this section shall apply
287 only to an active member who is vested on October 1, 2003, or to a
288 member who vests or accumulates ten years of credited service on or
289 after October 1, 2003, and shall apply to the member's benefit in
290 existence on October 1, 2003, or to the member's benefit in existence on
291 the date the member vests or accumulates ten years of credited service,
292 respectively, whichever is later.

293 (b) In addition to the benefits described in subsection (a) of this
294 section, upon the issuance of bonds authorized by section 10-183qq, all
295 benefits of all members of the teachers' retirement system as of said
296 issuance shall be construed to be contractual in nature, as long as the
297 bonds issued in accordance with section 10-183qq or any subsequent
298 reauthorizations of said bonds remain outstanding. Nothing in this
299 subsection shall be construed to bestow any vested rights upon a
300 member of the Connecticut teachers' retirement system until such time
301 as those rights are earned in accordance with provisions in place upon
302 issuance of the bonds pursuant to section 10-183qq.

303 (c) Nothing in this section shall affect the provisions of section 10-
304 183t, as amended by this act, or 10-183z.

305 Sec. 3. Section 10-183e of the general statutes is repealed and the
306 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2020*):

307 (a) (1) A member shall receive a month of credited service for each
 308 month of service, from September to June, inclusive, as a teacher,
 309 [provided the Teachers' Retirement Board may grant a member] subject
 310 to the payment of the mandatory contribution for such month. Ten
 311 months of credited service shall be equal to one year of credited service.
 312 A member may not accumulate more than one year of credited service
 313 during any school year.

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

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

- 340 (1) Service as a teacher in a school for military dependents established
341 by the United States Department of Defense;
- 342 (2) Service as a teacher in the public schools of another state of the
343 United States, its territories or possessions;
- 344 (3) Service in the armed forces of the United States in time of war, as
345 defined in section 27-103, or service in said armed forces during the
346 period beginning October 27, 1953, and ending January 31, 1955;
- 347 (4) Service in a permanent full-time position for the state;
- 348 (5) Service as a teacher at The University of Connecticut prior to July
349 1, 1965;
- 350 (6) Service as a teacher at the Wheeler School and Library, North
351 Stonington, prior to September 1, 1949;
- 352 (7) Service as a teacher at the Gilbert Home, Winsted, prior to
353 September 1, 1948;
- 354 (8) Any formal leave of absence as provided in regulations adopted
355 by the board, if the member subsequently returns to service for at least
356 one school year;
- 357 (9) Service as a teacher at the American School [at Hartford] for the
358 Deaf, the Connecticut Institute for the Blind or the Newington
359 Children's Hospital;
- 360 (10) Forty or more days of service as a substitute teacher, or the
361 equivalent service rendered at less than half-time, in a single public
362 school system within the state of Connecticut in any school year,
363 provided (A) eighteen days of such service shall equal one month of
364 credited service under subsection (a) of this section, and (B) on and after
365 July 1, 2020, such service shall be determined on a school year basis;
- 366 (11) Service in the armed forces of the United States, other than
367 service described in subdivision (3) of this subsection, not to exceed

368 thirty months;

369 (12) Service as a full-time, salaried, elected official of the state or any
 370 political subdivision of the state during the 1978 calendar year or
 371 thereafter, if such member subsequently returns to service as a teacher
 372 in a public school for at least one school year;

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

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

376 (15) Service in the United States VISTA (Volunteers in Service to
 377 America) program;

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

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

387 Any service described in subdivision (3), (8) or (10) of this subsection
 388 shall be considered service in the public schools of Connecticut.

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

398 derived by the purchase of such service, except that in the case of
 399 purchase of service described in subdivision (17) of subsection (b) of this
 400 section, or in the case of purchase of service described in subdivision (2)
 401 of said subsection (b) in excess of ten years, the present value of the full
 402 actuarial cost. Such factors shall consider the member's age at the time
 403 of purchase, actual or projected salary, and the earliest date on which
 404 the member would be eligible for a normal retirement allowance.
 405 Payments for additional credited service may be made in a lump sum
 406 by transfer of funds from the member's accumulated one per cent
 407 contributions withheld prior to July 1, 1989, with credited interest and
 408 accumulated voluntary contributions with credited interest plus such
 409 other amounts as may be required to complete the purchase. Any other
 410 payment for additional credited service shall be made solely by payroll
 411 deduction of an amount subject to state, federal or local tax in the tax or
 412 income year in which such voluntary contribution is made and shall also
 413 include such other amounts as may be required to complete the
 414 purchase. Any such other amount shall be deposited directly into such
 415 member's regular account. No amount deposited in accordance with
 416 this subsection shall be treated as a voluntary contribution as described
 417 in section 10-183i, as amended by this act.

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

430 (e) For purposes of computing benefit amounts under section 10-
 431 183g, other than proratable benefits and deferred vested retirement

benefits, credited service purchased under subsection (b) of this section shall be used in the same manner as credited service described in subsection (a) of this section. In computing proratable benefits, purchased service credits shall be used as set forth in subsection (b) of section 10-183g. In computing deferred vested retirement benefits, purchased service credits shall be used as set forth in subsection (d) of section 10-183g. In computing the lump sum death benefit under section 10-183h, military service described in subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of this section and leaves of absence described in subdivision (8) of said subsection (b) shall be used as if they were service in the public schools of Connecticut.]

[(f)] (d) For purposes of computing benefit amounts under [section 10-183g] this chapter, whole months of credited service, including additional credited service, in excess of whole years shall be used in determining aggregate accumulations of credited service.

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

Sec. 4. Section 10-183f of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2020*):

465 (a) A member is eligible to receive a normal retirement benefit [who]
 466 if such member (1) has attained age sixty and has accumulated twenty
 467 years of credited service in the public schools of Connecticut, or (2) has
 468 attained any age and has accumulated thirty-five years of credited
 469 service, at least twenty-five years of which are service in the public
 470 schools of Connecticut.

471 (b) A member is eligible to receive a proratable retirement benefit
 472 [who] if such member has attained age sixty prior to termination of
 473 service and has accumulated at least ten years of credited service in the
 474 public schools of Connecticut.

475 (c) A member is eligible to receive an early retirement benefit [who]
 476 if such member has accumulated twenty-five years of credited service
 477 at least twenty years of which are service in the public schools of
 478 Connecticut, or [who] if such member has attained the age of fifty-five
 479 and has accumulated at least twenty years of credited service, at least
 480 fifteen of which are service in the public schools of Connecticut.

481 (d) A member is eligible to receive a deferred vested retirement
 482 benefit beginning at age sixty [who] if such member: (1) Has
 483 accumulated ten years of credited service in the public schools of
 484 Connecticut; and (2) terminates service before becoming eligible for any
 485 other retirement benefit; and (3) leaves his or her accumulated
 486 contributions with the system.

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

488 (f) The survivors of a member who dies (1) while in service in the
 489 public schools of Connecticut, (2) within two months after withdrawal
 490 from such service and prior to the effective date of such member's
 491 retirement or (3) while receiving a disability benefit under section 10-
 492 183aa, as amended by this act, shall receive survivors' benefits. [except
 493 that, if a member who has elected a coparticipant option, under section
 494 10-183j, dies after such option becomes effective, such coparticipant
 495 option shall be given effect and no survivors' benefits shall be payable.]
 496 Before any survivors' benefits are paid, the board shall receive such

497 applications and other documents and information as it deems
498 necessary.

499 (g) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, pursuant to
500 Section 401(a)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code, a member shall begin
501 receiving benefits under this chapter no later than April first of the
502 calendar year following the calendar year in which (1) the member
503 attains age seventy and one-half, or seventy-two for members who
504 attain such age on or after January 1, 2020, or (2) if the member retires
505 after age seventy and one-half, or seventy-two for members who attain
506 such age on or after January 1, 2020, the calendar year in which such
507 member retires.

508 Sec. 5. Section 10-183g of the 2020 supplement to the general statutes
509 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
510 *1, 2020*):

511 (a) The normal retirement benefit shall be two per cent times the
512 number of years of full-time credited service and a proportional fraction
513 of two per cent times the number of years of credited service at less than
514 full-time multiplied by average annual salary. In no event, however,
515 shall such benefit exceed seventy-five per cent of such salary or be less
516 than three thousand six hundred dollars.

517 (b) The proratable retirement benefit shall be computed as follows:
518 Average annual salary multiplied by (1) number of years of credited
519 service [, excluding all additional credited service, except service
520 described in subdivisions (3), (8) and (10) of subsection (b) of section 10-
521 183e,] in the public schools of Connecticut multiplied by the applicable
522 percentage based on age and service as determined from the table
523 below, and (2) number of years of all additional credited service not
524 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

525 (c) The early retirement benefit shall be computed in the same
526 manner as the normal retirement benefit, then actuarially reduced, on
527 the basis of early retirement tables adopted from time to time by the
528 board, for each month early retirement precedes the minimum age at
529 which the member could have retired with a normal retirement benefit
530 pursuant to section 10-183f, as amended by this act. [Such minimum age
531 shall be such member's actual age at retirement plus the lesser of (1) the
532 difference between such age and age sixty, or (2) the difference between
533 thirty-five years and the sum of such member's years of Connecticut
534 public school service plus all purchased leaves of absence, military and
535 out-of-state public school service.] On and after July 1, 1999, any
536 revisions to the early retirement tables shall be submitted to the Office
537 of Policy and Management and the joint standing committee of the
538 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
539 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies within one month of
540 their adoption by the board. Any such revisions shall be accompanied
541 by an actuarial certification of the costs associated with such revisions.

542 (d) The deferred vested retirement benefit shall be computed as
543 follows: Average annual salary multiplied by (1) number of years of
544 credited service, [excluding all additional credited service, except

545 service described in subdivisions (3), (8) and (10) of subsection (b) of
 546 section 10-183e,] in the public schools of Connecticut multiplied by two
 547 per cent, then actuarially reduced in the same manner as the early
 548 retirement benefit if the years of service which could have been
 549 rendered were less than twenty years by age sixty or by the subsequent
 550 date of retirement, and (2) number of years of all additional credited
 551 service not used in subdivision (1) of this subsection multiplied by one
 552 per cent.

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

554 (f) (1) In addition to a retirement benefit computed under subsections
 555 (a) to (d), inclusive, of this section and a disability allowance under
 556 subsections (a) to (g), inclusive, of section 10-183aa, as amended by this
 557 act, and except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, a
 558 member shall receive a lump sum payment equal to the member's
 559 accumulated one per cent contributions withheld prior to July 1, 1989,
 560 and any voluntary contributions with credited interest. Such lump sum
 561 shall be paid not later than three months after (A) the effective date of
 562 retirement, or (B) the date the first payment of a disability allowance
 563 under section 10-183aa, as amended by this act, is made, except the
 564 board may delay payment of such lump sum in the case of extenuating
 565 circumstances. If such delay occurs, the board shall submit a written
 566 notice to the member explaining the nature of the extenuating
 567 circumstances and an estimate as to when such lump sum shall be paid.

568 (2) In lieu of such lump sum, the member may elect to receive an
 569 actuarially equivalent annuity for life. [Such lump sum or annuity shall
 570 be paid, or commenced to be paid,] Payment of such annuity, if elected,
 571 shall commence when the first payment of the [other] retirement benefit
 572 computed under subsections (a) to (d), inclusive, of this section or a
 573 disability allowance under section 10-183aa, as amended by this act, is
 574 made.

575 (g) A member's complete formal application for retirement, if sent by
 576 mail, shall be deemed to have been filed with the board on the date such

577 application is postmarked. No benefit computed under subsections (a)
 578 to (d), inclusive, of this section and under subsections (a) to (g),
 579 inclusive, of section 10-183aa, as amended by this act, shall become
 580 effective until [the end of the calendar month of the filing by the] a
 581 member eligible for retirement under section 10-183f, as amended by
 582 this act, files with the board [of] a complete formal application for
 583 retirement and terminates service with such member's employer. Such
 584 benefit shall accrue from the first day of the month following [such] the
 585 calendar month such application is filed and payment of such benefit in
 586 equal monthly installments shall commence on the last day of the month
 587 in which such benefit begins to accrue. The initial payment of such
 588 benefit may be made not later than three months following the effective
 589 date of retirement, provided such payment shall be retroactive to such
 590 effective date. Upon a finding that extenuating circumstances relating to
 591 the health of a member caused a delay in the filing of the member's
 592 complete formal application, and such application is filed on or after
 593 July 1, 1986, the board may deem such application to have been filed up
 594 to three months earlier than the actual date of the filing. Upon a finding
 595 that extenuating circumstances related to the health of a member caused
 596 a delay in the filing of an election pursuant to subsection (g) of section
 597 10-183aa, as amended by this act, and such election is filed on or after
 598 July 1, 1986, the board may deem such election to have been filed as of
 599 the date such member's benefits would otherwise have been converted
 600 to a normal retirement [allowance, provided such member's disability
 601 allowance became effective on or before November 1, 1976, and such
 602 member attained the age of sixty on or after August 1, 1984] benefit
 603 under this section.

604 (h) (1) A benefit computed under subsections (a) to (d), inclusive, of
 605 this section and under subsections (a) to (g), inclusive, of section 10-
 606 183aa, as amended by this act, shall continue until the death of the
 607 member.

608 (2) For any member who [retires] accumulates ten years of credited
 609 service prior to July 1, 2019, if twenty-five per cent of the aggregate
 610 benefits paid to a member prior to death, inclusive of the month of such

611 member's death, are less than such member's accumulated regular
 612 contributions, including any one per cent contributions withheld prior
 613 to July 1, 1989, and any voluntary contributions plus credited interest,
 614 the member's designated beneficiary shall be paid on the death of the
 615 member a lump sum amount equal to the difference between such
 616 aggregate payments and such accumulated contributions plus credited
 617 interest that had been accrued to the date benefits commenced.

618 (3) For any member who [retires] accumulates ten years of credited
 619 service on or after July 1, 2019, notwithstanding the provisions of
 620 subdivision (2) of section 10-183c, as amended by this act, if twenty-five
 621 per cent of the aggregate benefits paid to a member before July 1, 2019,
 622 [and prior to death,] plus fifty per cent of the aggregate benefits paid to
 623 a member on or after July 1, 2019, and prior to death, inclusive of the
 624 month of such member's death, are less than such member's
 625 accumulated regular contributions, including any one per cent
 626 contributions withheld prior to July 1, 1989, and any voluntary
 627 contributions plus credited interest, the member's designated
 628 beneficiary shall be paid on the death of the member a lump sum
 629 amount equal to the difference between such aggregate payments and
 630 such accumulated contributions plus credited interest that had been
 631 accrued to the date benefits commenced.

632 (i) [In lieu of a benefit computed under subsections (a) to (d),
 633 inclusive, of this section and under subsections (a) to (g), inclusive, of
 634 section 10-183aa, a] A member [may] shall elect one of the benefit
 635 options described in section 10-183j , as amended by this act, or any
 636 other actuarially equivalent option which the board may offer from time
 637 to time.

638 (j) Beginning the first day of January or July which follows nine
 639 months in retirement, a retired member who retired prior to September
 640 1, 1992, or a member's successor beneficiary, except a person receiving
 641 survivor's benefits, shall be eligible for an annual five per cent cost of
 642 living allowance on any benefit except a benefit based upon such
 643 member's one per cent contributions or voluntary contributions. Such

644 cost of living allowance shall be computed on the basis of the retirement
 645 benefits to which such retired member or successor beneficiary was
 646 entitled on the last day of the preceding December or June except
 647 benefits based upon one per cent or voluntary contributions. Such
 648 member's successor beneficiary means any person, other than such
 649 member, receiving benefits as the result of the election of a period
 650 certain option or a coparticipant option, including an election for such
 651 an option by a surviving spouse under subsection (d) of section 10-183h₂
 652 as amended by this act. The right to such allowance, or any portion
 653 thereof, may be waived by the person entitled thereto at any time. Any
 654 waiver shall remain in effect until the first day of the month following
 655 such person's death or the filing with the board of a written notice of
 656 cancellation of the waiver. Any allowance waived shall be forever
 657 forfeited. If on any subsequent first day of January or July the Teacher's
 658 Retirement Board determines that the National Consumer Price Index
 659 for urban wage earners and clerical workers for the twelve-month
 660 period ending on the last day of the preceding November or May has
 661 increased less than the cost of living allowance provided under this
 662 subsection, the cost of living allowance provided by this subsection shall
 663 be adjusted to reflect the change in such index provided such cost of
 664 living allowance shall not be less than three per cent.

665 (k) Beginning the first day of January or July which follows nine
 666 months in retirement, a retired member who retired on or after
 667 September 1, 1992, or a member's successor beneficiary, except a person
 668 receiving survivor's benefits, shall be eligible for an annual cost of living
 669 allowance calculated in accordance with the provisions of subsections
 670 (l) or (m) of this section on any benefit except a benefit based upon such
 671 member's one per cent contributions or voluntary contributions. Such
 672 cost of living allowance shall be computed on the basis of the retirement
 673 benefits to which such retired member or successor beneficiary was
 674 entitled on the last day of the preceding December or June except
 675 benefits based upon one per cent or voluntary contributions. Such
 676 member's successor beneficiary means any person, other than such
 677 member, receiving benefits as the result of the election of a period

678 certain option or a coparticipant option, including an election for such
 679 an option by a surviving spouse under subsection (d) of section 10-183h,
 680 as amended by this act. The right to such allowance, or any portion
 681 thereof, may be waived by the person entitled thereto at any time. Any
 682 waiver shall remain in effect until the first day of the month following
 683 such person's death or the filing with the board of a written notice of
 684 cancellation of the waiver. Any allowance waived shall be forever
 685 forfeited.

686 (l) (1) Beginning the first day of January or July which follows nine
 687 months in retirement, a retired member who retired on or after
 688 September 1, 1992, or a member's successor beneficiary, except a person
 689 receiving survivor's benefits, shall be eligible for an annual cost of living
 690 allowance. The cost of living allowance shall be calculated by using the
 691 percentage cost of living adjustment granted by the Social Security
 692 Administration for the applicable year, computed on the basis of the
 693 retirement benefits to which such retired member or successor
 694 beneficiary was entitled on the last day of the preceding December or
 695 June except benefits based upon one per cent or voluntary contributions,
 696 provided no cost of living allowance shall exceed six per cent and
 697 provided further, if the total return earned by the trustees on the market
 698 value of the pension assets for the preceding fiscal year is less than eight
 699 and one-half per cent, any cost of living allowance granted shall not
 700 exceed one and one-half per cent.

701 (2) A member entering the retirement system commencing on or after
 702 July 1, 2007, or such member's successor beneficiary, except a person
 703 receiving survivor's benefits, shall, beginning the first day of January or
 704 July that follows nine months in retirement, be eligible for an annual
 705 cost of living allowance as follows: The cost of living allowance shall be
 706 calculated by using the percentage cost of living adjustment granted by
 707 the Social Security Administration for the applicable year, computed on
 708 the basis of the retirement benefits to which such retired member or
 709 successor beneficiary was entitled on the last day of the preceding
 710 December or June, as applicable, except benefits based upon one per
 711 cent or voluntary contributions, provided (A) no cost of living

712 allowance shall exceed five per cent, and (B) if the total return earned by
713 the trustees on the market value of the pension assets for the preceding
714 fiscal year is less than eight and one-half per cent, any cost of living
715 allowance granted shall not exceed one per cent, if such total return for
716 the preceding fiscal year is greater than eight and one-half per cent but
717 less than eleven and one-half per cent, any cost of living allowance
718 granted shall not exceed three per cent, and if such return exceeds
719 eleven and one-half per cent, any cost of living allowance granted shall
720 not exceed five per cent.

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

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

723 (o) On January 1, 1988, each eligible retired member who had
724 rendered at least twenty-five years of full-time service prior to normal
725 retirement under the provisions of subsection (a) of section 10-183f, as
726 amended by this act, or such member's successor beneficiary, as defined
727 in subsection (j) of this section, shall receive a single increase in
728 retirement benefits provided under this chapter. Such increase shall be
729 paid to such eligible members or successor beneficiaries whose monthly
730 benefit as of December 31, 1987, before any reduction for an optional
731 benefit payment plan, is less than eight hundred dollars, and shall be
732 sufficient to increase such monthly benefit to eight hundred dollars.

733 (p) On January 1, 1991, each eligible retired member who had
734 rendered at least twenty-five years of full-time service at least twenty
735 years of which were service in the public schools of Connecticut prior to
736 early retirement before January 1, 1976, under the provisions of
737 subsection (c) of section 10-183f, as amended by this act, or such
738 member's successor beneficiary, as defined in subsection (j) of this
739 section, shall receive a single increase in retirement benefits provided
740 under this chapter. Such increase shall be paid to such eligible members
741 or successor beneficiaries whose monthly benefit as of December 31,
742 1990, before any reduction for an optional benefit payment plan, is less
743 than eight hundred dollars, and shall be sufficient to increase such

744 monthly benefit to eight hundred dollars.

745 (q) On January 1, 1999, each eligible retired member who had
 746 rendered at least twenty-five years of full-time service, or such
 747 member's successor beneficiary, as defined in subsection (j) of this
 748 section, shall receive a single increase in benefits provided under this
 749 chapter. Such increase shall be sufficient to increase the monthly benefit
 750 of such eligible members or successor beneficiaries, whose monthly
 751 benefit as of December 31, 1998, before any actuarial reduction for early
 752 retirement or for an optional benefit payment plan, is less than twelve
 753 hundred dollars and shall be sufficient to increase such monthly benefit
 754 to twelve hundred dollars.

755 (r) No retirement benefit payable under this chapter, including any
 756 cost of living allowance, shall exceed the maximum dollar limit in effect
 757 under Section 415(b) of the Internal Revenue Code for the applicable
 758 limitation year, as increased in subsequent years pursuant to Section
 759 415(d) of the Internal Revenue Code. [A subsequent annual increase
 760 shall apply to a member if the increase becomes effective after the
 761 member retires or, if such increase becomes effective before a member
 762 retires, after the date on which such benefit begins to accrue.]

763 Sec. 6. Section 10-183h of the general statutes is repealed and the
 764 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2020*):

765 (a) The basic monthly survivor's [monthly] benefit, subject to a family
 766 maximum of one thousand five hundred dollars, shall be (1) three
 767 hundred dollars each for a surviving spouse, plus twenty-five dollars
 768 for each year of service in excess of twelve years in the Connecticut
 769 public schools completed by the member, subject to a maximum
 770 monthly benefit of six hundred dollars, (2) three hundred dollars each
 771 for a dependent former spouse; for a dependent parent if there is no
 772 surviving spouse or dependent child; and for a legal guardian of any
 773 dependent child if there is no surviving spouse, dependent former
 774 spouse or dependent parent, and (3) three hundred dollars for each
 775 dependent child. In applying the family maximum, the benefit shall be

776 first allocated to the child or children, with the excess allocated to the
 777 surviving spouse and any dependent former spouse in proportion to the
 778 amount each would receive according to the above formula. Payment of
 779 the benefit shall commence on the last day of the month following the
 780 month of the member's death. Such benefit shall continue through the
 781 month preceding the month in which the survivor dies or ceases to be
 782 eligible for such benefit. Such benefit to the legal guardian of dependent
 783 children shall continue until all such children are no longer dependent,
 784 as defined in section 10-183b, as amended by this act. Notwithstanding
 785 the provisions of this subsection, any such surviving spouse, dependent
 786 former spouse, dependent parent or legal guardian may waive the right
 787 to payment of the benefit under this subsection in order that a
 788 designated beneficiary who is the child of the deceased member may
 789 receive such member's accumulated contributions plus credited
 790 interest. Such waiver shall be made prior to the payment of the benefit
 791 to any such surviving spouse, dependent former spouse, dependent
 792 parent or legal guardian.

793 (b) [If no coparticipant option under 10-183j has become effective, a]
 794 A lump sum death benefit shall be payable to [the] a surviving spouse.
 795 Such benefit shall be one thousand dollars for five years or less of
 796 [Connecticut public school] service in the public schools of Connecticut,
 797 plus two hundred dollars for each year of credited service in the public
 798 schools of Connecticut in excess of five years, to a maximum of two
 799 thousand dollars. [For purposes of this subsection, purchased military
 800 service and purchased leaves of absence under subdivisions (3) and (8)
 801 of subsection (b) of section 10-183e shall be deemed to be Connecticut
 802 public school service.] If there is no surviving spouse, such benefit shall
 803 be equal to the member's burial expenses but not in excess of what
 804 would have been payable to a surviving spouse and shall be payable to
 805 the person who paid such expenses. No payment under this subsection
 806 shall be made unless application for the payment is filed with the board
 807 within two years of such member's death.

808 (c) In lieu of such basic survivor's benefit and such lump sum death
 809 benefit, a sole survivor who has attained age eighteen, and is the

810 member's designated beneficiary may elect to receive an amount equal
811 to such member's accumulated contributions together with credited
812 interest. [When a member has designated two or more beneficiaries,
813 who have, at the time of such member's death, attained age eighteen, the
814 one entitled to basic survivor's benefits, if any, shall be deemed the sole
815 survivor within the meaning of this subsection, provided, that all other
816 designated beneficiaries relinquish all claim to any amounts that may
817 be due them from the system.]

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

825 (e) If no coparticipant option has become effective and if the
826 aggregate payments under this section are less than the accumulated
827 mandatory contributions of a deceased member plus credited interest,
828 there shall be paid to such member's designated beneficiary an amount
829 equal to the difference between such aggregate payments and such
830 accumulated mandatory contributions plus credited interest.

831 (f) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (B) of
832 subdivision [(23)] (26) of section 10-183b, as amended by this act,
833 benefits payable under this section to a surviving spouse shall not be
834 terminated because of remarriage if such surviving spouse has attained
835 the age of sixty.

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

842 Sec. 7. Subsection (a) of section 10-183i of the general statutes is
843 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
844 *2020*):

845 (a) A member may make voluntary contributions to the system and
846 may, no more than once, withdraw such voluntary contributions from
847 the system under rules of the board. Any voluntary contribution shall
848 be made solely by payroll deduction of an amount subject to state,
849 federal or local tax in the tax or income year in which such voluntary
850 contribution is made. Voluntary contributions shall be subject to the
851 limitations imposed under Section 415(c) of the Internal Revenue Code
852 for the applicable limitation year. Such contributions shall earn credited
853 interest. Upon retirement such member shall elect to receive the
854 accumulated contributions plus credited interest either in a lump sum
855 or in the form of an actuarially equivalent annuity for life. Such lump
856 sum, [or] if elected, shall be paid not later than three months after the
857 effective date of retirement, except the board may delay payment of
858 such lump sum in the case of extenuating circumstances. If such delay
859 occurs, the board shall submit a written notice to the member explaining
860 the nature of the extenuating circumstances and an estimate as to when
861 such lump sum shall be paid. Payment of such annuity, if elected, shall
862 [be paid or commenced to be paid] commence when the first payment
863 of such member's other retirement benefit is made. If such member dies
864 before the effective date of his or her retirement, the accumulated
865 contributions plus credited interest shall be paid to such member's
866 designated beneficiary.

867 Sec. 8. Section 10-183j of the general statutes is repealed and the
868 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2020*):

869 (a) [In lieu of a normal, early, proratable or deferred vested benefit,
870 a] A member [may] shall elect [either] one of the benefit options
871 described in [subsections] subsection (b), [and] (c) or (d) of this section.

872 (b) The Plan N allowance may be elected in which the member
873 receives the benefit described in section 10-183g, as amended by this act.

874 [(b) A] (c) The Plan C period certain option may be elected in which
 875 the member receives an actuarially reduced benefit for a fixed period of
 876 time selected by such member and for the remainder of such member's
 877 life. Such member may select a fixed period of twenty-five years or such
 878 shorter period as the board may offer. If such member dies before
 879 receiving the benefit for the selected period, such benefit shall be paid
 880 to the member's designated beneficiary for the remainder of such
 881 period. If such member's designated beneficiary dies before such
 882 member, or if such member has no designated beneficiary and such
 883 member dies before receiving the benefit for the selected period, any
 884 remaining benefit shall be paid to such member's estate as a commuted
 885 value. If there are multiple designated beneficiaries and a designated
 886 beneficiary dies before the end of such period, such beneficiary's
 887 remaining benefit shall be equally allocated to the remaining designated
 888 beneficiaries. If a sole designated beneficiary dies before the end of such
 889 period, any remaining benefit shall be paid to such designated
 890 beneficiary's estate as a commuted value.

891 [(c) A] (d) (1) The Plan D coparticipant's option may be elected in
 892 which the member receives an actuarially reduced benefit as provided
 893 in [subsection (d)] subdivision (2) of this [section] subsection and upon
 894 such member's death, one-third, one-half, two-thirds, three-fourths or
 895 all of such amount is paid to such member's designated beneficiary for
 896 life. Any member who elects said option shall designate a sole
 897 designated beneficiary, who shall be such member's coparticipant. Such
 898 designation shall be irrevocable and shall terminate only as provided in
 899 subparagraph (B) of subdivision (2) of this subsection. With respect to
 900 any benefits which become effective on or after January 1, 2001, if
 901 twenty-five per cent of the aggregate benefits paid to the member or
 902 such member's designated beneficiary are, upon the death of such
 903 member or such designated beneficiary, less than such member's
 904 accumulated contributions plus credited interest, the estate of such
 905 member or such designated beneficiary, as appropriate, shall be paid a
 906 lump sum amount equal to the difference between such aggregate
 907 benefits paid and such accumulated contributions plus credited interest.

908 [(d)] (2) The benefits payable to such member and such coparticipant
909 shall be computed as follows:

910 [(1)] (A) The benefit payable to such member at retirement and to
911 such coparticipant upon such member's death shall be the actuarial
912 equivalent of the normal, early, [or] prorable or deferred vested
913 benefit for which such member is eligible and based upon such
914 member's age at retirement and the age of such coparticipant on such
915 retirement date. In the event the member predeceases the coparticipant,
916 upon the death of the coparticipant, any remaining value in the account
917 shall be paid in a lump sum to the coparticipant's estate. In the event the
918 coparticipant predeceases the member, upon divorce or, on or after July
919 1, 2020, upon legal separation, the member's actuarially reduced benefit
920 shall revert to the unreduced benefit provided for under Plan N and,
921 upon the member's death, any remaining value in the member's account
922 shall be paid to the member's designated beneficiary, if any, otherwise
923 to the member's estate.

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

929 [(3) (A)] (B) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph [(B)] (B)(ii) of this
930 subdivision, a coparticipant option shall be terminated, for any member
931 whose designated coparticipant dies or is divorced from the member
932 after the member's retirement, on the date of such death or divorce. Such
933 member shall thereupon be paid the normal, early or prorable
934 retirement benefit for which the member is eligible. [(B)] (ii) On and after
935 July 1, 2016, upon the divorce or, on or after July 1, 2020, the divorce or
936 legal separation of a member and such member's designated
937 coparticipant subsequent to the member's retirement, the member may
938 retain the coparticipant designation and the coparticipant option elected
939 at the time of retirement by filing a [qualified] domestic relations order
940 with the board.

941 Sec. 9. Section 10-183k of the general statutes is repealed and the
942 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2020*):

943 (a) [A] Any member who voluntarily or involuntarily terminates
944 service with an employer prior to retirement shall be entitled to have
945 refunded his or her accumulated voluntary contributions with credited
946 interest.

947 (b) A member who voluntarily or involuntarily terminates service
948 with an employer prior to retirement with less than five years' credited
949 service in the public schools of Connecticut shall be entitled to have
950 refunded his or her accumulated regular contributions with credited
951 interest. A member who voluntarily or involuntarily terminates service
952 with his or her employer prior to retirement or death with more than
953 five years of credited service shall be entitled to have refunded his or
954 her accumulated regular contributions with credited interest and his or
955 her accumulated one per cent contributions withheld prior to July 1,
956 1989. If a member elects a refund pursuant to this subsection, all credited
957 service shall be cancelled and any rights to benefits provided by this
958 chapter shall be extinguished, except as provided in subsection (d) of
959 this section.

960 (c) A member who voluntarily or involuntarily terminates service
961 with his or her employer prior to retirement with more than ten years'
962 credited service in the public schools of Connecticut but prior to
963 retirement may elect to receive in lieu of the benefits provided by this
964 chapter a refund of his or her accumulated contributions with credited
965 interest as provided in subsection (b) of this section. If such member
966 elects a refund, all credited service shall be cancelled and any rights to
967 benefits provided by this chapter shall be extinguished, except as
968 provided in subsection (d) of this section. If such member does not elect
969 a refund, but dies before age sixty or before receiving the deferred
970 vested benefit, if later, such member's [accumulated voluntary
971 contributions,] accumulated regular contributions with credited interest
972 and accumulated one per cent contributions withheld prior to July 1,
973 1989, [together with credited interest] shall be paid to such member's

974 designated beneficiary.

975 (d) A member who receives a refund and returns to service shall be
 976 regarded as a new member unless such member repays, subject to the
 977 requirements established by the board, the amount refunded, other than
 978 voluntary contributions and the interest thereon, together with credited
 979 interest compounded from the date interest was last credited to such
 980 member's account to the date of repayment. The credited service
 981 accumulated before termination and any unrefunded one per cent
 982 contributions withheld prior to July 1, 1989, and credited interest shall
 983 be restored to a member who makes such repayment. Restored
 984 contributions and interest shall be credited with credited interest for the
 985 period between the last day for which interest was credited on such
 986 contributions and such member's [return to service] date of repayment.

987 Sec. 10. Section 10-183l of the general statutes is repealed and the
 988 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2020*):

989 (a) (1) On and after July 1, 1991, the management of the system shall
 990 continue to be vested in the Teachers' Retirement Board, whose
 991 members shall include the Treasurer, the Secretary of the Office of Policy
 992 and Management and the Commissioner of Education, or their
 993 designees, who shall be voting members of the board, ex officio. (2) On
 994 or before June 15, 1985, and quadrennially thereafter, the members of
 995 the system shall elect from their number, in a manner prescribed by said
 996 board, two persons to serve as members of said board for terms of four
 997 years beginning July first following such election. Both of such persons
 998 shall be active teachers who shall be nominated by the members of the
 999 system who are not retired and elected by all the members of the system.
 1000 On or before July 1, 1991, and quadrennially thereafter, the members of
 1001 the system shall elect from their number, in a manner prescribed by said
 1002 board, three persons to serve as members of said board for terms of four
 1003 years beginning July first following such election. Two of such persons
 1004 shall be retired teachers who shall be nominated by the retired members
 1005 of the system and elected by all the members of the system and one shall
 1006 be an active teacher who shall be nominated by the members of the

1007 system who are not retired and elected by all the members of the system.
 1008 (3) On or before July 1, 2011, and quadrennially thereafter, the members
 1009 of the system shall elect from their number, in a manner prescribed by
 1010 said board, one person to serve as a member of said board for a term of
 1011 four years beginning July first following such election. Such person shall
 1012 be an active teacher who shall be nominated by the members of the
 1013 system who are not retired, elected by all the members of the system
 1014 and a member of an exclusive representative of a teachers' bargaining
 1015 unit that is not represented by the members of the board elected under
 1016 subdivision (2) of this subsection. (4) If a vacancy occurs in the positions
 1017 filled by the members of the system who are not retired, said board shall
 1018 elect a member of the system who is not retired to fill the unexpired
 1019 portion of the term. If a vacancy occurs in the positions filled by the
 1020 retired members of the system, said board shall elect a retired member
 1021 of the system to fill the unexpired portion of the term. The Governor
 1022 shall appoint five public members to said board in accordance with the
 1023 provisions of section 4-9a, one of whom shall be the mayor, first
 1024 selectman or chief elected official of a municipality. On and after the
 1025 effective date of this section, the Governor shall fill the next vacant
 1026 position on the board that is appointed by the Governor with a person
 1027 who is the mayor, first selectman or chief elected official of a
 1028 municipality. The members of the board shall serve without
 1029 compensation, but shall be reimbursed for any expenditures or loss of
 1030 salary or wages which they incur through service on the board. [All
 1031 decisions of the board shall require the approval of six members of the
 1032 board or a majority of the members who are present, whichever is
 1033 greater] A majority of the membership of the board shall constitute a
 1034 quorum for the transaction of any business.

1035 (b) In carrying out its duties, the board may employ [a secretary] an
 1036 administrative officer with a title established by the board, who shall
 1037 also serve as secretary of the board, and such [clerical and other
 1038 assistance] staff as may be necessary. Their salaries shall be paid by said
 1039 board with the approval of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
 1040 Management. Said board shall employ the services of one or more

1041 actuaries, each of which shall be an individual or firm having on its staff
 1042 a fellow of the Society of Actuaries, to carry out the actuarial duties of
 1043 this section and sections 10-183b, as amended by this act, 10-183r, and
 1044 10-183z and for such related purposes as the board deems advisable.
 1045 The cost of such services shall be charged to the funds provided for in
 1046 section 10-183r. Said board shall arrange for such actuary to prepare an
 1047 actuarial valuation of the assets and liabilities of the system as of June
 1048 30, 1980, and at least once every two years thereafter. On the basis of
 1049 reasonable actuarial assumptions approved by the board, such actuary
 1050 shall determine the [normal cost] actuarially determined employer
 1051 contribution required to meet the actuarial cost of current service and
 1052 the unfunded accrued liability. Commencing December 1, 2002, such
 1053 valuation shall be completed prior to December first biennially. Said
 1054 board shall adopt all needed actuarial tables and may adopt regulations
 1055 and rules not inconsistent with this chapter, including regulations and
 1056 rules for payment of purchased service credits and repayment of
 1057 previously withdrawn accumulated contributions. Said board shall
 1058 establish [such funds as are] an operational budget necessary for the
 1059 management of the system. The board may enter into such contractual
 1060 agreements, in accordance with established procedures, as may be
 1061 necessary for the discharge of its duties.

1062 Sec. 11. Section 10-183n of the general statutes is repealed and the
 1063 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2020*):

1064 (a) Each employer shall: (1) Before employing a teacher notify such
 1065 teacher of the provisions of this chapter applicable to such teacher; (2)
 1066 distribute, post or otherwise disseminate in a timely manner, to teachers
 1067 in its employ, any notices, bulletins, newsletters, annual statements of
 1068 account and other information supplied by the board for the purpose of
 1069 properly notifying teachers of their rights and obligations under the
 1070 system; (3) furnish to the board at times designated by said board such
 1071 reports and information as the board deems necessary or desirable for
 1072 the proper administration of the system; and (4) deduct each month
 1073 [seven] eight and one-fourth per cent of one-tenth of such teacher's
 1074 annual salary rate as directed by said board and any additional

1075 voluntary deductions as authorized by such teacher. [, except that no
 1076 deductions shall be made from any amounts received by regularly
 1077 employed teachers for special teaching assignments rendered for the
 1078 State Board of Education or the Board of Regents for Higher Education
 1079 unless the salary for such special teaching assignment is equal to or
 1080 greater than the minimum salary paid for such teacher's regular
 1081 teaching assignment.] In the event the employer does not deduct the
 1082 amount set forth in subdivision (4) of this subsection, a member shall
 1083 remit such payment to the board in order to receive the annual salary
 1084 rate credit for the amount on which the payment relates. If the employer
 1085 deducted but failed to remit the mandatory contribution amount, the
 1086 employer shall be responsible for the payment of both the mandatory
 1087 contribution amount plus the credited interest due from the date the
 1088 payment of the mandatory contribution amount was required to be
 1089 made by the employer to the date of payment to the system. In the event
 1090 the mandatory contribution amount is not received by the system, the
 1091 member will be ineligible for the associated service credit. The board
 1092 shall not be required to refund credited interest for payments made
 1093 prior to the date such deduction was required.

1094 (b) Each local treasurer or other person having custody of amounts
 1095 deducted under this chapter by an employer shall transmit and report
 1096 such amounts to the board so that they are received by said board no
 1097 later than the fifth business day of the following month. On and after
 1098 July 1, 2001, all such amounts shall be transmitted via electronic transfer
 1099 of funds. Such amounts shall at all times be the property of the system
 1100 and while in the custody of such local treasurer or other person such
 1101 person is a fiduciary with respect to such amounts and shall discharge
 1102 a fiduciary's responsibilities solely for the benefit of the system. If such
 1103 amounts are not accompanied by the reports and information deemed
 1104 necessary or desirable by the board for the proper administration of the
 1105 system, in accordance with subsection (a) of this section, the board may
 1106 deem such amounts not received by the fifth business day of the
 1107 following month for purposes of this subsection until the date on which
 1108 such reports and information are received. Said board shall be entitled

1109 to receive from an employer interest at the rate of nine per cent per year
1110 from the due date on all amounts deducted by such employer and not
1111 received by said board by the fifth business day of the following month.
1112 Interest at the rate of nine per cent per year shall be compounded
1113 annually on the interest assessed from the date payment is received to
1114 the date the interest assessment is paid. Such interest shall be treated as
1115 an amount earned by assets of the system.

1116 (c) All amounts received by the board under this section shall be
1117 forwarded to the State Treasurer.

1118 (d) Each member shall file with the board [an enrollment and such
1119 other] such forms, documents and information as the board deems
1120 necessary or desirable for the proper administration of the system.

1121 Sec. 12. Section 10-183o of the general statutes is repealed and the
1122 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2020*):

1123 During any period when this country is at war, a board of education
1124 may [cause to be paid] pay to the retirement board the mandatory
1125 contributions of members who were in its employ at the time of entering
1126 into the armed forces, as defined in section 27-103, [. Such contributions
1127 as may be approved by the board of education shall be included in the
1128 annual itemized budget estimate of the costs of maintenance of public
1129 schools for the ensuing year] on behalf of such members, in accordance
1130 with the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights
1131 Act of 1994, 38 USC Chapter 43, as amended from time to time.

1132 Sec. 13. Section 10-183p of the general statutes is repealed and the
1133 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2020*):

1134 [(a) Any member of either the state employees retirement system or
1135 the teachers' retirement system, if eligible to belong to the other or in
1136 accordance with the provisions of subsection (h) of section 5-160 or
1137 section 5-192e, may transfer from the one to which such member
1138 belongs to the other or prior to the first of the month following three
1139 months after June 28, 1985, to an alternate retirement program, as

1140 defined in subsection (u) of section 5-154, when authorized to do so, in
 1141 the case of a transfer between said systems or a transfer from the
 1142 teachers' retirement system to an alternate retirement program, by the
 1143 concurrent action of the State Employees Retirement Commission and
 1144 the Teachers' Retirement Board. No person shall be eligible to
 1145 membership in more than one such system or program at the same time,
 1146 provided nothing contained herein shall affect the rights of any person
 1147 who, on June 18, 1953, was a member of both systems. Any member of
 1148 the teachers' retirement system who elects or has elected to participate
 1149 in an alternate retirement program shall receive a refund of all
 1150 contributions made by him into said system in lieu of any benefits under
 1151 said system. Any former state employee who was, during such
 1152 employee's period of employment, eligible to belong to either the state
 1153 employees retirement system or the teachers' retirement system and
 1154 who withdrew from the state employees retirement system after July 1,
 1155 1940, to become a member of the teachers' retirement system may be
 1156 credited in the teachers' retirement system with such member's period
 1157 of state service upon making application in writing to the secretary of
 1158 the Teachers' Retirement Board and paying contributions for such
 1159 period of service with credited interest from the date such service was
 1160 rendered.

1161 (b) No person who has creditable service as a member of the state
 1162 employees retirement system and who transfers, on or after May 6, 1975,
 1163 to the teachers' retirement system shall be entitled to benefits from the
 1164 teachers' retirement system until such person has been a member of and
 1165 contributed to said system for a period of one year. If such transferee
 1166 dies or becomes disabled before completion of that one year, such
 1167 transfer shall be deemed to be cancelled and such person shall be
 1168 deemed to be a member of the state employees retirement system.]

1169 Any member who is also a participant in an alternate retirement
 1170 program, as defined in subsection (u) of section 5-154, the state
 1171 employees retirement system or any other retirement system may
 1172 purchase service credit in the Connecticut teachers' retirement system
 1173 in accordance with section 10-183e, as amended by this act, provided

1174 such member withdraws any and all employee funds and forfeits all
 1175 employer contributions and earnings thereon in the respective system,
 1176 other than the Social Security System or the nonregular military
 1177 retirement system under 10 USC Chapter 1223, as amended from time
 1178 to time. No person shall be eligible for membership in more than one
 1179 such system or program at the same time for the same service.

1180 Sec. 14. Section 10-183q of the general statutes is repealed and the
 1181 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2020*):

1182 (a) The portion of each member's compensation deducted or to be
 1183 deducted under this chapter and all rights of each member and of each
 1184 survivor to receive benefits or other payments under this chapter shall
 1185 be exempt from the operation of any laws relating to bankruptcy or
 1186 insolvency; and, except as provided in subsection (b) of this section,
 1187 shall not be subject to garnishment, attachment, execution, levy or any
 1188 other similar legal process of any court. [No] Except as provided in
 1189 subsection (c) of this section, assignment of any right of a member or
 1190 any other person to receive benefits or other payments from the system
 1191 shall be valid. The funds of the system invested in personal property
 1192 shall be exempt from taxation.

1193 (b) The portion of each member's compensation deducted or to be
 1194 deducted under this chapter and all rights of each member and of each
 1195 survivor to receive benefits or other payments under this chapter shall
 1196 be subject to attachment in favor of an alternate payee as set forth in an
 1197 approved domestic relations order.

1198 (c) A distributee may elect, at the time and in the manner prescribed
 1199 by the board, to have any portion of an eligible rollover distribution or
 1200 trustee to trustee transfer paid directly to an eligible retirement plan by
 1201 way of a direct rollover. Taxable funds may be distributed as a rollover
 1202 if so elected by a distributee. For purposes of this subsection, (1)
 1203 "distributee" means a member, a member's surviving spouse or a
 1204 member's former spouse who is an alternate payee under an approved
 1205 domestic relations order; and (2) "eligible rollover distribution" and

1206 "eligible retirement plan" each have the meaning provided in Section
 1207 402 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent
 1208 corresponding internal revenue code of the United States, as amended
 1209 from time to time, except (A) a qualified trust shall be considered an
 1210 eligible retirement plan only if it accepts the distributee's eligible
 1211 rollover distribution; and (B) in the case of an eligible rollover
 1212 distribution to a surviving spouse, an eligible retirement plan shall
 1213 mean an individual retirement account or an individual retirement
 1214 annuity as defined in Section 408 of said Internal Revenue Code.

1215 Sec. 15. Section 10-183t of the general statutes is repealed and the
 1216 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2020*):

1217 (a) The retirement board shall offer one or more health benefit plans
 1218 to: Any member receiving retirement benefits or a disability allowance
 1219 from the system; the spouse or surviving spouse of such member, and a
 1220 disabled dependent of such member if there is no spouse or surviving
 1221 spouse, provided such member, spouse, surviving spouse, or disabled
 1222 dependent is participating in Medicare Part A hospital insurance and
 1223 Medicare Part B medical insurance. The board may offer one or more
 1224 basic plans, the cost of which to any such member, spouse, surviving
 1225 spouse or disabled dependent shall be one-third of the basic plan's
 1226 premium equivalent, and one or more optional plans, provided such
 1227 member, spouse, surviving spouse or disabled dependent shall pay one-
 1228 third of the basic plan's premium equivalent plus the difference in cost
 1229 between any such basic plans and any such optional plans. The board
 1230 shall designate those plans which are basic and those plans which are
 1231 optional for the purpose of determining such cost and the amount to be
 1232 charged or withheld from benefit payments for such plans. The
 1233 surviving spouse of a member, or a disabled dependent of a member if
 1234 there is no surviving spouse, shall not be ineligible for participation in
 1235 any such plan solely because such surviving spouse or disabled
 1236 dependent is not receiving benefits from the system. With respect to any
 1237 person participating in any such plan, the state shall appropriate to the
 1238 board one-third of the cost of such basic plan or plans, or one-third of
 1239 the cost of the rate in effect during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998,

1240 whichever is greater. [On and after July 1, 2012, federal reimbursements
1241 received by the retirement board under the retiree drug subsidy
1242 provisions of Medicare Part D shall be used to offset amounts
1243 appropriated by the state to the board pursuant to this subsection.]

1244 (b) Any member who is receiving retirement benefits or a disability
1245 allowance from the system, the spouse or surviving spouse of such
1246 member, or a disabled dependent of such member if there is no spouse
1247 or surviving spouse, and who is not participating in Medicare Part A
1248 hospital insurance and Medicare Part B medical insurance, may fully
1249 participate in any or all group health insurance plans maintained for
1250 active teachers by such member's last employing board of education, or
1251 by the state in the case of a member who was employed by the state,
1252 provided such member either meets the state's eligibility criteria for
1253 health insurance or is eligible to participate in the group health
1254 insurance plan offered by such member's last employing board of
1255 education, upon payment to such board of education or to the state, as
1256 applicable, by such member, spouse, surviving spouse or disabled
1257 dependent, of the premium charged for his form of coverage. Such
1258 premium shall be no greater than that charged for the same form of
1259 coverage for active teachers. The spouse, surviving spouse or disabled
1260 dependent shall not be ineligible for participation in any such plan
1261 solely because such spouse, surviving spouse or disabled dependent is
1262 not receiving benefits from the system. No person shall be ineligible for
1263 participation in such plans for failure to enroll in such plans at the time
1264 the member's retirement benefit or disability allowance became
1265 effective. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to impair or alter
1266 the provisions of any collective bargaining agreement relating to the
1267 payment by a board of education of group health insurance premiums
1268 on behalf of any member receiving benefits from the system. Prior to the
1269 cancellation of coverage for any member, spouse, surviving spouse or
1270 disabled dependent for failure to pay the required premiums or cost
1271 due, the board of education or the state, if applicable, shall notify the
1272 Teachers' Retirement Board of its intention to cancel such coverage at
1273 least thirty days prior to the date of cancellation. Absent any contractual

1274 provisions to the contrary, the payments made pursuant to subsection
1275 (c) of this section shall be first applied to any cost borne by the member,
1276 spouse, surviving spouse or disabled dependent participating in any
1277 such plan. As used in this subsection, "last employing board of
1278 education" means the board of education by which such member was
1279 employed when such member filed his initial application for retirement,
1280 and "health insurance plans" means hospital, medical, major medical,
1281 dental, prescription drug or auditory benefit plans that are available to
1282 active teachers.

1283 (c) (1) On and after July 1, 2000, the board shall pay a subsidy equal
1284 to the subsidy paid in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, to the board
1285 of education or to the state, if applicable, on behalf of any member who
1286 is receiving retirement benefits or a disability allowance from the
1287 system, the spouse of such member, the surviving spouse of such
1288 member, or a disabled dependent of such member if there is no spouse
1289 or surviving spouse, who is participating in a health insurance plan
1290 maintained by a board of education or by the state, if applicable. Such
1291 payment shall not exceed the actual cost of such insurance.

1292 (2) With respect to any person participating in any such plan
1293 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, the state shall appropriate to
1294 the board one-third of the cost of the subsidy, except that, for the fiscal
1295 year ending June 30, 2013, the state shall appropriate twenty-five per
1296 cent of the cost of the subsidy. On and after July 1, 2018, for the fiscal
1297 year ending June 30, 2019, and for each fiscal year thereafter, fifty per
1298 cent of the total amount appropriated by the state in each such fiscal
1299 year for the state's share of the cost of such subsidies shall be paid to the
1300 board on or before July first of such fiscal year, and the remaining fifty
1301 per cent of such total amount shall be paid to the board on or before
1302 December first of such fiscal year.

1303 (3) No payment to a board of education pursuant to this subsection
1304 may be used to reduce the amount of any premium payment on behalf
1305 of any such member, spouse, surviving spouse, or disabled dependent,
1306 made by such board pursuant to any agreement in effect on July 1, 1990.

1307 On and after July 1, 2012, the board shall pay a subsidy of two hundred
 1308 twenty dollars per month on behalf of the member, spouse or the
 1309 surviving spouse of such member who: (A) Has attained the normal
 1310 retirement age to participate in Medicare, (B) is not eligible for Medicare
 1311 Part A without cost, and (C) contributes at least two hundred twenty
 1312 dollars per month towards his or her medical and prescription drug
 1313 plan provided by the board of education.

1314 (d) The Treasurer shall establish a separate retired teachers' health
 1315 insurance premium account within the Teachers' Retirement Fund.
 1316 Commencing July 1, 1989, and annually thereafter all health benefit plan
 1317 contributions withheld under this chapter in excess of five hundred
 1318 thousand dollars shall, upon deposit in the Teachers' Retirement Fund,
 1319 be credited to such account. Interest derived from the investment of
 1320 funds in the account shall be credited to the account. Funds in the
 1321 account shall be used for (1) payments to boards of education pursuant
 1322 to subsection (c) of this section and for payment of premiums on behalf
 1323 of members, spouses of members, surviving spouses of members or
 1324 disabled dependents of members participating in one or more health
 1325 insurance plans pursuant to subsection (a) of this section in an amount
 1326 equal to the difference between the amount paid pursuant to subsection
 1327 (a) of this section and the amount paid pursuant to subsection (c) of this
 1328 section, and (2) payments for professional fees associated with the
 1329 administration of the health benefit plans offered pursuant to this
 1330 section. If, during any fiscal year, there are insufficient funds in the
 1331 account for the purposes of all such payments, the General Assembly
 1332 shall appropriate sufficient funds to the account for such purpose.

1333 (e) (1) Not later than the first business day of February, May, August
 1334 and November, annually, each employer shall submit to the board, in a
 1335 format established by the board, any information the board determines
 1336 to be necessary with respect to the additions, deletions and premium
 1337 changes for the health insurance subsidy program under subsection (c)
 1338 of this section. Any report received by the board after the due date shall
 1339 be processed in the following quarterly cycle. Failure to timely submit
 1340 the quarterly report shall result in a delay of the subsidy for that quarter,

1341 which shall be paid as a retroactive subsidy as provided in subdivision
1342 (2) of this subsection.

1343 (2) Retroactive subsidy payments shall be limited to six months prior
1344 to the first day of the month in which the board receives an untimely
1345 report with the new eligible retired members or dependents included.
1346 The board shall pay the subsidy retroactively to the effective date of the
1347 disability, provided the eligible members or dependents are added to
1348 the report not later than the first quarter following the board's approval
1349 of the disability and the member's disability allowance is initiated
1350 within four months of board approval. The employer shall hold any
1351 member or dependent harmless for any costs associated with, arising
1352 from or out of the loss of the benefit of the subsidy as a result of such
1353 employer's untimely or inaccurate filing of the quarterly report.

1354 Sec. 16. Section 10-183v of the 2020 supplement to the general statutes
1355 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
1356 *1, 2020*):

1357 (a) (1) Except as provided in subdivisions (2) and (3) of this subsection
1358 and subsection (b) of this section, a teacher receiving retirement benefits
1359 from the system may not be employed by an employer in a teaching
1360 position receiving compensation paid out of public money appropriated
1361 for school purposes except that such teacher may be employed in such
1362 a position and receive no more than forty-five per cent of the maximum
1363 salary level for the assigned position for each school year. Any teacher
1364 who receives in excess of such amount shall reimburse the board for the
1365 amount of such excess.

1366 (2) Commencing July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2020, inclusive, the
1367 provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection establishing a limitation
1368 on the compensation of a reemployed teacher and requiring the
1369 reimbursement of any amount received in excess of that limitation shall
1370 not apply to a teacher who (A) is receiving retirement benefits from the
1371 system based on thirty-four or more years of credited service, (B) is
1372 reemployed as a teacher in a district designated as an alliance district

1373 pursuant to section 10-262u, and (C) was serving as a teacher in that
1374 district on July 1, 2015.

1375 (3) On and after July 1, 2016, a teacher receiving retirement benefits
1376 from the system may be employed in a teaching position and receive (A)
1377 compensation paid out of public money appropriated for school
1378 purposes, (B) health insurance benefits, and (C) other employment
1379 benefits provided to active teachers employed by such school system,
1380 provided such teacher does not receive a retirement income during such
1381 employment. Payment of such teacher's retirement income shall resume
1382 on the first day of the month following the termination of such
1383 employment. The compensation under subparagraph (A) of this
1384 subdivision shall be provided in accordance with subsection (c) of this
1385 section.

1386 (4) Notice of employment under this subsection shall be sent to the
1387 board by the employer at the beginning and end of the school year, or
1388 assignment within the school year when reemployed for less than the
1389 full school year.

1390 (b) A teacher receiving retirement benefits from the system may be
1391 reemployed for up to one full school year by a local board of education,
1392 the State Board of Education or by any constituent unit of the state
1393 system of higher education (1) in a position designated by the
1394 Commissioner of Education as a subject shortage area for the school year
1395 in which the teacher is being employed, (2) at a school located in a school
1396 district identified as a priority school district, pursuant to section 10-
1397 266p, for the school year in which the teacher is being employed, (3) if
1398 the teacher graduated from a public high school in an educational
1399 reform district, as defined in section 10-262u, or (4) if the teacher
1400 graduated from an historically black college or university or a Hispanic-
1401 serving institution, as those terms are defined in the Higher Education
1402 Act of 1965, P.L. 89-329, as amended from time to time, and reauthorized
1403 by the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008, P.L. 110-315, as
1404 amended from time to time. Notice of such reemployment shall be sent
1405 to the board by the employer and by the retired teacher at the time of

1406 hire and at the end of the assignment. Such reemployment may be
1407 extended for [an] one additional school year, not to exceed two school
1408 years over the lifetime of the retiree, provided the local board of
1409 education (A) submits a written request for approval to the Teachers'
1410 Retirement Board, (B) certifies that no qualified candidates are available
1411 prior to the reemployment of such teacher, and (C) indicates the type of
1412 assignment to be performed, the anticipated date of rehire and the
1413 expected duration of the assignment.

1414 (c) The employment of a teacher under subsections (a) and (b) of this
1415 section shall not be considered as service qualifying for continuing
1416 contract status under section 10-151 and the salary of such teacher shall
1417 be fixed at an amount at least equal to that paid other teachers in the
1418 same school system with similar training and experience for the same
1419 type of service.

1420 (d) No person shall be entitled to survivor's benefits under subsection
1421 (f) of section 10-183f, as amended by this act, as a result of reemployment
1422 under this section.

1423 (e) The same option plan of retirement benefits in effect prior to
1424 reemployment shall continue for a reemployed teacher during
1425 reemployment.

1426 (f) Any member in violation of any provision of this section, as
1427 determined by the board, shall be required to reimburse the board for
1428 all amounts they received in excess of the amount permitted under this
1429 section. Such reimbursement shall be accomplished through an offset of
1430 all or a portion of the excess amount which can be recaptured
1431 commencing with the next immediate retirement benefit payment
1432 issued to such member. Such member may request an alternative
1433 payment method to reimburse the board for the excess amount through
1434 an acceptable alternative method agreed to by the board.

1435 (g) In no event shall a retired member be permitted to revert to active
1436 status after the effective date of retirement, except a member may
1437 suspend their retirement benefit for reemployment purposes.

1438 [(f)] (h) The provisions of this section in effect on June 30, 2003,
 1439 revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2003, shall be applicable to any
 1440 person making contributions to the Teachers' Retirement System on
 1441 June 30, 2003, in accordance with said provisions.

1442 (i) For purposes of this section, "employed" and "reemployed" mean
 1443 to hire, retain or otherwise procure the services of a retired teacher or
 1444 member by an employer.

1445 Sec. 17. Section 10-183y of the general statutes is repealed and the
 1446 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2020*):

1447 Any member may appeal to the Teachers' Retirement Board for
 1448 reconsideration of a decision of the board affecting such member. Such
 1449 member shall submit with such appeal a written statement identifying
 1450 the section of the general statutes that provides for the benefit to which
 1451 such member claims he or she was entitled and denied and received a
 1452 written denial for such request. Such appeal shall be made within ninety
 1453 days of the date of issuance of written notice of such decision. The board
 1454 shall meet to review such member's records and, if requested in writing,
 1455 allow such member to appear at such meeting. The board shall render a
 1456 written decision within sixty days of receipt of such request for
 1457 reconsideration.

1458 Sec. 18. Section 10-183aa of the general statutes is repealed and the
 1459 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2020*):

1460 (a) (1) An active member is eligible for a disability allowance if he or
 1461 she has [(1)] (A) become disabled as a result of any sickness or injury
 1462 incurred in the performance of his or her duty as a teacher, without
 1463 regard to the member's accumulated years of service at the time the
 1464 disability is incurred; or [(2)] (B) accumulated at least five years of
 1465 service in the public schools and becomes disabled, without regard to
 1466 whether the disability was incurred in the performance of his or her
 1467 duty as a teacher.

1468 (2) Any active member seeking a disability allowance shall submit to

1469 the board a formal application for disability allowance, which shall
 1470 include the following: (A) The member's application; (B) the member's
 1471 birth certificate or, in lieu thereof, a notarized statement supported by
 1472 other evidence satisfactory to the board; (C) records of service, if such
 1473 records are required by the board to determine a salary rate or years of
 1474 creditable service; (D) a physician's statement of health for the member,
 1475 including, but not limited to, medical reports and office notes from such
 1476 physician; (E) in the case of a member who is married, a marriage
 1477 certificate; (F) an employer's statement regarding work performance,
 1478 attendance records and any other information regarding the member's
 1479 disability; (G) the member's statement outlining the effect his or her
 1480 impairment has on the ability to perform the duties of his or her
 1481 occupation; and (H) any other documentation required by the board.
 1482 For any formal application for disability allowance filed on or after July
 1483 1, 1986, upon a finding by the board that extenuating circumstances
 1484 relating to the health of an active member caused a delay in the filing of
 1485 such member's complete formal application for disability allowance, the
 1486 board may deem such application to have been filed up to three months
 1487 earlier than the actual date of such filing.

1488 (b) The disability allowance is computed as follows: Two per cent
 1489 times credited service to the date of disability multiplied by average
 1490 annual salary, provided such allowance shall not be less than fifteen per
 1491 cent or more than fifty per cent of the member's average annual salary.
 1492 In no case shall such disability allowance, less cost of living adjustments,
 1493 plus any initial award of Social Security benefits and workers'
 1494 compensation, exceed seventy-five per cent of the member's average
 1495 annual salary.

1496 (c) The board shall designate a medical committee to be composed of
 1497 no more than five physicians. If required, other physicians may be
 1498 employed to report on special cases. Such medical committee shall
 1499 review each application for a disability allowance and shall make
 1500 findings and recommendations in writing to the board. The medical
 1501 committee shall perform additional examinations or case reviews as
 1502 deemed necessary by the board. Members of such committee shall

1503 receive compensation for their services at a rate to be determined by the
1504 board.

1505 (d) The disability allowance being paid to a member shall cease when
1506 and if the disability ends. The board may determine that a member's
1507 disability has ended if it finds, upon the recommendation of its medical
1508 committee, that the member has failed to pursue an appropriate
1509 program of treatment. In either event, such member shall receive
1510 credited service for the years he received such disability allowance
1511 subject to a maximum total credit of thirty years, or actual years of
1512 credited service to the date the disability commenced, whichever is
1513 greater. Such member, if eligible, may then (1) retire on a normal, early
1514 or proratable retirement benefit or (2) retain a vested right to a deferred
1515 normal, early or proratable retirement benefit. Upon attainment of the
1516 member's normal retirement date, as determined by his age and
1517 credited service, including the credited service granted by this
1518 subsection, the member's disability allowance shall convert to a normal
1519 or other service retirement, which shall be payable either in the normal
1520 form or under an optional payment form under section 10-183j. The
1521 board may require periodic medical examinations.

1522 (e) No credit for a period of service of any kind prior to the months
1523 in which contribution therefor is made shall be given under this chapter
1524 or any special act in determining service in connection with an
1525 application for disability allowance other than for injury received in
1526 performance of duty as a teacher if such disability occurred within five
1527 years after contributions and required interest on account of such period
1528 were paid in full. The foregoing limitation shall not apply to (1) any
1529 reinstatement of prior Connecticut teaching service, or (2) credit
1530 obtained immediately after transfer from the state employees retirement
1531 system under this chapter for service previously credited in said system;
1532 but in the case of such transfer, no allowance on account of disability
1533 occurring within such five-year period, other than for injury received in
1534 performance of duty as a teacher, shall exceed the benefit which would
1535 have been payable by said system if transfer had not been made.

1536 (f) During the first twenty-four months of payment of the disability
 1537 allowance to a member, twenty per cent of all of such member's outside
 1538 earned income or wages shall be offset against the disability allowance
 1539 payable, unless the board determines that such earned income or wages
 1540 are being paid as part of the rehabilitation of the member. At the
 1541 expiration of such twenty-four-month period, if the total of the disability
 1542 allowance and outside earned income exceeds one hundred per cent of
 1543 average annual salary, the disability allowance will be reduced by the
 1544 amount of such excess over one hundred per cent. The board shall adopt
 1545 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, concerning
 1546 procedures for verification of the income of members in receipt of a
 1547 disability allowance.

1548 (g) All members of the teachers' retirement system who are receiving
 1549 disability payments under subsection (e) of section 10-183g of the
 1550 general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to 1979, may, using a form
 1551 provided by the board, elect to have their disability payments
 1552 recomputed with regard to the percentage basis and pursuant to the
 1553 provisions of this section and section 10-183bb. Such election shall not
 1554 be revocable.

1555 Sec. 19. Section 10-183ff of the general statutes is repealed and the
 1556 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2020*):

1557 (a) Should any change or error in records result in any member or
 1558 beneficiary receiving from the teachers' retirement system more or less
 1559 than he would have been entitled to receive had the records been
 1560 correct, then upon discovery of any such error the Teachers' Retirement
 1561 Board shall notify the member or beneficiary affected and correct the
 1562 same, and as far as practicable shall adjust the payments in such manner
 1563 that the actuarial equivalent of the benefit to which such member or
 1564 beneficiary was correctly entitled shall be paid, provided if such change
 1565 or error results in any member or beneficiary receiving less than he
 1566 would have been eligible to receive, such member or beneficiary may
 1567 elect to have such benefit paid in a single payment. The board may,
 1568 within the board's discretion, grant a request for a reimbursement of

1569 overdraft charges incurred by a member resulting from an erroneous
1570 suspension of benefits in error by the board, provided such member
1571 submits such request to the board not later than the last business day of
1572 the month following the month in which such error occurred.

1573 (b) If a member or beneficiary has been overpaid through no fault of
1574 his own, and he could not reasonably have been expected to detect the
1575 error, the board may waive any repayment which it believes would
1576 cause hardship.

1577 (c) Upon determination by the Teachers' Retirement Board that any
1578 person has erroneously been included in membership in the teachers'
1579 retirement system, contributions and interest credited under the
1580 provisions of this chapter shall be refunded and records of related
1581 service voided.

1582 (d) Upon determination that the Teachers' Retirement Board has
1583 invoiced a member for the purchase of additional credited service in an
1584 amount in excess of that permitted by law, and such member has paid
1585 the invoiced amount, the amount of the overpayment shall be refunded
1586 to such member with interest at a rate equal to the average of interest
1587 rates for the most recent ten-year period from the date of the member's
1588 retirement to the date such amount is refunded.

1589 [(e) Upon determination that a member has not purchased additional
1590 credited service which was invoiced to him in an amount in excess of
1591 that permitted by law, such member shall be given the opportunity at
1592 any time to make such purchase by the payment of the proper amount
1593 with interest to the date of payment. The additional benefit resulting
1594 from the credited service so purchased shall be made retroactive to the
1595 date of the member's retirement, and the aggregate amount of such
1596 additional benefit shall be paid to the member in a single payment
1597 together with interest calculated at a rate equal to the average of interest
1598 rates for the most recent ten-year period from the date each payment
1599 was due to the date such payment is made.]

1600 [(f)] (e) Upon determination by the Teachers' Retirement Board that a

1601 member received, on or after November 1, 2008, an estimate of benefits
 1602 statement from the board that contained a material error, the board shall
 1603 pay the member the benefits set forth in such estimate if the board
 1604 determines that (1) the member could not reasonably have been
 1605 expected to detect such error, and (2) the member, in reliance upon such
 1606 estimate, irrevocably submitted (A) his or her resignation to the
 1607 employing board of education, and (B) a formal application of
 1608 retirement to the Teachers' Retirement Board. For purposes of this
 1609 subsection, "material error" means an error that amounts to a difference
 1610 of ten per cent or greater between the estimated retirement benefits and
 1611 the actual retirement benefits to which such member would otherwise
 1612 be entitled.

1613 Sec. 20. Section 10-183gg of the general statutes is repealed and the
 1614 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2020*):

1615 Part-time service averaging at least one-half of a school day but less
 1616 than a full school day shall be treated as full-time service for purposes
 1617 of determining eligibility for benefits under this chapter. For purposes
 1618 of determining benefits under subsections (a) to (d), inclusive, of section
 1619 10-183g, as amended by this act, the percentages utilized in said sections
 1620 shall be proportionally reduced for each year or portion of a year of
 1621 service rendered or purchased after July 1, 1977, which is part-time
 1622 service. Notwithstanding the provisions of [subdivision (4) of] section
 1623 10-183b, as amended by this act, the average annual salary of a member
 1624 with part-time service shall be such member's full-time annualized
 1625 salary during his three highest years. Any benefit awarded pursuant to
 1626 this section shall be proportional in all respects to the benefit which
 1627 would have been payable had such service been rendered on a full-time
 1628 basis.

1629 Sec. 21. Subsection (a) of section 10-183jj of the general statutes is
 1630 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
 1631 *2020*):

1632 (a) A local or regional board of education may establish a retirement

1633 incentive plan for teachers, as defined in [subparagraph (A) of
1634 subdivision (26) of] section 10-183b, as amended by this act, in its
1635 employ who are members of the teachers' retirement system. The plan
1636 shall provide for purchase of additional credited service by a board of
1637 education and a member of the system who chooses to participate in the
1638 plan, of additional credited service for such member and for payment
1639 by the board of education of not less than fifty per cent of the entire cost
1640 of such additional credited service and payment by the member of the
1641 remaining percentage of such total cost. The member shall pay the
1642 remaining percentage of such total cost, if any, in one lump sum not later
1643 than thirty days after receipt of notification by the Teachers' Retirement
1644 Board of the amount owed. Any such plan shall specify a maximum
1645 number of years, not exceeding five years, of additional credited service
1646 which may be purchased under the plan. Any such plan shall have a
1647 two-month application period.

1648 Sec. 22. Section 10-183pp of the general statutes is repealed and the
1649 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2020*):

1650 Any member who began receiving disability benefits October 1, 1977,
1651 under the provisions of subsection (d) of section 10-166 and who elected
1652 to receive benefits in accordance with the former provisions of
1653 subsection (c) of section 10-164-7 of the Regulations of Connecticut State
1654 Agencies in effect June 30, 1978, may elect to receive such benefits
1655 readjusted under the provisions of subsection [(b) or] (c) or (d) of section
1656 10-183j, as amended by this act, provided such member provides written
1657 notice of such election to the Teachers' Retirement Board not later than
1658 ninety days following January 1, 2001.

1659 Sec. 23. Section 10-183rr of the general statutes is repealed and the
1660 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2020*):

1661 Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision [(26)] (29) of section
1662 10-183b, as amended by this act, concerning the requirement that a
1663 teacher hold a certificate for the position in which the person is
1664 employed, any teacher who possesses a certificate or permit issued by

1665 the State Board of Education and is notified on or after December 1, 2003,
 1666 by the Department of Education that such teacher is not properly
 1667 certified for the position in which the teacher is employed or has been
 1668 employed, such teacher shall receive no further credit in the teachers'
 1669 retirement system for employment in such position until the teacher
 1670 becomes properly certified for such position. The Teachers' Retirement
 1671 Board shall not rescind any credited service to such teacher for such
 1672 employment and shall restore any such credit to such teacher if
 1673 rescinded prior to May 27, 2008.

1674 Sec. 24. Subsection (a) of section 10-183ww of the 2020 supplement to
 1675 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
 1676 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2020*):

1677 (a) Not later than fourteen business days after the last action
 1678 necessary to make effective a state budget act for the biennium ending
 1679 June 30, 2021, subject to the approval of the Teachers' Retirement Board,
 1680 the credited interest percentage for member accounts, except voluntary
 1681 accounts containing only those contributions made pursuant to section
 1682 10-183i, as amended by this act, shall be not more than four per cent per
 1683 annum and the return assumption shall be six and nine-tenths per cent
 1684 per annum. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 10-183vv, 12-
 1685 801, 12-806 and 12-812, if the board fails to revise such percentage and
 1686 adopt such return assumption: (1) No moneys shall be deposited in the
 1687 Connecticut Teachers' Retirement Fund Bonds Special Capital Reserve
 1688 Fund, established in section 10-183vv; (2) the Treasurer's duties and
 1689 obligations under section 10-183vv shall terminate; and (3) the pledges
 1690 made in section 10-183vv shall not be in effect.

1691 Sec. 25. Subsection (d) of section 10-66dd of the general statutes is
 1692 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
 1693 *2020*):

1694 (d) (1) An otherwise qualified school professional hired by a charter
 1695 school prior to July 1, 2010, and employed in a charter school may
 1696 participate in the state teachers' retirement system under chapter 167a

1697 on the same basis as if such professional were employed by a local or
1698 regional board of education. The governing council of a charter school
1699 shall make the contributions, as defined in [subdivision (7) of] section
1700 10-183b, as amended by this act, for such professional.

1701 (2) An otherwise qualified school professional hired by a charter
1702 school on or after July 1, 2010, and who has not previously been
1703 employed by a charter school in this state prior to July 1, 2010, shall
1704 participate in the state teachers' retirement system under chapter 167a
1705 on the same basis as if such professional were employed by a local or
1706 regional board of education. The governing council of a charter school
1707 shall make the contributions, as defined in [subdivision (7) of] section
1708 10-183b, as amended by this act, for such professional.

1709 (3) Any administrator or person providing instruction or pupil
1710 services in a charter school who holds a charter school educator permit
1711 issued by the State Board of Education pursuant to section 10-145q shall
1712 participate in the state teachers' retirement system under chapter 167a
1713 pursuant to subdivision (2) of this section when such administrator or
1714 person providing instruction or pupil services obtains professional
1715 certification pursuant to section 10-145b.

1716 Sec. 26. Subsection (a) of section 10a-55i of the general statutes is
1717 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
1718 *2020*):

1719 (a) There is established a Higher Education Consolidation Committee
1720 which shall be convened by the chairpersons of the joint standing
1721 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
1722 relating to higher education or such chairpersons' designee, who shall
1723 be a member of such joint standing committee. The membership of the
1724 Higher Education Consolidation Committee shall consist of the higher
1725 education subcommittee on appropriations and the chairpersons, vice
1726 chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committees of
1727 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher
1728 education and appropriations. The Higher Education Consolidation

1729 Committee shall establish a meeting and public hearing schedule for
 1730 purposes of receiving updates from (1) the Board of Regents for Higher
 1731 Education on the progress of the consolidation of the state system of
 1732 higher education pursuant to this section, section 4-9c, subsection (g) of
 1733 section 5-160, section 5-199d, subsection (a) of section 7-323k, subsection
 1734 (a) of section 7-608, subsection (a) of section 10-9, section 10-155d,
 1735 subdivision [(14)] (16) of section 10-183b, as amended by this act,
 1736 sections 10a-1a to 10a-1d, inclusive, 10a-3 and 10a-3a, subsection (a) of
 1737 section 10a-6a, sections 10a-6b, 10a-8, 10a-10a to 10a-11a, inclusive, 10a-
 1738 17d and 10a-22a, subsections (f) and (h) of section 10a-22b, subsections
 1739 (c) and (d) of section 10a-22d, sections 10a-22h and 10a-22k, subsection
 1740 (a) of section 10a-22n, sections 10a-22r, 10a-22s, 10a-22u, 10a-22v, 10a-
 1741 22x and 10a-34 to 10a-35a, inclusive, subsection (a) of section 10a-48a,
 1742 sections 10a-71 and 10a-72, subsections (c) and (f) of section 10a-77,
 1743 section 10a-88, subsection (a) of section 10a-89, subsection (c) of section
 1744 10a-99 and sections 10a-102, 10a-104, 10a-105, 10a-109e, 10a-143 and 10a-
 1745 168a, and (2) the Board of Regents for Higher Education and The
 1746 University of Connecticut on the program approval process for the
 1747 constituent units. The Higher Education Consolidation Committee shall
 1748 convene its first meeting on or before September 15, 2011, and meet not
 1749 less than once every two months.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2020	10-183b
Sec. 2	July 1, 2020	10-183c
Sec. 3	July 1, 2020	10-183e
Sec. 4	July 1, 2020	10-183f
Sec. 5	July 1, 2020	10-183g
Sec. 6	July 1, 2020	10-183h
Sec. 7	July 1, 2020	10-183i(a)
Sec. 8	July 1, 2020	10-183j
Sec. 9	July 1, 2020	10-183k
Sec. 10	July 1, 2020	10-183l
Sec. 11	July 1, 2020	10-183n
Sec. 12	July 1, 2020	10-183o
Sec. 13	July 1, 2020	10-183p

Sec. 14	<i>July 1, 2020</i>	10-183q
Sec. 15	<i>July 1, 2020</i>	10-183t
Sec. 16	<i>July 1, 2020</i>	10-183v
Sec. 17	<i>July 1, 2020</i>	10-183y
Sec. 18	<i>July 1,</i>	10-183aa
Sec. 19	<i>July 1, 2020</i>	10-183ff
Sec. 20	<i>July 1, 2020</i>	10-183gg
Sec. 21	<i>July 1, 2020</i>	10-183jj(a)
Sec. 22	<i>July 1, 2020</i>	10-183pp
Sec. 23	<i>July 1, 2020</i>	10-183rr
Sec. 24	<i>July 1, 2020</i>	10-183ww(a)
Sec. 25	<i>July 1, 2020</i>	10-66dd(d)
Sec. 26	<i>July 1, 2020</i>	10a-55i(a)

Statement of Purpose:

To revise and update the teachers' retirement system statutes to align with current practices.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]