



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 352

February Session, 2000

***An Act Concerning Pensions For Municipal Paraprofessionals
And Noncertified School Personnel.***

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (5) of section 7-425 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (5) "Member" means any regular employee or elective officer
4 receiving pay from a participating municipality, any paraprofessional,
5 as defined in section 10-155i, or other noncertified employee of a local
6 or regional board of education and any regular employee of a free
7 public library [which] that receives part or all of its income from
8 municipal appropriation, who has been included by such municipality
9 in the pension plan as provided in section 7-427, but shall not include
10 any person, except a paraprofessional, as defined in section 10-155i, or
11 other noncertified employee of a local or regional board of education,
12 who customarily works less than twenty hours a week if such person
13 entered employment after September 30, 1969, any police officer or
14 firefighter who will attain the compulsory retirement age after less
15 than ten years of continuous service in fund B, any teacher who is
16 eligible for membership in the state teachers retirement system, any
17 person eligible for membership in any pension system established by
18 or under the authority of any special act or of a charter adopted under
19 the provisions of chapter 99, or any person holding a position funded
20 in whole or in part by the federal government as part of any public

21 service employment program, on-the-job training program or work
22 experience program, provided persons holding such federally funded
23 positions on July 1, 1978, shall not be excluded from membership but
24 may elect to receive a refund of their accumulated contributions
25 without interest.

26 Sec. 2. (NEW) (a) On and after the effective date of this act, any
27 municipality that is not a member of the Municipal Employees
28 Retirement Fund B, but has its own defined benefit plan shall allow
29 any paraprofessional, as defined in section 10-155i of the general
30 statutes, and any other noncertified employee of a local or regional
31 board of education within the municipality to participate in such plan.
32 For purposes of this section, "defined benefit plan" means a pension
33 plan under which benefits are paid according to a preset formula.

34 (b) This section does not apply to any such municipality in which a
35 pension plan has been successfully negotiated for such
36 paraprofessionals and noncertified employees as of the effective date
37 of this act by the exclusive bargaining representative of such
38 paraprofessionals or noncertified employees and (1) such municipality,
39 or (2) the local or regional boards of education within such
40 municipality.

41 Sec. 3. (NEW) On and after the effective date of this act, any regional
42 educational service center, publicly funded interdistrict magnet school
43 or publicly funded local charter school that has its own defined benefit
44 plan shall allow any paraprofessional, as defined in section 10-155i of
45 the general statutes, and any other noncertified employee of such
46 regional educational service center, interdistrict magnet school or local
47 charter school to participate in such plan. For purposes of this section,
48 "defined benefit plan" means a pension plan under which benefits are
49 paid according to a preset formula.

50 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect from its passage.

LAB Committee Vote: Yea 9 Nay 2 JFS C/R ED