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Senate Bill No. 635

Senate, April 16, 2002

The Committee on Appropriations reported through SEN. CRISCO of the 17th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING CREDIT IN THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR PART-TIME TEACHING SERVICE.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 10-183e of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2002*):

4 (b) Any member may purchase, as provided in subsection (c) of this
5 section, additional credited service, but not to exceed an aggregate of
6 one year in the case of service described in subdivision (2) of this
7 subsection for each two years of active full-time service as a
8 Connecticut teacher; and not to exceed an aggregate of one year in the
9 case of absence described in subdivision (8) of this subsection for each
10 five years of active full-time service as a Connecticut teacher, provided
11 if any such absence exceeds thirty consecutive school months, such
12 additional credited service shall be limited to thirty school months;
13 and not to exceed an aggregate of ten years for all service described in

14 this subsection. In no event, however, may any service described in
15 this subsection be purchased if the member is receiving or is, or will
16 become, entitled to receive a retirement benefit based upon such
17 service from any governmental system other than the teachers'
18 retirement system or the federal Social Security System. Additional
19 credited service includes:

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

22 (2) Service as a teacher in another state of the United States, its
23 territories or possessions;

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

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

28 (5) Service as a teacher at The University of Connecticut prior to July
29 1, 1965;

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

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

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

37 (9) Service as a teacher at the American School at Hartford for the
38 Deaf, the Connecticut Institute for the Blind or the Newington
39 Children's Hospital;

40 (10) Forty or more days of service as a substitute teacher, or the
41 equivalent service rendered at less than half-time, in a single public
42 school system within the state of Connecticut in any school year,

43 provided [twenty] eighteen days of such service shall equal one month
44 of credited service under subsection (a) of this section;

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

48 (12) Service as a full-time, salaried, elected official of the state or any
49 political subdivision of the state during the 1978 calendar year or
50 thereafter, if such member subsequently returns to service for at least
51 one school year;

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

54 (14) Service in the United States Peace Corps.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2002</i>

APP *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Fund-Type	Agency Affected	FY 03 \$	FY 04 \$
GF - Cost	Teachers' Retirement Bd.	Minimal	Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill changes the definition of a month from 20 to 18 days for part-time teachers and is consistent with the retirement credit earned by full-time teachers. This change is anticipated to result in a minimal cost to the Teachers' Retirement System.

OFA Bill Analysis

SB 635

AN ACT CONCERNING CREDIT IN THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR PART-TIME TEACHING SERVICE.**SUMMARY:**

The bill reduces the number of days of part-time service necessary to purchase one month of service credit from 20 days to 18 days.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2002

BACKGROUND***Example of Service Credit***

Currently, a full-time teacher working a 185 day school year would receive credit for 10 months while a substitute teacher working 184 days in the same school would be eligible to purchase 9 months of service credit. Under the bill, the same substitute would be eligible to purchase 10 months of service credit.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 45 Nay 3