



General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on Appropriations

Introduced by:
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RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO AMEND THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT.

Resolved by this Assembly:

1 WHEREAS, the Connecticut State Teachers' Retirement System is
2 not coordinated with the federal Social Security System and, therefore,
3 Connecticut teachers do not participate in the Social Security System;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, the Social Security Act includes two provisions, the
6 Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision,
7 that reduce the Social Security benefits payable to persons who are
8 entitled to benefits under other retirement systems, under certain
9 conditions; and

10 WHEREAS, these provisions penalize individuals who move from
11 private sector employment to teaching and those whose spouses have
12 paid for spousal benefits; and

13 WHEREAS, every child should have the opportunity to have a fully
14 credentialed teacher in the classroom, but Social Security Act

15 provisions limit the number of fully credentialed teachers in the
16 classroom by penalizing individuals who change from private to
17 public employment; and

18 WHEREAS, the recruitment and retention of teachers from other
19 states who are entitled to Social Security upon retirement is also
20 limited and restricted by these provisions now,

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Connecticut
22 General Assembly requests the Congress of the United States to enact
23 legislation to repeal the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall
24 Elimination Provision from the Social Security Act, and, further
25 requests President George W. Bush to sign that legislation; and

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerks of the Senate and
27 House cause copies of this resolution to be sent to the President and
28 Vice President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of
29 Representatives, the Majority Leader of the Senate, and each Senator
30 and Representative from Connecticut in the Congress of the United
31 States.