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Referred to Committee on Labor and Public Employees

Introduced by:
(LAB)

**AN ACT CONCERNING CREDIT IN THE STATE EMPLOYEES
RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR CERTAIN PRIOR STATE SERVICE.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (f) of section 51-295a of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2004*):

4 (f) For purposes of determining the retirement salary of each Chief
5 Public Defender, Deputy Chief Public Defender or public defender
6 under subsection (b) of this section and the allowance payable to their
7 surviving spouses under subsection (e) of this section, "salary of the
8 office" shall be composed of the total of the following amounts: The
9 annual salary of the office which [he] such person held at the time of
10 [his] retirement, as such salary may be changed from time to time and
11 for each Chief Public Defender, Deputy Chief Public Defender and
12 public defender to whom a longevity payment has been made or is
13 due and payable, in each instance under section 51-295b or section 5-
14 213, (1) one and one-half per cent of annual salary, as such salary may
15 change from time to time, for those who have completed ten or more
16 but less than fifteen years of service as a Chief Public Defender,

17 Deputy Chief Public Defender, [or] public defender or assistant public
18 defender, (2) three per cent of annual salary, as such salary may
19 change from time to time, for those who have completed fifteen or
20 more but less than twenty years of service as Chief Public Defender,
21 Deputy Chief Public Defender, [or] public defender or assistant public
22 defender, (3) four and one-half per cent of annual salary, as such salary
23 may change from time to time, for those who have completed twenty
24 or more but less than twenty-five years of service as a Chief Public
25 Defender, Deputy Chief Public Defender, [or] public defender or
26 assistant public defender, and (4) six per cent of annual salary, as such
27 salary may change from time to time, for those who have completed
28 twenty-five or more years of service as a Chief Public Defender,
29 Deputy Chief Public Defender, [or] public defender or assistant public
30 defender.

31 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2004*) Notwithstanding any
32 provision of chapter 66 of the general statutes, any former member of
33 the state employees retirement system who (1) left state service for a
34 reason that would have entitled the member to a leave of absence
35 under the provisions of section 5-248a of the general statutes, (2) had at
36 least three years of credited service in the state employees retirement
37 system at the time the member left state service, (3) left state service for
38 a period longer than the tenure of the member's employment with the
39 state, and (4) is reemployed by the state as of October 1, 2004, or at a
40 later date, for a period of at least three years, shall be entitled to
41 retirement credit for such earlier period of service, provided such
42 member applies to the Retirement Commission for such credited
43 service not later than October 1, 2005, or one year after becoming
44 reemployed by the state, whichever is later, provided any such
45 member who is a member of tier I or tier IIa shall return such
46 member's withdrawn contributions, together with interest paid on
47 such contributions at the rate of five per cent per year calculated from
48 the date of withdrawal to the date of payment.

49 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2004*) Notwithstanding any

50 provision of chapter 66 of the general statutes, any member of the state
51 employees retirement system who has prior municipal service as a
52 public school teacher may elect to have such prior municipal service
53 credited in the state employees retirement system, provided such
54 member applies to the Retirement Commission for such credited
55 service not later than October 1, 2005, or one year after becoming
56 employed by the state, whichever is later, and provided further such
57 member makes contributions to the State Employees Retirement Fund
58 equal to the amount of contributions such member would have made
59 if such member had been a member of the state employees retirement
60 system during the period of such municipal service to the date of
61 payment, together with interest paid on such contributions at the rate
62 of five per cent per year.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2004</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To revise the method for determining the retirement salary of public defenders, and to allow certain state employees to receive retirement credit for prior state service and prior municipal service as a public school teacher.

[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.]