



General Assembly

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AN ACT ALLOWING A MEMBER OF THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM WHO WORKS PART-TIME OR MORE TO PURCHASE UP TO ONE YEAR OF FULL-TIME CREDIT FOR SUCH PART-TIME SERVICE.

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

1 Section 1. Section 10-183e of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

3 (a) A member shall receive a month of credited service for each
4 month of service as a teacher, provided the Teachers' Retirement Board
5 may grant a member a month of credited service for a month during
6 which such member was employed after the first school day but not
7 later than the fifth school day of such month if (1) such month was the
8 member's first month of service as a teacher, and (2) such month of
9 credited service is needed by the member in order to qualify for a
10 normal retirement benefit. Ten months of credited service shall be
11 equal to one year of credited service. A member may not accumulate
12 more than one year of credited service during any school year.

13 (b) Any member may purchase, as provided in subsection (c) of this
14 section, additional credited service, but not to exceed an aggregate of
15 one year in the case of service described in subdivision (2) of this
16 subsection for each two years of active full-time service as a
17 Connecticut teacher; and not to exceed an aggregate of one year in the
18 case of absence described in subdivision (8) of this subsection for each

19 five years of active full-time service as a Connecticut teacher, provided
20 if any such absence exceeds thirty consecutive school months, such
21 additional credited service shall be limited to thirty school months;
22 and not to exceed an aggregate of ten years for all service described in
23 this subsection. In no event, however, may any service described in
24 this subsection be purchased if the member is receiving or is, or will
25 become, entitled to receive a retirement benefit based upon such
26 service from any governmental system other than the teachers'
27 retirement system or the federal Social Security System. Additional
28 credited service includes:

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

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

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

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

37 (5) Service as a teacher at The University of Connecticut prior to July
38 1, 1965;

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

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

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

46 (9) Service as a teacher at the American School at Hartford for the
47 Deaf, the Connecticut Institute for the Blind or the Newington

48 Children's Hospital;

49 (10) Forty or more days of service as a substitute teacher, or the
50 equivalent service rendered at less than half-time, in a single public
51 school system within the state of Connecticut in any school year,
52 provided eighteen days of such service shall equal one month of
53 credited service under subsection (a) of this section;

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

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

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

63 (14) Service in the United States Peace Corps; and

64 (15) Part-time service as a teacher in the public schools of
65 Connecticut averaging at least one-half of a school day but less than a
66 full school day, not to exceed an aggregate of ten school months and
67 not to exceed more than one year of credited service.

68 (c) Additional credited service must be purchased by a member (1)
69 prior to the time of retirement, (2) at the time a surviving spouse elects
70 benefits under the provisions of subsection (d) of section 10-183h, or
71 (3) at the time benefits commence as provided under sections 10-183g
72 and 10-183jj. Any purchase of such service shall be accomplished by
73 the member paying to the board an amount determined on the basis of
74 actuarial factors adopted by the board which reflect the present value
75 of one-half of the full actuarial cost of the benefit increase that will be
76 derived by the purchase of such service. Such factors shall consider the
77 member's age at the time of purchase, actual or projected salary, and

78 the earliest date on which the member would be eligible for a normal
79 retirement allowance. Payments for additional credited service may be
80 made in a lump sum by transfer of funds from the member's
81 accumulated one per cent contributions withheld prior to July 1, 1989,
82 with credited interest and accumulated voluntary contributions with
83 credited interest plus such other amounts as may be required to
84 complete the purchase.

85 (d) For the purpose of determining eligibility for benefits under
86 section 10-183f, credited service purchased under subsection (b) of this
87 section shall not be used except that (1) service in a school for military
88 dependents described in subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this
89 section and out-of-state public school service described in subdivision
90 (2) of said subsection (b) shall be used to determine eligibility for a
91 normal retirement benefit based upon thirty-five years of credited
92 service and for an early retirement benefit; and (2) military service
93 described in subdivision (3) of said subsection (b), any leave of absence
94 described in subdivision (8) of said subsection (b) and substitute
95 service described in subdivision (10) of said subsection (b) shall be
96 used as if they were service in the public schools of Connecticut.

97 (e) For purposes of computing benefit amounts under section 10-
98 183g, other than proratable benefits and deferred vested retirement
99 benefits, credited service purchased under subsection (b) of this section
100 shall be used in the same manner as credited service described in
101 subsection (a) of this section. In computing proratable benefits,
102 purchased service credits shall be used as set forth in subsection (b) of
103 section 10-183g. In computing deferred vested retirement benefits,
104 purchased service credits shall be used as set forth in subsection (d) of
105 section 10-183g. In computing the lump sum death benefit under
106 section 10-183h, military service described in subdivision (3) of
107 subsection (b) of this section and leaves of absence described in
108 subdivision (8) of said subsection (b) shall be used as if they were
109 service in the public schools of Connecticut.

110 (f) For purposes of computing benefit amounts under section 10-

111 183g, whole months of credited service, including additional credited
112 service, in excess of whole years shall be used in determining
113 aggregate accumulations of credited service.

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

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2005	10-183e

ED *Joint Favorable Subst.*