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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:
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AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTER.

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (20) of section 10-183b of the general statutes
2 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2007*):

4 (20) "Public school" means any day school conducted within or
5 without this state under the orders and superintendence of a duly
6 elected school committee, a board of education, the State Board of
7 Education, the board of governors or any of its constituent units, the E.
8 O. Smith School, the Children's Center and its successors, the state
9 education resource center established pursuant to section 10-4q, joint
10 activities of boards of education authorized by subsection (b) of section
11 10-158a and any institution supported by the state at which teachers
12 are employed or any incorporated secondary school not under the
13 orders and superintendence of a duly elected school committee or
14 board of education but located in a town not maintaining a high school
15 and providing free tuition to pupils of the town in which it is located,
16 and which has been approved by the State Board of Education under

17 the provisions of part II of chapter 164, provided that such institution
18 or such secondary school is classified as a public school by the
19 retirement board.

20 Sec. 2. Subdivision (26) of section 10-183b of the general statutes is
21 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
22 *1, 2007*):

23 (26) "Teacher" means (A) any teacher, permanent substitute teacher,
24 principal, assistant principal, supervisor, assistant superintendent or
25 superintendent employed by the public schools in a professional
26 capacity while possessing a certificate or permit issued by the State
27 Board of Education, provided on and after July 1, 1975, such certificate
28 shall be for the position in which the person is then employed, (B)
29 certified personnel who provide health and welfare services for
30 children in nonprofit schools, as provided in section 10-217a, under an
31 oral or written agreement, (C) any person who is engaged in teaching
32 or supervising schools for adults if the annual salary paid for such
33 service is equal to or greater than the minimum salary paid for a
34 regular, full-time teaching position in the day schools in the town
35 where such service is rendered, [and] (D) a member of the professional
36 staff of the State Board of Education or of the Board of Governors of
37 Higher Education or any of its constituent units, and (E) a member of
38 the staff of the state education resource center established pursuant to
39 section 10-4q employed in a professional capacity while possessing a
40 certificate or permit issued by the State Board of Education. A
41 "permanent substitute teacher" is one who serves as such for at least
42 ten months during any school year.

43 Sec. 3. Subsections (b) and (c) of section 10-183e of the general
44 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
45 (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

46 (b) Any member may purchase, as provided in subsection (c) of this
47 section, additional credited service, but not to exceed an aggregate of
48 one year in the case of service described in subdivision (2) of this

49 subsection for each two years of active full-time service as a
50 Connecticut teacher; and not to exceed an aggregate of one year in the
51 case of absence described in subdivision (8) of this subsection for each
52 five years of active full-time service as a Connecticut teacher, provided
53 if any such absence exceeds thirty consecutive school months, such
54 additional credited service shall be limited to thirty school months;
55 and not to exceed an aggregate of ten years for all service described in
56 this subsection. In no event, however, may any service described in
57 this subsection be purchased if the member is receiving or is, or will
58 become, entitled to receive a retirement benefit based upon such
59 service from any governmental system other than the teachers'
60 retirement system or the federal Social Security System. Additional
61 credited service includes:

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

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

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

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

70 (5) Service as a teacher at The University of Connecticut prior to July
71 1, 1965;

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

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

76 (8) Any formal leave of absence as provided in regulations adopted
77 by the board, if the member subsequently returns to service for at least

78 one school year;

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

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

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

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

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

96 (14) Service in the United States Peace Corps;

97 (15) Service in the United States VISTA (Volunteers in Service to
98 America) program; [and]

99 (16) Service in the public schools of Connecticut as a social work
100 assistant, from January 1, 1969, to December 31, 1986, inclusive, if such
101 member became a certified school social worker and remained in
102 public school service as a social worker after certification; and

103 (17) Service prior to July 1, 2007, as a member of the staff of the state
104 education resource center established pursuant to section 10-4q
105 employed in a professional capacity while possessing a certificate or

106 permit issued by the State Board of Education.

107 (c) Additional credited service must be purchased by a member (1)
 108 prior to the time of retirement, (2) at the time a surviving spouse elects
 109 benefits under the provisions of subsection (d) of section 10-183h, or
 110 (3) at the time benefits commence as provided under sections 10-183g
 111 and 10-183jj. Any purchase of such service shall be accomplished by
 112 the member paying to the board an amount determined on the basis of
 113 actuarial factors adopted by the board which reflect the present value
 114 of one-half of the full actuarial cost of the benefit increase that will be
 115 derived by the purchase of such service, except that in the case of
 116 purchase of service described in subdivision (17) of subsection (b) of
 117 this section, the present value of the full actuarial cost. Such factors
 118 shall consider the member's age at the time of purchase, actual or
 119 projected salary, and the earliest date on which the member would be
 120 eligible for a normal retirement allowance. Payments for additional
 121 credited service may be made in a lump sum by transfer of funds from
 122 the member's accumulated one per cent contributions withheld prior
 123 to July 1, 1989, with credited interest and accumulated voluntary
 124 contributions with credited interest plus such other amounts as may be
 125 required to complete the purchase.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	10-183b(20)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	10-183b(26)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	10-183e(b) and (c)

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