



General Assembly

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AN ACT CONCERNING VETERANS' BENEFITS AND THE MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Veterans'
2 Affairs shall study the feasibility of increasing veterans' benefits and
3 make recommendations concerning such benefits. The commissioner
4 shall submit a report on or before January 1, 2009, to the select
5 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
6 relating to veterans, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
7 of the general statutes.

8 Sec. 2. Section 7-436b of the general statutes is repealed and the
9 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

10 (a) Any member of fund B of the municipal employees' retirement
11 system, who, prior to such member's date of employment with a
12 municipality that is participating in said fund B, served in any branch
13 of the armed forces of the United States during the times set forth in
14 section 27-103 shall be credited with the period of such service to the
15 extent that such member makes contributions to said fund for all or
16 any part of the period of such service, except that any veteran who
17 becomes a member on or after October 1, 1984, shall not receive credit
18 for such war service if such member has received or is entitled to
19 receive any retirement allowance for the same years of service from the

20 federal government. Such contributions shall be computed at a rate of
21 two per cent of such member's first year's salary as such employee,
22 with interest at five per cent per annum, payable within one year of
23 such employment, or on or before January 1, [1992] 2009, whichever is
24 later, provided such contributions are made prior to the date of
25 retirement. The period of such service for which contributions to said
26 fund are made shall be counted for the purpose of computing the
27 amount of such member's retirement allowance, provided such
28 member shall have completed five years of continuous service or
29 fifteen years of active aggregate service with a participating
30 municipality or shall be retired prior thereto due to disability incurred
31 in the course of employment. Any member who purchases credit
32 pursuant to this section and who later receives a retirement allowance
33 for permanent and total disability under this part shall, upon written
34 request, be refunded all such contributions paid under this section,
35 provided such military service credit did not serve to increase the
36 amount of disability retirement benefits for which such member was
37 eligible.

38 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,
39 the municipal employer of any member who applies on or after July 1,
40 1986, for such military service credit shall pay all contributions
41 required under said subsection which are attributable to that portion
42 of the member's military service time during which he was a prisoner
43 of war, provided such member submits with his application for such
44 credit sufficient proof from the Veterans' Administration of the United
45 States that he is a former prisoner of war. Any municipal employer
46 which pays the contributions required under this subsection for a
47 member who later receives a retirement allowance for permanent and
48 total disability under this part shall, upon its written request, be
49 refunded all such contributions paid under this subsection, provided
50 such military service credit did not serve to increase the amount of
51 disability retirement benefits for which the member was eligible.

52 Sec. 3. Section 10a-162a of the general statutes is repealed and the

