



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 58

LCO No. 145

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Referred to Committee on Labor and Public Employees

Introduced by:
(LAB)

AN ACT CONCERNING ELIMINATION OF STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR COMPANIES THAT REDUCE RETIREMENT BENEFITS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2008*) On and after October 1,
2 2008, if the state or any agency of the state, including the Department
3 of Economic and Community Development, the Connecticut
4 Development Authority or Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated,
5 provides financial assistance to any business organization, such
6 providing agency shall require, as a condition to receiving financial
7 assistance, that the business organization not eliminate or reduce, for
8 the period during which the business organization receives such
9 financial assistance, any retirement benefit being provided to retirees
10 as of the date such financial assistance is approved by the providing
11 agency. If a business organization eliminates or reduces any retirement
12 benefit in violation of this section, the full amount of any financial
13 assistance received and a penalty of five per cent of such amount shall
14 be repaid to the providing agency. For purposes of this section,
15 "financial assistance" includes, but is not limited to, all forms of loans,
16 grants, guarantees and tax abatements.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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| Section 1 | <i>October 1, 2008</i> | New section |
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LAB *Joint Favorable*