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**"AN ACT INCREASING THE HEALTH INSURANCE SUBSIDY TO RETIRED TEACHERS."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Subsections (b) and (c) of section 10-183e of the 2008  
4 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is  
5 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

6 (b) Any member may purchase, as provided in subsection (c) of this  
7 section, additional credited service, but not to exceed an aggregate of  
8 one year in the case of service described in subdivision (2) of this  
9 subsection for each two years of active full-time service as a  
10 Connecticut teacher; and not to exceed an aggregate of one year in the  
11 case of absence described in subdivision (8) of this subsection for each  
12 five years of active full-time service as a Connecticut teacher, provided  
13 if any such absence exceeds thirty consecutive school months, such  
14 additional credited service shall be limited to thirty school months;  
15 and not to exceed an aggregate of ten years for all service described in

16 this subsection, except for service described in subdivision (2) of this  
17 subsection. In no event [, however,] may any service described in this  
18 subsection be purchased if the member is receiving or is, or will  
19 become, entitled to receive a retirement benefit based upon such  
20 service from any governmental system other than the teachers'  
21 retirement system or the federal Social Security System. Additional  
22 credited service includes:

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

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

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

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

31 (5) Service as a teacher at The University of Connecticut prior to July  
32 1, 1965;

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

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

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

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

43 (10) Forty or more days of service as a substitute teacher, or the

44 equivalent service rendered at less than half-time, in a single public  
45 school system within the state of Connecticut in any school year,  
46 provided eighteen days of such service shall equal one month of  
47 credited service under subsection (a) of this section;

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

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

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

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

58 (15) Service in the United States VISTA (Volunteers in Service to  
59 America) program;

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

64 (17) Service prior to July 1, 2007, as a member of the staff of the State  
65 Education Resource Center established pursuant to section 10-4q  
66 employed in a professional capacity while possessing a certificate or  
67 permit issued by the State Board of Education.

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 of the 2008 supplement to the general statutes and 10-183jj of the 2008  
73 supplement to the general statutes. Any purchase of such service shall

74 be accomplished by the member paying to the board an amount  
75 determined on the basis of actuarial factors adopted by the board  
76 [which] that reflect the present value of one-half of the full actuarial  
77 cost of the benefit increase that will be derived by the purchase of such  
78 service, except that in the case of purchase of service described in  
79 subdivision (17) of subsection (b) of this section, or in the case of  
80 purchase of service described in subdivision (2) of said subsection (b)  
81 in excess of ten years, the present value of the full actuarial cost. Such  
82 factors shall consider the member's age at the time of purchase, actual  
83 or projected salary, and the earliest date on which the member would  
84 be eligible for a normal retirement allowance. Payments for additional  
85 credited service may be made in a lump sum by transfer of funds from  
86 the member's accumulated one per cent contributions withheld prior  
87 to July 1, 1989, with credited interest and accumulated voluntary  
88 contributions with credited interest plus such other amounts as may be  
89 required to complete the purchase.

90 Sec. 502. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the  
91 provisions of subdivision (26) of section 10-183b of the 2008  
92 supplement to the general statutes, as amended by this act, concerning  
93 the requirement that a teacher hold a certificate for the position in  
94 which the person is employed, any teacher who possesses a certificate  
95 or permit issued by the State Board of Education and is notified on or  
96 after December 1, 2003, by the Department of Education that such  
97 teacher is not properly certified for the position in which the teacher is  
98 employed or has been employed, such teacher shall receive no further  
99 credit in the teachers' retirement system for employment in such  
100 position until the teacher becomes properly certified for such position.  
101 The Teachers' Retirement Board shall not rescind any credited service  
102 to such teacher for such employment and shall restore any such credit  
103 to such teacher if rescinded prior to the effective date of this act.

104 Sec. 503. Subdivision (26) of section 10-183b of the 2008 supplement  
105 to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in  
106 lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

107 (26) "Teacher" means (A) any teacher, permanent substitute teacher,  
108 principal, assistant principal, supervisor, assistant superintendent or  
109 superintendent employed by the public schools in a professional  
110 capacity while possessing a certificate or permit issued by the State  
111 Board of Education, provided on and after July 1, 1975, such certificate  
112 shall be for the position in which the person is then employed, except  
113 as provided for in section 1 of this act, (B) certified personnel who  
114 provide health and welfare services for children in nonprofit schools,  
115 as provided in section 10-217a of the 2008 supplement to the general  
116 statutes, under an oral or written agreement, (C) any person who is  
117 engaged in teaching or supervising schools for adults if the annual  
118 salary paid for such service is equal to or greater than the minimum  
119 salary paid for a regular, full-time teaching position in the day schools  
120 in the town where such service is rendered, (D) a member of the  
121 professional staff of the State Board of Education or of the Board of  
122 Governors of Higher Education or any of its constituent units, and (E)  
123 a member of the staff of the State Education Resource Center  
124 established pursuant to section 10-4q employed in a professional  
125 capacity while possessing a certificate or permit issued by the State  
126 Board of Education. A "permanent substitute teacher" is one who  
127 serves as such for at least ten months during any school year."