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"AN ACT CONCERNING REFORM OF THE PROBATE COURT SYSTEM."

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

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2009*) Notwithstanding the
4 provisions of section 5-175b of the general statutes, a member of the
5 state employees retirement system who served as an employee in a
6 probate court on or before January 5, 2011, was not employed in a
7 probate court after said date due to a merger of the probate courts,
8 who will not receive a retirement benefit pursuant to part III of chapter
9 801 of the general statutes, and who is not eligible to obtain credit for
10 retirement purposes for such probate court service under any section
11 of chapter 66 of the general statutes, may receive credit for such period
12 or periods of probate court service, not to exceed four years in the
13 aggregate, by making contributions to the state employees retirement
14 fund, for each year of such prior probate court service for which credit
15 is sought, equal to two or five per cent of the member's probate court

16 salary, as appropriate for plan membership, plus interest thereon at the
17 rate of five per cent per year from the time such service was rendered
18 to the date of payment. Such payment may be made by payroll
19 deductions as determined by the retirement commission over a period
20 not to exceed twenty-four months, and such installments shall include
21 interest at five per cent per year. No service credit shall be granted
22 unless payment of all contributions and interest is completed, and then
23 not more than one year of probate court service shall be counted for
24 each two years of Connecticut state service.

25 Sec. 502. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2009*) Any member of fund B of
26 the municipal employees' retirement system, who, prior to such
27 member's date of employment with a municipality that is participating
28 in said fund B, served as an employee of a probate court on or before
29 January 5, 2011, was not employed in a probate court after said date
30 due to a merger of the probate courts, and who had not completed
31 sufficient credited service to be eligible to retire and receive retirement
32 benefits pursuant to part III of chapter 801 of the general statutes, shall
33 be credited with the period of such service in the probate court, not to
34 exceed four years of credit, to the extent that such member makes
35 contributions to said fund for all or any part of the period of such
36 service. Such contributions shall be computed at a rate of two per cent
37 of such member's first year's salary as such employee, with interest at
38 five per cent per annum, payable within one year of such employment,
39 or on or before January 1, 2012, whichever is later, provided such
40 contributions are made prior to the date of retirement. The period of
41 such service for which contributions to said fund are made shall be
42 counted for the purpose of computing the amount of such member's
43 retirement allowance, provided such member shall have completed
44 five years of continuous service or fifteen years of active aggregate
45 service with a participating municipality or shall be retired prior
46 thereto due to disability incurred in the course of employment. Any
47 member who purchases credit pursuant to this section and who later
48 receives a retirement allowance for permanent and total disability
49 under part II of chapter 113 of the general statutes shall, upon written

50 request, be refunded all such contributions paid under this section,
51 provided such probate court credit did not serve to increase the
52 amount of disability retirement benefits for which such member was
53 eligible."