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Committee Bill No. 746

LCO No. 4876



Referred to Committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Introduced by:
(LAB)

AN ACT AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYMENT RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR NEWLY HIRED EMPLOYEES.

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

1 Section 1. Section 7-425 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

3 The following words and phrases as used in this part, except as
4 otherwise provided, shall have the following meanings:

5 (1) "Municipality" means any town, city, borough, school district,
6 regional school district, taxing district, fire district, district department
7 of health, probate district, housing authority, regional work force
8 development board established under section 31-3k, regional
9 emergency telecommunications center, tourism district established
10 under section 10-397, flood commission or authority established by
11 special act or regional council of governments;

12 (2) "Participating municipality" means any municipality that has
13 accepted this part, as provided in section 7-427;

14 (3) "Legislative body" means, for towns having a town council, the

15 council; for other towns, the selectmen; for cities, the common council
16 or other similar body of officials; for boroughs, the warden and
17 burgesses; for regional school districts, the regional board of
18 education; for district departments of health, the board of the district;
19 for probate districts, the judge of probate; for regional councils of
20 governments, the council; for regional emergency telecommunications
21 centers, a representative board; for tourism districts, the board of
22 directors of such tourism district; and in all other cases the body
23 authorized by the general statutes or by special act to make ordinances
24 for the municipality;

25 (4) "Retirement Commission" means the State Retirement
26 Commission created by chapter 66;

27 (5) "Member" means any regular employee or elective officer
28 receiving pay from a participating municipality, and any regular
29 employee of a free public library that receives part or all of its income
30 from municipal appropriation, who has been included by such
31 municipality in the pension plan as provided in section 7-427, but shall
32 not include any person who customarily works less than twenty hours
33 a week if such person entered employment after September 30, 1969,
34 any police officer or firefighter who will attain the compulsory
35 retirement age after less than five years of continuous service in fund
36 B, any teacher who is eligible for membership in the state teachers
37 retirement system, any person eligible for membership in any pension
38 system established by or under the authority of any special act or of a
39 charter adopted under the provisions of chapter 99, or any person
40 holding a position funded in whole or in part by the federal
41 government as part of any public service employment program, on-
42 the-job training program or work experience program, provided
43 persons holding such federally funded positions on July 1, 1978, shall
44 not be excluded from membership but may elect to receive a refund of
45 their accumulated contributions without interest;

46 (6) "Pay" means the salary, wages or earnings of an employee,

47 including any payments received pursuant to chapter 568 and the
48 money value as determined by the Retirement Commission of any
49 board, lodging, fuel or laundry provided for such employee by the
50 municipality but [not including] shall not include any fees or
51 allowances for expenses and overtime pay for employees hired on or
52 after the effective date of this section;

53 (7) "Fund" and "fund B" means the Connecticut Municipal
54 Employees' Retirement Fund B;

55 (8) "Continuous service" and "service" means active service as a
56 member, or active service prior to becoming a member if such service
57 (A) was in a department for which participation was subsequently
58 accepted and not subsequently withdrawn, (B) was continuous to the
59 date of becoming a member except service for which credit is granted
60 pursuant to section 7-436a, and (C) would have been as a member if
61 the department had then been participating, all subject to the
62 provisions of section 7-434;

63 (9) "System" means the Old Age and Survivors Insurance System
64 under Title II of the Social Security Act, as amended;

65 (10) "Social Security Act" means the Act of Congress, approved
66 August 14, 1935, Chapter 531, 49 Stat. 620, officially cited as the Social
67 Security Act, including regulations and requirements issued pursuant
68 thereto, as such act has been and may from time to time be amended;

69 (11) "Regional emergency telecommunications center" means any
70 entity authorized by the Department of Emergency Services and Public
71 Protection as a public safety answering point responsible for the
72 receipt and processing of 9-1-1 calls for at least three municipalities.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	7-425

Statement of Purpose:

To implement pension reform under the Municipal Employee Retirement System for newly hired employees.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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