AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

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

Section 1. Section 10-183b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2019):

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) "Actuarial reserve basis" means a basis under which the liabilities of the retirement system are determined under acceptable actuarial methods and under which assets are accumulated under a program designed to achieve a proper balance between the accumulated assets and the liabilities of the system.

(2) "Accumulated regular contributions" means the sum of all mandatory contributions credited to a member's account, plus any credited interest applied to such account.

[(2)] (3) "Amortization of unfunded liabilities" means a systematic program of annual payments determined as a level per cent of expected member annual salaries in lieu of a lump sum payment.

[(3)] (4) "Annual salary" means the annual salary rate for service as a Connecticut teacher during a school year but not including unused sick leave, unused vacation, terminal pay, coaching or extra duty assignments, unless compensation for coaching or extra duty
assignment was included in salary for which contributions were made prior to July 1, 1971. In no event shall annual salary include amounts determined by the board to be included for the purpose of inflating the member's average annual salary. The inclusion in annual salary of amounts paid to the member, in lieu of payment by the employer for the cost of benefits, insurance, or individual retirement arrangements which in prior years had been paid by the employer and not included in the member's annual salary, shall be prima facie evidence that such amounts are included for the purpose of inflating the member's average annual salary. Annual salary shall not (A) include payments the timing of which may be directed by the member, (B) include payments to a superintendent pursuant to an individual contract between such superintendent and a board of education, of amounts which are not included in base salary, or (C) exceed the maximum amount allowed under Section 401(a)(17) of the Internal Revenue Code for the applicable limitation year, provided in no event shall the limitation under Section 401(a)(17) of the Internal Revenue Code apply to the annual salary of a member whose membership began prior to January 1, 1996, if such limitation would reduce the amount of the member's annual salary below the amount permitted for calculation of the member's retirement benefit under this chapter [167a], without regard to the limitation under Section 401(a)(17) of the Internal Revenue Code. Annual salary shall include amounts paid to the member during a sabbatical leave during which mandatory contributions were remitted, provided such member returned to full-time teaching for at least five full years following the completion of such leave.

[(4)] (5) "Average annual salary" means the average [annual salary received during the three years of highest salary] of the three highest annual salaries received as an active member.

[(5)] (6) "Board" means the Teachers' Retirement Board.

[(6)] (7) "Child" means a natural child, an adopted child, or a
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stepchild of a deceased member who has been a stepchild for at least one year immediately prior to the date on which the member died. A child is a "dependent child" of a deceased member if at the time of the member's death (A) the member was living with the child or providing or obligated to provide, by agreement or court order, a reasonable portion of the support of the child, and (B) the child (i) is unmarried and has not attained age eighteen, or (ii) is disabled and such disability began prior to the child's attaining age eighteen.

[(7)] (8) "Contributions" means amounts withheld pursuant to this chapter and paid to the board by an employer from compensation payable to a member. Prior to July 1, 1989, "mandatory contributions" are contributions required to be withheld under this chapter and consist of five per cent regular contributions and "one per cent contributions". From July 1, 1989, to June 30, 1992, "mandatory contributions" are contributions required to be withheld under this chapter and consist of five per cent regular contributions and one per cent health contributions. From July 1, 1992, to June 30, 2004, "mandatory contributions" are contributions required to be withheld under this chapter and consist of six per cent "regular contributions" and one per cent health contributions. From July 1, 2004, to December 31, 2017, "mandatory contributions" are contributions required to be withheld under this chapter and consist of six per cent regular contributions and one and one-fourth per cent health contributions. On and after January 1, 2018, "mandatory contributions" are contributions required to be withheld under this chapter and consist of seven per cent "regular contributions" and one and one-fourth per cent health contributions. "Voluntary contributions" are contributions by a member authorized to be withheld under section 10-183i, as amended by this act.

(9) "Coparticipant" means a designated beneficiary under the provisions of subsection (d) of section 10-183j, as amended by this act.

[(8)] (10) "Credited interest" means interest at the rate from time to
time fixed by the board consistent with industry standards and practices. Such interest shall be applied to a member's account based on the balance as of the previous June thirtieth. Credited interest shall be assessed on any mandatory contributions which were due but not remitted prior to the close of the school year for which salary was paid.

[(9)] (11) "Current service" means service rendered in the current fiscal year.

[(10)] (12) "Dependent former spouse" means a former spouse of a deceased member who (A) has in his or her care a dependent child of the deceased member; and (B) was receiving, or was entitled to receive, from the deceased member at the time of the death of the deceased member, at least one-half of his or her support; and (C) has not remarried; and (D) is the parent of the child or adopted the child while married to the member and before the child attained age eighteen or, while married to the member, both of them adopted the child before the child attained age eighteen.

[(11)] (13) "Dependent parent" means a parent of a deceased member who (A) has reached the age of sixty-five; and (B) has not married after the death of the member; and (C) was receiving at least one-half of his or her support from the member at the time of the member's death and files proof of such support within two years of the date of the member's death; and (D) is not receiving, or entitled to a federal or state old age benefit based on the parent's own earnings, equal to or greater than the amount the parent would be entitled to as a dependent parent under this chapter. A "parent of a deceased member" is (i) the mother or father of a deceased member; or (ii) a stepparent of a deceased member by a marriage entered into before the member attained age sixteen; or (iii) an adopting parent of a deceased member who adopted the deceased member before the member attained age sixteen.

[(12)] (14) "Designated beneficiary" means a person designated on a form prescribed by the board by a member to receive amounts which
become payable under this chapter as the result of the member's death whether before or after retirement. If a designated beneficiary is not living at the time of the death of a member, the amounts that would have been payable to the designated beneficiary shall be paid to the member's estate.

(15) "Disability allowance" means the amount payable to a disabled member pursuant to the provisions of section 10-183aa.

[(13)] (16) "Disabled" means the inability to perform any teaching service, whether or not such service is performed full-time or part-time, in a public or nonpublic school or a nonschool setting, on a volunteer basis or for compensation, within or without the state of Connecticut, or engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment [which] that (A) is permanent or can be expected to last continually for not less than twelve months from the onset of such impairment, or (B) can be expected to result in death or to be of long-continued and indefinite duration, except that during the first twenty-four months that a member is receiving a disability allowance, "disabled" means the inability to perform the usual duties of his occupation by reason of any such impairment.

[(14)] (17) "Employer" means an elected school committee, a board of education, the State Board of Education, the Office of Early Childhood, the Board of Regents for Higher Education or any of the constituent units, [the governing body of the Children's Center and its successors,] the E. O. Smith School and any other activity, institution or school employing members. With respect to members hired prior to July 1, 2019, "employer" also means the governing body of the Children's Center and its successors.

[(15)] (18) "Formal leave of absence" means any absence from active service in the public schools of Connecticut formally granted by a member's employer as evidenced by contemporary records of the employer, provided in the case of an absence due to illness, medical or
other evidence of such illness may, at the discretion of the Teachers' Retirement Board, be accepted in lieu of evidence of the formal granting of a leave.

[(16)] [(19)] "Formal application of retirement" means (A) the member's application, birth certificate or notarized statement supported by other evidence satisfactory to the board, in lieu thereof, (B) records of service, [when] if such records are required by the board to determine a salary rate or years of creditable service, (C) a statement of payment plan, [and,] (D) in the case of an application for a disability benefit, a physician's or an advanced practice registered nurse's statement of health, (E) in the case of a member who is married, a marriage certificate, and (F) any other documentation required by the board.

[(17)] [(20)] "Funding" means the accumulation of assets in advance of the payment of retirement allowances in accordance with a definite actuarial program.

[(18)] [(21)] "Member" means any Connecticut teacher employed for an average of at least one-half of each school day, [except that no teacher who under any provision of the general statutes elects not to participate in the system shall be a member unless and until the teacher elects to participate in the system] and who was employed on and compensated for the first work day, according to such member's schedule, of a school month. Members teaching in a nonpublic school classified as a public school [by the board] under the provisions of this section may continue as members as long as they continue as teachers in such school even if the school ceases to be so classified. A former teacher who has not withdrawn his or her accumulated contributions shall be an "inactive member". A member who, during the period of a formal leave of absence granted by his or her employer, but not exceeding an aggregate of ten school months, continues to make mandatory contributions to the board, retains his or her status as an active member.
"Normal cost" means the amount of contribution which the state is required to make into the retirement fund in order to meet the actuarial cost of current service.

"Public school" means any day school conducted within or without this state under the orders and superintendence of a duly elected school committee, a board of education, the State Board of Education, the Office of Early Childhood, the board of governors or any of its constituent units, the E. O. Smith School, [the Children's Center and its successors, the State Education Resource Center established pursuant to section 10-4q of the 2014 supplement to the general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2013, the State Education Resource Center established pursuant to section 10-357a,] joint activities of boards of education authorized by subsection (b) of section 10-158a and any institution supported by the state at which teachers are employed or any incorporated secondary school not under the orders and superintendence of a duly elected school committee or board of education but located in a town not maintaining a high school and providing free tuition to pupils of the town in which it is located, and which has been approved by the State Board of Education under the provisions of part II of chapter 164, provided that such institution or such secondary school is classified as a public school by the retirement board. With respect to members hired prior to July 1, 2019, "public school" also means the Children's Center and its successors, the State Education Resource Center established pursuant to section 10-4q of the 2014 supplement to the general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2013, and the State Education Resource Center established pursuant to section 10-357a.

"Retirement allowance" means payments for life derived from member contributions, including credited interest, and contributions from the state.

"Retired member" means a member receiving a retirement benefit as computed under section 10-183g, as amended by this act.
"School year" means the twelve months ending on June thirtieth of each year.

"Surviving spouse" means a widow or widower of a deceased member who (A) was living with the member at the time of the member's death, or receiving, or entitled by court order or agreement to receive, regular support payments from the member, and (B) has not remarried.

"Survivors" means a surviving spouse, a dependent former spouse, a dependent child and a dependent parent.

"System" means the Connecticut teachers' retirement system.

"Teacher" means (A) any teacher, permanent substitute teacher, principal, assistant principal, supervisor, assistant superintendent or superintendent employed by the public schools in a professional capacity while possessing a certificate or permit issued by the State Board of Education, provided on and after July 1, 1975, such certificate shall be for the position in which the person is then employed, except as provided for in section 10-183qq, (B) certified personnel hired prior to July 1, 2019, who provide health and welfare services for children in nonprofit schools, as provided in section 10-217a, under an oral or written agreement, (C) any person who is engaged in teaching or supervising schools for adults if the annual salary paid for such service is equal to or greater than the minimum salary paid for a regular, full-time teaching position in the day schools in the town where such service is rendered, (D) a member of the professional staff of the State Board of Education,] an employee of the Office of Early Childhood [J] or [of] the Board of Regents for Higher Education or any of the constituent units, [and] (E) a member of the staff member of the State Education Resource Center established pursuant to section 10-4q of the 2014 supplement to the general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2013, or the State Education Resource Center established pursuant to section 10-357a,
employed in a professional capacity while possessing a certificate or
permit issued by the State Board of Education, provided such staff
member was hired prior to July 1, 2019, and (F) any person employed
as professional staff of the State Board of Education, provided such
person was a member or inactive member prior to July 1, 2019. A
"permanent substitute teacher" is one who serves as such for at least
ten months during any school year.

[(27)] (31) "Unfunded liability" means the actuarially determined
value of the liability for service before the date of the actuarial
valuation less the accumulated assets in the retirement fund.

[(28)] (32) "Internal Revenue Code" means the Internal Revenue
Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code
of the United States, as from time to time amended, and any
regulations promulgated under or interpretations of said code that
may affect this chapter.

[(29)] (33) "Limitation year" means the twelve-month period
beginning each July first and ending each June thirtieth.

Sec. 2. Section 10-183e of the general statutes is repealed and the
following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2019):

(a) (1) A member shall receive a month of credited service for each
month of service as a teacher, [provided the Teachers' Retirement
Board may grant a member] subject to the payment of the mandatory
contribution for such month. Ten months of credited service shall be
equal to one year of credited service. A member may not accumulate
more than one year of credited service during any school year.

(2) The Teachers' Retirement Board may allow a member to receive
a month of credited service for a month during which such member
was employed after the first school day but not later than the fifth
school day of such month if [(1)] (A) such month was the member's
first month of service as a teacher, and [(2)] (B) such month of credited
service is needed by the member in order to qualify for a normal retirement benefit. [Ten months of credited service shall be equal to one year of credited service. A member may not accumulate more than one year of credited service during any school year.]

(b) Any member may purchase, as provided in subsection (c) of this section, additional credited service, but not to exceed an aggregate of one year in the case of service described in subdivision (2) of this subsection for each two years of active full-time service as a Connecticut teacher; and not to exceed an aggregate of one year in the case of absence described in subdivision (8) of this subsection for each five years of active full-time service as a Connecticut teacher, provided if any such absence exceeds thirty consecutive school months, such additional credited service shall be limited to thirty school months; and not to exceed an aggregate of ten years for all service described in this subsection, except for service described in subdivision (2) of this subsection. In no event may any service described in this subsection be purchased if the member is receiving or is, or will become, entitled to receive a retirement benefit based upon such service from any governmental system other than the teachers' retirement system or the federal Social Security System. Additional credited service includes:

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

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

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

(4) Service rendered prior to July 1, 2019, in a permanent, full-time, nonteaching position for the state;

(5) Service as a teacher at The University of Connecticut prior to July
303 1, 1965;

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

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

308 (8) Any formal leave of absence commencing prior to July 1, 2019, as
309 provided in regulations adopted by the board, if the member
310 subsequently returns to service for at least one school year;

311 (9) Service rendered prior to July 1, 2019, as a teacher at the
312 American School [at Hartford] for the Deaf, the Connecticut Institute
313 for the Blind or the Newington Children's Hospital;

314 (10) Forty or more days of service as a substitute teacher, or the
315 equivalent service rendered at less than half-time, in a single public
316 school system within the state of Connecticut in any school year,
317 provided eighteen days of such service shall equal one month of
318 credited service under subsection (a) of this section;

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

322 (12) Service as a full-time, salaried, elected official of the state or any
323 political subdivision of the state during the 1978 calendar year or
324 thereafter, if such member subsequently returns to service as a teacher
325 in a public school for at least one school year;

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

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

329 (15) Service in the United States VISTA (Volunteers in Service to
330 America) program;
(16) Service in the public schools of Connecticut as a social work assistant, from January 1, 1969, to December 31, 1986, inclusive, if such member became a certified school social worker and remained in public school service as a social worker after certification; and

(17) Service prior to July 1, 2007, as a member of the staff of the State Education Resource Center established pursuant to section 10-4q of the general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2007, employed in a professional capacity while possessing a certificate or permit issued by the State Board of Education.

Any service described in subdivision (3), (8) or (10) of this subsection shall be considered service in the public schools of Connecticut.

(c) Additional credited service [must] may only be purchased by a member (1) prior to the [time] effective date of such member's retirement, or (2) at the time a surviving spouse elects benefits under the provisions of subsection (d) of section 10-183h, as amended by this act, [, or (3) at the time benefits commence as provided under sections 10-183g and 10-183jj.] Any purchase of such service shall be accomplished by the member paying to the board an amount determined on the basis of actuarial factors adopted by the board that reflect the present value of one-half of the full actuarial cost of the benefit increase that will be derived by the purchase of such service, except that in the case of purchase of service described in subdivision (17) of subsection (b) of this section, or in the case of purchase of service described in subdivision (2) of said subsection (b) in excess of ten years, the present value of the full actuarial cost. Such factors shall consider the member's age at the time of purchase, actual or projected salary, and the earliest date on which the member would be eligible for a normal retirement allowance. Payments for additional credited service may be made in a lump sum by transfer of funds from the member's accumulated one per cent contributions withheld prior to July 1, 1989, with credited interest and accumulated voluntary
contributions with credited interest plus such other amounts as may be
required to complete the purchase. Any such other amount shall be
deposited directly into such member's regular account. No amount
deposited in accordance with this subsection shall be treated as a
voluntary contribution as described in section 10-183i, as amended by
this act.

[(d) For the purpose of determining eligibility for benefits under
section 10-183f, credited service purchased under subsection (b) of this
section shall not be used except that (1) service in a school for military
dependents described in subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this
section and out-of-state public school service described in subdivision
(2) of said subsection (b) shall be used to determine eligibility for a
normal retirement benefit based upon thirty-five years of credited
service and for an early retirement benefit; and (2) military service
described in subdivision (3) of said subsection (b), any leave of absence
described in subdivision (8) of said subsection (b) and substitute
service described in subdivision (10) of said subsection (b) shall be
used as if they were service in the public schools of Connecticut.

(e) For purposes of computing benefit amounts under section 10-
183g, other than proratable benefits and deferred vested retirement
benefits, credited service purchased under subsection (b) of this section
shall be used in the same manner as credited service described in
subsection (a) of this section. In computing proratable benefits,
purchased service credits shall be used as set forth in subsection (b) of
section 10-183g. In computing deferred vested retirement benefits,
purchased service credits shall be used as set forth in subsection (d) of
section 10-183g. In computing the lump sum death benefit under
section 10-183h, military service described in subdivision (3) of
subsection (b) of this section and leaves of absence described in
subdivision (8) of said subsection (b) shall be used as if they were
service in the public schools of Connecticut.]

[(f)] (d) For purposes of computing benefit amounts under [section
10-183g] this chapter, whole months of credited service, including additional credited service, in excess of whole years shall be used in determining aggregate accumulations of credited service.

[(g)] (e) Any member who has been elected to a full-time or part-time position in an organization which has been duly designated as the teachers' representative or who has been elected to a full-time or part-time position in a state-wide, national or international bargaining organization may, during the time such member so serves, continue membership and may make, or have made for such member, payments of contributions for such time, provided the organization which such member represents shall pay the full actuarial cost that would otherwise be incurred by the state for the time such member serves in excess of one year. If payment is made during such periods or at any time before retirement, such member shall receive credit for such service and shall be considered as serving as a public school teacher in the state for the purpose of computing length of service, and for the purpose of computing average annual salary, and shall be considered by the retirement board as though such member were remaining in such member's latest teaching position.

Sec. 3. Section 10-183f of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2019):

(a) A member is eligible to receive a normal retirement benefit [who] if such member (1) has attained age sixty and has accumulated twenty years of credited service in the public schools of Connecticut, or (2) has attained any age and has accumulated thirty-five years of credited service, at least twenty-five years of which are service in the public schools of Connecticut.

(b) A member is eligible to receive a proratable retirement benefit [who] if such member has attained age sixty prior to termination of service and has accumulated at least ten years of credited service in the public schools of Connecticut.
(c) A member is eligible to receive an early retirement benefit [who] if such member has accumulated twenty-five years of credited service, at least twenty years of which are service in the public schools of Connecticut, or [who] if such member has attained the age of fifty-five and has accumulated at least twenty years of credited service, at least fifteen of which are service in the public schools of Connecticut.

(d) A member is eligible to receive a deferred vested retirement benefit beginning at age sixty [who] if such member: (1) Has accumulated ten years of credited service in the public schools of Connecticut; and (2) terminates service before becoming eligible for any other retirement benefit; and (3) leaves his or her accumulated contributions with the system.

(e) Repealed by P.A. 79-541, S. 5, 6.

(f) The survivors of a member who dies (1) while in service in the public schools of Connecticut, (2) within two months after withdrawal from such service and prior to the effective date of such member's retirement or (3) while receiving a disability benefit under section 10-183aa, shall receive survivors' benefits [except that, if a member who has elected a coparticipant option, under section 10-183j, dies after such option becomes effective, such coparticipant option shall be given effect and no survivors' benefits shall be payable.] Before any survivors' benefits are paid, the board shall receive such applications and other documents and information as it deems necessary.

(g) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, pursuant to Section 401(a)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code, a member shall begin receiving benefits under this chapter no later than April first of the calendar year following the calendar year in which [(1)] the member attains age seventy and one-half [or (2)] or, if the member retires after age seventy and one-half, the calendar year in which such member retires.

Sec. 4. Section 10-183g of the general statutes is repealed and the
following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2019):

(a) The normal retirement benefit shall be two per cent times the number of years of full-time credited service and a proportional fraction of two per cent times the number of years of credited service at less than full-time multiplied by average annual salary. In no event, however, shall such benefit exceed seventy-five per cent of such salary or be less than three thousand six hundred dollars.

(b) The proratable retirement benefit shall be computed as follows: Average annual salary multiplied by (1) number of years of credited service, excluding all additional credited service, except service described in subdivisions (3), (8) and (10) of subsection (b) of section 10-183e, in the public schools of Connecticut multiplied by the applicable percentage based on age and service as determined from the table below, and (2) number of years of all additional credited service not used in subdivision (1) of this subsection multiplied by one per cent.

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(c) The early retirement benefit shall be computed in the same manner as the normal retirement benefit, then actuarially reduced, on the basis of early retirement tables adopted from time to time by the board, for each month early retirement precedes the minimum age at which the member could have retired with a normal retirement benefit pursuant to section 10-183f, as amended by this act. [Such minimum age shall be such member's actual age at retirement plus the lesser of (1) the difference between such age and age sixty, or (2) the difference between thirty-five years and the sum of such member's years of Connecticut public school service plus all purchased leaves of absence, military and out-of-state public school service.] On and after July 1, 1999, any revisions to the early retirement tables shall be submitted to the Office of Policy and Management and the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies within one month of their adoption by the board. Any such revisions shall be accompanied by an actuarial certification of the costs associated with such revisions.

(d) The deferred vested retirement benefit shall be computed as follows: Average annual salary multiplied by (1) number of years of credited service [excluding all additional credited service, except service described in subdivisions (3), (8) and (10) of subsection (b) of section 10-183e,] in the public schools of Connecticut multiplied by two per cent, then actuarially reduced in the same manner as the early retirement benefit if the years of service which could have been rendered were less than twenty years by age sixty or by the subsequent date of retirement, and (2) number of years of all additional credited service not used in subdivision (1) of this subsection multiplied by one per cent.

(e) Repealed by P.A. 79-541, S. 5, 6.

(f) (1) In addition to a retirement benefit computed under
subsections (a) to (d), inclusive, of this section and a disability allowance under subsections (a) to (g), inclusive, of section 10-183aa, and except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, a member shall receive a lump sum payment equal to the member’s accumulated one per cent contributions withheld prior to July 1, 1989, and any voluntary contributions with credited interest. Such lump sum shall be paid not later than three months after (A) the effective date of retirement, or (B) the date the first payment of a disability allowance under section 10-183aa is made, except the board may delay payment of such lump sum in the case of extenuating circumstances. If such delay occurs, the board shall submit a written notice to the member explaining the nature of the extenuating circumstances and an estimate as to when such lump sum shall be paid.

(2) In lieu of such lump sum, the member may elect to receive an actuarially equivalent annuity for life. [Such lump sum or annuity shall be paid, or commenced to be paid.] Payment of such annuity, if elected, shall commence when the first payment of the [other] retirement benefit computed under subsections (a) to (d), inclusive, of this section or a disability allowance under section 10-183aa is made.

(g) A member’s complete formal application for retirement, if sent by mail, shall be deemed to have been filed with the board on the date such application is postmarked. No benefit computed under subsections (a) to (d), inclusive, of this section and under subsections (a) to (g), inclusive, of section 10-183aa shall become effective until [the end of the calendar month of the filing by the] a member eligible for retirement under section 10-183f, as amended by this act, files with the board [of] a complete formal application for retirement and terminates service with such member’s employer. Such benefit shall accrue from the first day of the month following [such] the calendar month such application is filed and payment of such benefit in equal monthly installments shall commence on the last day of the month in which such benefit begins to accrue. The initial payment of such benefit may be made not later than three months following the effective date of
retirement, provided such payment shall be retroactive to such
effective date. Upon a finding that extenuating circumstances relating
to the health of a member caused a delay in the filing of the member's
complete formal application, and such application is filed on or after
July 1, 1986, the board may deem such application to have been filed
up to three months earlier than the actual date of the filing. Upon a
finding that extenuating circumstances related to the health of a
member caused a delay in the filing of an election pursuant to
subsection (g) of section 10-183aa, and such election is filed on or after
July 1, 1986, the board may deem such election to have been filed as of
the date such member's benefits would otherwise have been converted
to a normal retirement allowance, provided such member's disability
allowance became effective on or before November 1, 1976, and such
member attained the age of sixty on or after August 1, 1984] benefit
under this section.

(h) A benefit computed under subsections (a) to (d), inclusive, of
this section and under subsections (a) to (g), inclusive, of section 10-
183aa shall continue until the death of the member. [If twenty-five per
cent of the aggregate benefits paid to a member prior to death are less
than such member's accumulated regular contributions, including any
one per cent contributions withheld prior to July 1, 1989, and any
voluntary contributions plus credited interest, the member's
designated beneficiary shall be paid on the death of the member a
lump sum amount equal to the difference between such aggregate
payments and such accumulated contributions plus credited interest
that had been accrued to the date benefits commenced.]

(i) [In lieu of a benefit computed under subsections (a) to (d),
inclusive, of this section and under subsections (a) to (g), inclusive, of
section 10-183aa, a] A member [may] shall elect one of the benefit
options described in section 10-183j, as amended by this act, or any
other actuarially equivalent option which the board may offer from
time to time.
(j) Beginning the first day of January or July which follows nine months in retirement, a retired member who retired prior to September 1, 1992, or a member's successor beneficiary, except a person receiving survivor's benefits, shall be eligible for an annual five per cent cost of living allowance on any benefit except a benefit based upon such member's one per cent contributions or voluntary contributions. Such cost of living allowance shall be computed on the basis of the retirement benefits to which such retired member or successor beneficiary was entitled on the last day of the preceding December or June except benefits based upon one per cent or voluntary contributions. Such member's successor beneficiary means any person, other than such member, receiving benefits as the result of the election of a period certain option or a coparticipant option, including an election for such an option by a surviving spouse under subsection (d) of section 10-183h, as amended by this act. The right to such allowance, or any portion thereof, may be waived by the person entitled thereto at any time. Any waiver shall remain in effect until the first day of the month following such person's death or the filing with the board of a written notice of cancellation of the waiver. Any allowance waived shall be forever forfeited. If on any subsequent first day of January or July the Teacher's Retirement Board determines that the National Consumer Price Index for urban wage earners and clerical workers for the twelve-month period ending on the last day of the preceding November or May has increased less than the cost of living allowance provided under this subsection, the cost of living allowance provided by this subsection shall be adjusted to reflect the change in such index provided such cost of living allowance shall not be less than three per cent.

(k) Beginning the first day of January or July which follows nine months in retirement, a retired member who retired on or after September 1, 1992, or a member's successor beneficiary, except a person receiving survivor's benefits, shall be eligible for an annual cost of living allowance calculated in accordance with the provisions of subsections (l) or (m) of this section on any benefit except a benefit
based upon such member's one per cent contributions or voluntary
contributions. Such cost of living allowance shall be computed on the
basis of the retirement benefits to which such retired member or
successor beneficiary was entitled on the last day of the preceding
December or June except benefits based upon one per cent or
voluntary contributions. Such member's successor beneficiary means
any person, other than such member, receiving benefits as the result of
the election of a period certain option or a coparticipant option,
including an election for such an option by a surviving spouse under
subsection (d) of section 10-183h, as amended by this act. The right to
such allowance, or any portion thereof, may be waived by the person
entitled thereto at any time. Any waiver shall remain in effect until the
first day of the month following such person's death or the filing with
the board of a written notice of cancellation of the waiver. Any
allowance waived shall be forever forfeited.

(l) (1) Beginning the first day of January or July which follows nine
months in retirement, a retired member who retired on or after
September 1, 1992, or a member's successor beneficiary, except a
person receiving survivor's benefits, shall be eligible for an annual cost
of living allowance. The cost of living allowance shall be calculated by
using the percentage cost of living adjustment granted by the Social
Security Administration for the applicable year, computed on the basis
of the retirement benefits to which such retired member or successor
beneficiary was entitled on the last day of the preceding December or
June except benefits based upon one per cent or voluntary
contributions, provided no cost of living allowance shall exceed six per
cent and provided further, if the total return earned by the trustees on
the market value of the pension assets for the preceding fiscal year is
less than eight and one-half per cent, any cost of living allowance
granted shall not exceed one and one-half per cent.

(2) A member entering the retirement system commencing on or
after July 1, 2007, or such member's successor beneficiary, except a
person receiving survivor's benefits, shall, beginning the first day of
January or July that follows nine months in retirement, be eligible for an annual cost of living allowance as follows: The cost of living allowance shall be calculated by using the percentage cost of living adjustment granted by the Social Security Administration for the applicable year, computed on the basis of the retirement benefits to which such retired member or successor beneficiary was entitled on the last day of the preceding December or June, as applicable, except benefits based upon one per cent or voluntary contributions, provided (A) no cost of living allowance shall exceed five per cent, and (B) if the total return earned by the trustees on the market value of the pension assets for the preceding fiscal year is less than eight and one-half per cent, any cost of living allowance granted shall not exceed one per cent, if such total return for the preceding fiscal year is greater than eight and one-half per cent but less than eleven and one-half per cent, any cost of living allowance granted shall not exceed three per cent, and if such return exceeds eleven and one-half per cent, any cost of living allowance granted shall not exceed five per cent.

(m) Repealed by P.A. 07-186, S. 14.


(o) On January 1, 1988, each eligible retired member who had rendered at least twenty-five years of full-time service prior to normal retirement under the provisions of subsection (a) of section 10-183f, as amended by this act, or such member's successor beneficiary, as defined in subsection (j) of this section, shall receive a single increase in retirement benefits provided under this chapter. Such increase shall be paid to such eligible members or successor beneficiaries whose monthly benefit as of December 31, 1987, before any reduction for an optional benefit payment plan, is less than eight hundred dollars, and shall be sufficient to increase such monthly benefit to eight hundred dollars.

(p) On January 1, 1991, each eligible retired member who had rendered at least twenty-five years of full-time service at least twenty
years of which were service in the public schools of Connecticut prior
to early retirement before January 1, 1976, under the provisions of
subsection (c) of section 10-183f, as amended by this act, or such
member's successor beneficiary, as defined in subsection (j) of this
section, shall receive a single increase in retirement benefits provided
under this chapter. Such increase shall be paid to such eligible
members or successor beneficiaries whose monthly benefit as of
December 31, 1990, before any reduction for an optional benefit
payment plan, is less than eight hundred dollars, and shall be
sufficient to increase such monthly benefit to eight hundred dollars.

(q) On January 1, 1999, each eligible retired member who had
rendered at least twenty-five years of full-time service, or such
member's successor beneficiary, as defined in subsection (j) of this
section, shall receive a single increase in benefits provided under this
chapter. Such increase shall be sufficient to increase the monthly
benefit of such eligible members or successor beneficiaries, whose
monthly benefit as of December 31, 1998, before any actuarial
reduction for early retirement or for an optional benefit payment plan,
is less than twelve hundred dollars and shall be sufficient to increase
such monthly benefit to twelve hundred dollars.

(r) No retirement benefit payable under this chapter, including any
cost of living allowance, shall exceed the maximum dollar limit in
effect under Section 415(b) of the Internal Revenue Code for the
applicable limitation year, as increased in subsequent years pursuant
to Section 415(d) of the Internal Revenue Code. [A subsequent annual
increase shall apply to a member if the increase becomes effective after
the member retires or, if such increase becomes effective before a
member retires, after the date on which such benefit begins to accrue.]

Sec. 5. Section 10-183h of the general statutes is repealed and the
following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2019):

(a) The basic survivor's monthly benefit, subject to a family
maximum of one thousand five hundred dollars, shall be (1) three
hundred dollars each for a surviving spouse, plus twenty-five dollars for each year of service in excess of twelve years in the Connecticut public schools completed by the member, subject to a maximum monthly benefit of six hundred dollars, (2) three hundred dollars each for a dependent former spouse; for a dependent parent if there is no surviving spouse or dependent child; and for a legal guardian of any dependent child if there is no surviving spouse, dependent former spouse or dependent parent, and (3) three hundred dollars for each dependent child. In applying the family maximum, the benefit shall be first allocated to the child or children, with the excess allocated to the surviving spouse and any dependent former spouse in proportion to the amount each would receive according to the above formula. Payment of the benefit shall commence on the last day of the month following the month of the member's death. Such benefit shall continue through the month preceding the month in which the survivor dies or ceases to be eligible for such benefit. Such benefit to the legal guardian of dependent children shall continue until all such children are no longer dependent, as defined in section 10-183b, as amended by this act. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, any such surviving spouse, dependent former spouse, dependent parent or legal guardian may waive the right to payment of the benefit under this subsection in order that a designated beneficiary who is the child of the deceased member may receive such member's accumulated contributions plus credited interest. Such waiver shall be made prior to the payment of the benefit to any such surviving spouse, dependent former spouse, dependent parent or legal guardian.

(b) [If no coparticipant option under 10-183j has become effective, a] A lump sum death benefit shall be payable to [the] a surviving spouse. Such benefit shall be one thousand dollars for five years or less of Connecticut public school service, plus two hundred dollars for each year of credited service in excess of five years, to a maximum of two thousand dollars. [For purposes of this subsection, purchased military service and purchased leaves of absence under subdivisions (3) and (8) of subsection (b) of section 10-183e shall be deemed to be Connecticut
public school service.] If there is no surviving spouse, such benefit shall be equal to the member's burial expenses but not in excess of what would have been payable to a surviving spouse and shall be payable to the person who paid such expenses. No payment under this subsection shall be made unless application for the payment is filed with the board within two years of such member's death.

(c) In lieu of such basic survivor's benefit and such lump sum death benefit, a sole survivor who has attained age eighteen, and is the member's designated beneficiary may elect to receive an amount equal to such member's accumulated contributions together with credited interest. [When a member has designated two or more beneficiaries, who have, at the time of such member's death, attained age eighteen, the one entitled to basic survivor's benefits, if any, shall be deemed the sole survivor within the meaning of this subsection, provided, that all other designated beneficiaries relinquish all claim to any amounts that may be due them from the system.]

(d) The surviving spouse of any member who, at the time of death was eligible for a retirement benefit other than a disability benefit and had not filed a waiver of the coparticipant's option, may elect to receive (1) a monthly benefit for life equal to the benefit payable if a one hundred per cent coparticipant's option had been elected, or (2) an amount equal to the member's accumulated contributions with credited interest.

(e) If no coparticipant option has become effective and if the aggregate payments under this section are less than the accumulated mandatory contributions of a deceased member plus credited interest, there shall be paid to such member's designated beneficiary an amount equal to the difference between such aggregate payments and such accumulated mandatory contributions plus credited interest.

(f) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (B) of subdivision [(23)] (27) of section 10-183b, as amended by this act, benefits payable under this section to a surviving spouse shall not be
terminated because of remarriage if such surviving spouse has attained the age of sixty.

(g) If a member who has filed an application for retirement dies prior to the effective date of retirement, such member’s spouse, if such spouse is designated on such application as the sole beneficiary, may elect to receive either (1) the preretirement death benefits as set forth in this section, or (2) the benefit payment option selected by the deceased member on such retirement application.

Sec. 6. Subsection (a) of section 10-183i of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2019):

(a) A member may make voluntary contributions to the system and may, no more than once, withdraw such voluntary contributions from the system under rules of the board. Any voluntary contribution shall be made solely by payroll deduction of an amount subject to state, federal or local tax in the tax or income year in which such voluntary contribution is made. Voluntary contributions shall be subject to the limitations imposed under Section 415(c) of the Internal Revenue Code for the applicable limitation year. Such contributions shall earn credited interest. Upon retirement such member shall elect to receive the accumulated contributions plus credited interest either in a lump sum or in the form of an actuarially equivalent annuity for life. Such lump sum, if elected, shall be paid not later than three months after the effective date of retirement, except the board may delay payment of such lump sum in the case of extenuating circumstances. If such delay occurs, the board shall submit a written notice to the member explaining the nature of the extenuating circumstances and an estimate as to when such lump sum shall be paid. Payment of such annuity, if elected, shall [be paid or commenced to be paid] commence when the first payment of such member’s other retirement benefit is made. If such member dies before the effective date of his or her retirement, the accumulated contributions plus credited interest shall
be paid to such member's designated beneficiary.

Sec. 7. Section 10-183j of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2019):

(a) [In lieu of a normal, early, proratable or deferred vested benefit, a] A member [may] shall elect [either] one of the benefit options described in [subsections] subsection (b), [and] (c) or (d) of this section.

(b) The Plan N normal allowance may be elected in which the member receives an unreduced benefit for life and, upon such member's death, such member's designated beneficiary shall receive a partial refund of such member's accumulated contributions if twenty-five per cent of the aggregate benefits received by such member between his retirement date and death are less than such member's accumulated regular contributions, including any one per cent contributions withheld prior to July 1, 1989, and any voluntary contributions plus credited interest. The amount of such partial refund shall equal the difference between (1) such member's accumulated contributions plus credited interest that had accrued as of the date retirement benefits commenced, and (2) twenty-five per cent of the aggregate retirement benefit paid to such member prior to such member's death.

[(b) A] (c) The Plan C period certain option may be elected in which the member receives an actuarially reduced benefit for a fixed period of time selected by such member and for the remainder of such member's life. Such member may select a fixed period of twenty-five years or such shorter period as the board may offer. If such member dies before receiving the benefit for the selected period, such benefit shall be paid to the member's designated beneficiary for the remainder of such period. If such designated beneficiary dies before receiving the remaining payments for the selected period, any remaining payments shall be paid to such designated beneficiary's estate as a commuted value. If such member's designated beneficiary dies before such member, or if such member has no designated beneficiary and such
member dies prior to the expiration of the period described in this subsection, the commuted value shall be paid to such member's estate.

[(c) A] (d) (1) The Plan D coparticipant's option may be elected in which the member receives an actuarially reduced benefit as provided in [subsection (d)] subdivision (2) of this [section] subsection and upon such member's death, one-third, one-half, two-thirds, three-fourths or all of such amount is paid to such member's designated beneficiary for life. Any member who elects said option shall designate a sole designated beneficiary, who shall be such member's coparticipant. Such designation shall be irrevocable and shall terminate only as provided in subparagraph (B) of subdivision (2) of this subsection.

With respect to any benefits which become effective on or after January 1, 2001, if twenty-five per cent of the aggregate benefits paid to the member or such member's designated beneficiary are, upon the death of such member or such designated beneficiary, less than such member's accumulated contributions plus credited interest, the estate of such member or such designated beneficiary, as appropriate, shall be paid a lump sum amount equal to the difference between such [aggregate benefits paid and such accumulated contributions plus credited interest] accumulated contributions plus credited interest that had accrued as of the date benefits commenced, less twenty-five per cent of the aggregate benefit paid.

[(d)] (2) The benefits payable to such member and such coparticipant shall be computed as follows:

[(1)] (A) The benefit payable to such member at retirement and to such coparticipant upon such member's death shall be the actuarial equivalent of the normal, early or proratable benefit for which such member is eligible and based upon such member's age at retirement and the age of such coparticipant on such retirement date. In the event the member predeceases the coparticipant, upon the death of the coparticipant, any remaining benefit shall be paid in a lump sum to the coparticipant's estate. In the event the coparticipant predeceases the
member, the member's actuarially reduced benefit shall revert to the unreduced benefit provided for under Plan N and, upon the member's death, any remaining value in the member's account will be paid to the member's designated beneficiary, if any, otherwise to the member's estate.

[(2) The benefit payable to such coparticipant of such member who dies after such option first becomes effective but before retirement shall be the actuarial equivalent of the normal, early or proratable benefit for which such member was eligible based on such member's age at death and the age of such coparticipant on such date of death.]

[(3) (A) (B) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) (ii) of this subdivision, a coparticipant option shall be terminated, for any member whose designated coparticipant dies, is legally separated or is divorced from the member after the member's retirement, on the date of such death or divorce. Such member shall thereupon be paid the normal, early or proratable retirement benefit for which the member is eligible. [(B) (ii) On and after July 1, 2016, upon the legal separation or divorce of a member and such member's designated coparticipant subsequent to the member's retirement, the member may retain the coparticipant designation and the coparticipant option elected at the time of retirement by filing a [qualified] domestic relations order with the board.]

Sec. 8. Section 10-183k of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2019):

(a) A member who voluntarily or involuntarily terminates service with his or her employer prior to retirement or death shall be entitled to have refunded his or her accumulated voluntary contributions with credited interest.

(b) A member who voluntarily or involuntarily terminates service with his or her employer prior to retirement or death with less than five years' credited service in the public schools of Connecticut shall be
entitled to have refunded his or her accumulated regular contributions
with credited interest. A member who voluntarily or involuntarily
terminates service with his or her employer prior to retirement or
death with more than five years of credited service in the public
schools of Connecticut shall be entitled to have refunded his or her
accumulated regular contributions with credited interest and his or her
accumulated one per cent contributions withheld prior to July 1, 1989.

(c) A member who voluntarily or involuntarily terminates service
with his or her employer prior to retirement or death with more than
ten years' credited service in the public schools of Connecticut but
prior to retirement may elect to receive in lieu of the benefits provided
by this chapter a refund of his or her accumulated contributions with
credited interest as provided in subsection (b) of this section. If such
member elects a refund, all credited service shall be cancelled and any
rights to benefits provided by this chapter shall be extinguished,
except as provided in subsection (d) of this section. If such member
does not elect a refund, [but dies before age sixty or before receiving
the deferred vested benefit, if later,] such member's accumulated
voluntary contributions, accumulated regular contributions and
accumulated one per cent contributions withheld prior to July 1, 1989,
together with credited interest shall be paid to such member's
designated beneficiary.

(d) A member who receives a refund and returns to service shall be
regarded as a new member unless such member repays, subject to the
requirements established by the board, the amount refunded
representing service teaching in the public schools of Connecticut,
other than voluntary contributions and the interest thereon, together
with credited interest compounded from the date interest was last
credited to such member's account to the date of repayment. The
credited service accumulated before termination and any unrefunded
one per cent contributions withheld prior to July 1, 1989, and credited
interest shall be restored to a member who makes such repayment.
Restored contributions and interest shall be credited with credited
interest for the period between the last day for which interest was credited on such contributions and such member's [return to service] date of repayment.

Sec. 9. Section 10-183l of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2019):

(a) (1) On and after July 1, 1991, the management of the system shall continue to be vested in the Teachers' Retirement Board, whose members shall include the Treasurer, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and the Commissioner of Education, or their designees, who shall be voting members of the board, ex officio. (2) On or before June 15, 1985, and quadrennially thereafter, the members of the system shall elect from their number, in a manner prescribed by said board, two persons to serve as members of said board for terms of four years beginning July first following such election. Both of such persons shall be active teachers who shall be nominated by the members of the system who are not retired and elected by all the members of the system. On or before July 1, 1991, and quadrennially thereafter, the members of the system shall elect from their number, in a manner prescribed by said board, three persons to serve as members of said board for terms of four years beginning July first following such election. Two of such persons shall be retired teachers who shall be nominated by the retired members of the system and elected by all the members of the system and one shall be an active teacher who shall be nominated by the members of the system who are not retired and elected by all the members of the system. (3) On or before July 1, 2011, and quadrennially thereafter, the members of the system shall elect from their number, in a manner prescribed by said board, one person to serve as a member of said board for a term of four years beginning July first following such election. Such person shall be an active teacher who shall be nominated by the members of the system who are not retired, elected by all the members of the system and a member of an exclusive representative of a teachers' bargaining unit that is not represented by the members of the board elected under subdivision (2)
of this subsection. (4) If a vacancy occurs in the positions filled by the
members of the system who are not retired, said board shall elect a
member of the system who is not retired to fill the unexpired portion
of the term. If a vacancy occurs in the positions filled by the retired
members of the system, said board shall elect a retired member of the
system to fill the unexpired portion of the term. The Governor shall
appoint five public members to said board in accordance with the
provisions of section 4-9a, one of whom shall be the mayor, first
selectman or chief elected official of a municipality. On and after the
effective date of this section, the Governor shall fill the next vacant
position on the board that is appointed by the Governor with a person
who is the mayor, first selectman or chief elected official of a
municipality. The members of the board shall serve without
compensation, but shall be reimbursed for any expenditures or loss of
salary or wages which they incur through service on the board. Six
members of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of
any business. All decisions of the board shall require the approval of
[six members of the board or] a majority of the members who are
present [, whichever is greater] at a meeting at which a quorum is
present.

(b) In carrying out its duties, the board may employ [a secretary] an
executive director, who shall also serve as secretary of the board and
such [clerical and other assistance] staff as may be necessary. Their
salaries shall be paid by said board with the approval of the Secretary
of the Office of Policy and Management. Said board shall employ the
services of one or more actuaries, each of which shall be an individual
or firm having on its staff a fellow of the Society of Actuaries, to carry
out the actuarial duties of this section and sections 10-183b, as
amended by this act, 10-183r, and 10-183z and for such related
purposes as the board deems advisable. The cost of such services shall
be charged to the funds provided for in section 10-183r. Said board
shall arrange for such actuary to prepare an actuarial valuation of the
assets and liabilities of the system as of June 30, 1980, and at least once
every two years thereafter. On the basis of reasonable actuarial
assumptions approved by the board, such actuary shall determine the normal cost actuarially determined employer contribution required to meet the actuarial cost of current service and the unfunded accrued liability. Commencing December 1, 2002, such valuation shall be completed prior to December first biennially. Said board shall adopt all needed actuarial tables and may adopt regulations and rules not inconsistent with this chapter, including regulations and rules for payment of purchased service credits and repayment of previously withdrawn accumulated contributions. Said board shall establish [such funds as are] an operational budget necessary for the management of the system. The board may enter into such contractual agreements, in accordance with established procedures, as may be necessary for the discharge of its duties.

Sec. 10. Section 10-183n of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2019):

(a) Each employer shall: (1) Before employing a teacher notify such teacher of the provisions of this chapter applicable to such teacher; (2) distribute, post or otherwise disseminate in a timely manner, to teachers in its employ, any notices, bulletins, newsletters, annual statements of account and other information supplied by the board for the purpose of properly notifying teachers of their rights and obligations under the system; (3) furnish to the board at times designated by said board such reports and information as the board deems necessary or desirable for the proper administration of the system; and (4) deduct each month [seven] eight and one-fourth percent of one-tenth of such teacher's annual salary rate as directed by said board and any additional voluntary deductions as authorized by such teacher, [, except that no deductions shall be made from any amounts received by regularly employed teachers for special teaching assignments rendered for the State Board of Education or the Board of Regents for Higher Education unless the salary for such special teaching assignment is equal to or greater than the minimum salary paid for such teacher's regular teaching assignment.] In the event the
employer does not deduct the amount set forth in subdivision (4) of
this subsection, the member shall remit such payment to the board
plus credited interest from the date the deduction was required by the
employer to the date of payment, except the board may waive any
amount due that it believes would cause hardship to such member.
The board shall not be required to refund credited interest for
payments made prior to the date such deduction was required.

(b) Each local treasurer or other person having custody of amounts
deducted under this chapter by an employer shall transmit and report
such amounts to the board so that they are received by said board no
later than the fifth business day of the following month. On and after
July 1, 2001, all such amounts shall be transmitted via electronic
transfer of funds. Such amounts shall at all times be the property of the
system and while in the custody of such local treasurer or other person
such person is a fiduciary with respect to such amounts and shall
discharge a fiduciary's responsibilities solely for the benefit of the
system. If such amounts are not accompanied by the reports and
information deemed necessary or desirable by the board for the proper
administration of the system, in accordance with subsection (a) of this
section, the board may deem such amounts not received by the fifth
business day of the following month for purposes of this subsection
until the date on which such reports and information are received. Said
board shall be entitled to receive from an employer interest at the rate
of nine per cent per year from the due date on all amounts deducted
by such employer and not received by said board by the fifth business
day of the following month. Interest at the rate of nine per cent per
year shall be compounded annually on the interest assessed from the
date payment is received to the date the interest assessment is paid.
Such interest shall be treated as an amount earned by assets of the
system.

(c) All amounts received by the board under this section shall be
forwarded to the State Treasurer.
(d) Each member shall file with the board [an enrollment and such other] such forms, documents and information as the board deems necessary or desirable for the proper administration of the system.

Sec. 11. Section 10-183o of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2019):

During any period when this country is at war, a board of education may [cause to be paid] pay to the retirement board the mandatory contributions of members who were in its employ at the time of entering into the armed forces, as defined in section 27-103, on behalf of such members, in accordance with the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994, 38 USC Chapter 43, as amended from time to time. [Such contributions as may be approved by the board of education shall be included in the annual itemized budget estimate of the costs of maintenance of public schools for the ensuing year.]

Sec. 12. Section 10-183p of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2019):

[(a) Any member of either the state employees retirement system or the teachers' retirement system, if eligible to belong to the other or in accordance with the provisions of subsection (h) of section 5-160 or section 5-192e, may transfer from the one to which such member belongs to the other or prior to the first of the month following three months after June 28, 1985, to an alternate retirement program, as defined in subsection (u) of section 5-154, when authorized to do so, in the case of a transfer between said systems or a transfer from the teachers' retirement system to an alternate retirement program, by the concurrent action of the State Employees Retirement Commission and the Teachers' Retirement Board. No person shall be eligible to membership in more than one such system or program at the same time, provided nothing contained herein shall affect the rights of any person who, on June 18, 1953, was a member of both systems. Any member of the teachers' retirement system who elects or has elected to
participate in an alternate retirement program shall receive a refund of all contributions made by him into said system in lieu of any benefits under said system. Any former state employee who was, during such employee's period of employment, eligible to belong to either the state employees retirement system or the teachers' retirement system and who withdrew from the state employees retirement system after July 1, 1940, to become a member of the teachers' retirement system may be credited in the teachers' retirement system with such member's period of state service upon making application in writing to the secretary of the Teachers' Retirement Board and paying contributions for such period of service with credited interest from the date such service was rendered.

(b) No person who has creditable service as a member of the state employees retirement system and who transfers, on or after May 6, 1975, to the teachers' retirement system shall be entitled to benefits from the teachers' retirement system until such person has been a member of and contributed to said system for a period of one year. If such transferee dies or becomes disabled before completion of that one year, such transfer shall be deemed to be cancelled and such person shall be deemed to be a member of the state employees retirement system.

Any member who is also a participant in an alternate retirement program, as defined in subsection (u) of section 5-154, the state employees retirement system or any other retirement system, except a member who is a participant in the Social Security System or entitled to retirement pay under 10 USC Chapter 1223, as amended from time to time, may purchase service credit in the Connecticut teachers' retirement system, provided such member withdraws any and all employee funds and forfeits all employer contributions and earnings thereon in the respective system. A participant in any retirement system shall not be eligible to purchase service credit or an annuity with the teachers' retirement system if the employee's fund in the other retirement system includes employer contributions. No person shall be
eligible for membership in more than one such system or program at
the same time for the same service.

Sec. 13. Section 10-183q of the general statutes is repealed and the
following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2019):

(a) The portion of each member's compensation deducted or to be
deducted under this chapter and all rights of each member and of each
survivor to receive benefits or other payments under this chapter shall
be exempt from the operation of any laws relating to bankruptcy or
insolvency; and, except as provided in subsection (b) of this section,
shall not be subject to garnishment, attachment, execution, levy or any
other similar legal process of any court. [No] Except as provided in
subsection (c) of this section, assignment of any right of a member or
any other person to receive benefits or other payments from the system
shall be valid. The funds of the system invested in personal property
shall be exempt from taxation.

(b) The portion of each member's compensation deducted or to be
deducted under this chapter and all rights of each member and of each
survivor to receive benefits or other payments under this chapter shall
be subject to attachment in favor of an alternate payee as set forth in an
approved domestic relations order.

(c) For eligible rollover distributions made on or after January 1,
1993, a distributee may elect, at the time and in the manner prescribed
by the board, to have any portion of such distribution paid directly to
an eligible retirement plan by way of a direct rollover. For purposes of
this subsection, (1) "distributee" means a member, a member's
surviving spouse or a member's former spouse who is an alternate
payee under an approved domestic relations order; (2) "eligible
rollover distribution" and "eligible retirement plan" each have the
meaning provided in Section 402 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986,
or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United
States, as amended from time to time, except (A) a qualified trust shall
be considered an eligible retirement plan only if it accepts the
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1154 distributee's eligible rollover distribution; and (B) in the case of an
1155 eligible rollover distribution to a surviving spouse, an eligible
1156 retirement plan shall mean an individual retirement account or an
1157 individual retirement annuity as defined in Section 408 of said Internal
1158 Revenue Code.

1159 Sec. 14. Section 10-183t of the general statutes is repealed and the
1160 following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2019):

1161 (a) The retirement board shall offer one or more health benefit plans
1162 to: Any member receiving retirement benefits or a disability allowance
1163 from the system; the spouse or surviving spouse of such member, and
1164 a disabled dependent of such member if there is no spouse or
1165 surviving spouse, provided such member, spouse, surviving spouse,
1166 or disabled dependent is participating in Medicare Part A hospital
1167 insurance and Medicare Part B medical insurance. The board may offer
1168 one or more basic plans, the cost of which to any such member,
1169 spouse, surviving spouse or disabled dependent shall be one-third of
1170 the basic plan's premium equivalent, and one or more optional plans,
1171 provided such member, spouse, surviving spouse or disabled
1172 dependent shall pay one-third of the basic plan's premium equivalent
1173 plus the difference in cost between any such basic plans and any such
1174 optional plans. The board shall designate those plans which are basic
1175 and those plans which are optional for the purpose of determining
1176 such cost and the amount to be charged or withheld from benefit
1177 payments for such plans. The surviving spouse of a member, or a
1178 disabled dependent of a member if there is no surviving spouse, shall
1179 not be ineligible for participation in any such plan solely because such
1180 surviving spouse or disabled dependent is not receiving benefits from
1181 the system. With respect to any person participating in any such plan,
1182 the state shall appropriate to the board one-third of the cost of such
1183 basic plan or plans, or one-third of the cost of the rate in effect during
1184 the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998, whichever is greater. [On and after
1185 July 1, 2012, federal reimbursements received by the retirement board
1186 under the retiree drug subsidy provisions of Medicare Part D shall be
used to offset amounts appropriated by the state to the board pursuant
to this subsection.]

(b) Any member who is receiving retirement benefits or a disability
allowance from the system, the spouse or surviving spouse of such
member, or a disabled dependent of such member if there is no spouse
or surviving spouse, and who is not participating in Medicare Part A
hospital insurance and Medicare Part B medical insurance, may fully
participate in any or all group health insurance plans maintained for
active teachers by such member's last employing board of education,
or by the state in the case of a member who was employed by the state,
provided such member either meets the state's eligibility criteria for
health insurance or seeks to participate in the group health insurance
plan offered by such member's last employing board of education,
upon payment to such board of education or to the state, as applicable,
by such member, spouse, surviving spouse or disabled dependent, of
the premium charged for his form of coverage. Such premium shall be
no greater than that charged for the same form of coverage for active
teachers. The spouse, surviving spouse or disabled dependent shall not
be ineligible for participation in any such plan solely because such
spouse, surviving spouse or disabled dependent is not receiving
benefits from the system. No person shall be ineligible for participation
in such plans for failure to enroll in such plans at the time the
member's retirement benefit or disability allowance became effective.
Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to impair or alter the
provisions of any collective bargaining agreement relating to the
payment by a board of education of group health insurance premiums
on behalf of any member receiving benefits from the system. Prior to
the cancellation of coverage for any member, spouse, surviving spouse
or disabled dependent for failure to pay the required premiums or cost
due, the board of education or the state, if applicable, shall notify the
Teachers' Retirement Board of its intention to cancel such coverage at
least thirty days prior to the date of cancellation. Absent any
contractual provisions to the contrary, the payments made pursuant to
subsection (c) of this section shall be first applied to any cost borne by
the member, spouse, surviving spouse or disabled dependent participating in any such plan. As used in this subsection, "last employing board of education" means the board of education by which such member was employed when such member filed his initial application for retirement, and "health insurance plans" means hospital, medical, major medical, dental, prescription drug or auditory benefit plans that are available to active teachers.

(c) (1) On and after July 1, 2000, the board shall pay a subsidy equal to the subsidy paid in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, to the board of education or to the state, if applicable, on behalf of any member who is receiving retirement benefits or a disability allowance from the system, the spouse of such member, the surviving spouse of such member, or a disabled dependent of such member if there is no spouse or surviving spouse, who is participating in a health insurance plan maintained by a board of education or by the state, if applicable. Such payment shall not exceed the actual cost of such insurance.

(2) With respect to any person participating in any such plan pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, the state shall appropriate to the board one-third of the cost of the subsidy, except that, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, the state shall appropriate twenty-five per cent of the cost of the subsidy. On and after July 1, 2018, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, and for each fiscal year thereafter, fifty per cent of the total amount appropriated by the state in each such fiscal year for the state's share of the cost of such subsidies shall be paid to the board on or before July first of such fiscal year, and the remaining fifty per cent of such total amount shall be paid to the board on or before December first of such fiscal year.

(3) No payment to a board of education pursuant to this subsection may be used to reduce the amount of any premium payment on behalf of any such member, spouse, surviving spouse, or disabled dependent, made by such board pursuant to any agreement in effect on July 1, 1990. On and after July 1, 2012, the board shall pay a subsidy of two
hundred twenty dollars per month on behalf of the member, spouse or
the surviving spouse of such member who: (A) Has attained the
normal retirement age to participate in Medicare, (B) is not eligible for
Medicare Part A without cost, and (C) contributes at least two hundred
ty twenty dollars per month towards his or her medical and prescription
drug plan provided by the board of education.

(d) The Treasurer shall establish a separate retired teachers' health
insurance premium account within the Teachers' Retirement Fund.
Commencing July 1, 1989, and annually thereafter all health benefit
plan contributions withheld under this chapter in excess of five
hundred thousand dollars shall, upon deposit in the Teachers'
Retirement Fund, be credited to such account. Interest derived from
the investment of funds in the account shall be credited to the account.
Funds in the account shall be used for (1) payments to boards of
education pursuant to subsection (c) of this section and for payment of
premiums on behalf of members, spouses of members, surviving
spouses of members or disabled dependents of members participating
in one or more health insurance plans pursuant to subsection (a) of this
section in an amount equal to the difference between the amount paid
pursuant to subsection (a) of this section and the amount paid
pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, and (2) payments for
professional fees associated with the administration of the health
benefit plans offered pursuant to this section. If, during any fiscal year,
there are insufficient funds in the account for the purposes of all such
payments, the General Assembly shall appropriate sufficient funds to
the account for such purpose.

(e) (1) Not later than the first business day of February, May,
August and November, annually, each employer shall submit to the
board, in a format established by the board, any information the board
determines to be necessary with respect to the additions, deletions and
premium changes for the health insurance subsidy program under
subsection (c) of this section. Any report received by the board after
the due date shall be processed in the following quarterly cycle. Failure
to timely submit the quarterly report shall result in a delay of the subsidy for that quarter, which shall be paid as a retroactive subsidy as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection.

(2) Retroactive subsidy payments shall be limited to the subsidy amount for six months prior to the first day of the month in which the board receives an untimely report with the new eligible members or dependents included, except for members recently approved by the board for a disability allowance. The board shall pay the subsidy retroactively to the effective date of the disability, provided the eligible members or dependents are added to the report no later than the first quarter following the board’s approval of the disability and the member's disability allowance is initiated within three months of board approval. The employer shall hold any member or dependent harmless for any costs associated with, arising from or out of the loss of the benefit of the subsidy as a result of such employer's untimely or inaccurate filing of the quarterly report.

Sec. 15. Section 10-183v of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2019):

(a) (1) Except as provided in subdivisions (2) and (3) of this subsection and subsection (b) of this section, a teacher receiving retirement benefits from the system may not be employed by an employer in a [teaching] position receiving compensation paid out of public money appropriated for school purposes except that such teacher may be employed in such a position and receive no more than forty-five per cent of the maximum salary level for the assigned position. Any teacher who receives in excess of such amount shall reimburse the board for the amount of such excess.

(2) Commencing July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2020, inclusive, the provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection establishing a limitation on the compensation of a reemployed teacher and requiring the reimbursement of any amount received in excess of that limitation shall not apply to a teacher who (A) is receiving retirement benefits
from the system based on thirty-four or more years of credited service, 
(B) is reemployed as a teacher in a district designated as an alliance 
district pursuant to section 10-262u, and (C) was serving as a teacher in 
that district on July 1, 2015.

(3) On and after July 1, 2016, a teacher receiving retirement benefits 
from the system may be employed in a teaching position and receive 
(A) compensation paid out of public money appropriated for school 
purposes, (B) health insurance benefits, and (C) other employment 
benefits provided to active teachers employed by such school system, 
provided such teacher does not receive a retirement income during 
such employment. Payment of such teacher's retirement income shall 
resume on the first day of the month following the termination of such 
employment. The compensation under subparagraph (A) of this 
subdivision shall be provided in accordance with subsection (c) of this 
section.

(4) Notice of employment under this subsection shall be sent to the 
board by the employer at the beginning and end of the school year, or 
assignment within the school year when reemployed for less than the 
full school year.

(b) A teacher receiving retirement benefits from the system may be 
reemployed for up to one full school year by a local board of 
education, the State Board of Education or by any constituent unit of 
the state system of higher education in a position (1) designated by the 
Commissioner of Education as a subject shortage area, or (2) at a 
school located in a school district identified as a priority school district, 
pursuant to section 10-266p, for the school year in which the teacher is 
being employed. Notice of such reemployment shall be sent to the 
board by the employer and by the retired teacher at the time of hire 
and at the end of the assignment. Such reemployment may be 
extended for an additional school year, provided the local board of 
education (A) submits a written request for approval to the Teachers'
Retirement Board, (B) certifies that no qualified candidates are
available prior to the reemployment of such teacher, and (C) indicates
the type of assignment to be performed, the anticipated date of rehire
and the expected duration of the assignment.

(c) The employment of a teacher under subsections (a) and (b) of
this section shall not be considered as service qualifying for continuing
contract status under section 10-151 and the salary of such teacher shall
be fixed at an amount at least equal to that paid other teachers in the
same school system with similar training and experience for the same
type of service.

(d) No person shall be entitled to survivor's benefits under
subsection (f) of section 10-183f, as amended by this act, as a result of
reemployment under this section.

(e) The same option plan of retirement benefits in effect prior to
reemployment shall continue for a reemployed teacher during
reemployment. In the event a reemployed teacher who is not receiving
retirement benefits during reemployment dies during such
reemployment, such teacher's account shall be settled under the plan
in effect prior to such reemployment.

(f) The provisions of this section in effect on June 30, 2003, revision
of 1958, revised to January 1, 2003, shall be applicable to any person
making contributions to the Teachers' Retirement System on June 30,
2003, in accordance with said provisions.

Sec. 16. Section 10-183y of the general statutes is repealed and the
following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2019):

Any member may appeal to the Teachers' Retirement Board for
reconsideration of a decision of the board affecting such member. Such
member shall submit with such appeal a written statement identifying
the section of the general statutes that provides for the benefit to which
such member claims he or she was entitled and denied by such
decision of the board. Such appeal shall be made within ninety days of
the date of issuance of written notice of such decision. The board shall
meet to review such member's records and, if requested in writing,
allow such member to appear at such meeting. The board shall render
a written decision within sixty days of receipt of such request for
reconsideration.

Sec. 17. Section 10-183ff of the general statutes is repealed and the
following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2019):

(a) Should any change or error in records result in any member or
beneficiary receiving from the teachers' retirement system more or less
than he would have been entitled to receive had the records been
correct, then upon discovery of any such error the Teachers'
Retirement Board shall notify the member or beneficiary affected and
correct the same, and as far as practicable shall adjust the payments in
such manner that the actuarial equivalent of the benefit to which such
member or beneficiary was correctly entitled shall be paid, provided if
such change or error results in any member or beneficiary receiving
less than he would have been eligible to receive, such member or
beneficiary may elect to have such benefit paid in a single payment.
The board may, within the board's discretion, grant a request for a
reimbursement of reasonable costs incurred by a member resulting
from a suspension of benefits in error by the board, provided such
member submits such request to the board not later than the last
business day of the month following the month in which such error
occurred.

(b) If a member or beneficiary has been overpaid through no fault of
his own, and he could not reasonably have been expected to detect the
error, the board may waive any repayment which it believes would
cause hardship.

(c) Upon determination by the Teachers' Retirement Board that any
person has erroneously been included in membership in the teachers'
retirement system, contributions and interest credited under the
provisions of this chapter shall be refunded and records of related
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1412 service voided.

1413 (d) Upon determination that the Teachers' Retirement Board has
1414 invoiced a member for the purchase of additional credited service in
1415 an amount in excess of that permitted by law, and such member has
1416 paid the invoiced amount, the amount of the overpayment shall be
1417 refunded to such member with interest at a rate equal to the average of
1418 interest rates for the most recent ten-year period from the date of the
1419 member's retirement to the date such amount is refunded.

1420 [(e) Upon determination that a member has not purchased
1421 additional credited service which was invoiced to him in an amount in
1422 excess of that permitted by law, such member shall be given the
1423 opportunity at any time to make such purchase by the payment of the
1424 proper amount with interest to the date of payment. The additional
1425 benefit resulting from the credited service so purchased shall be made
1426 retroactive to the date of the member's retirement, and the aggregate
1427 amount of such additional benefit shall be paid to the member in a
1428 single payment together with interest calculated at a rate equal to the
1429 average of interest rates for the most recent ten-year period from the
1430 date each payment was due to the date such payment is made.]

1431 [(f)] (e) Upon determination by the Teachers' Retirement Board that
1432 a member received, on or after November 1, 2008, an estimate of
1433 benefits statement from the board that contained a material error, the
1434 board shall pay the member the benefits set forth in such estimate if
1435 the board determines that (1) the member could not reasonably have
1436 been expected to detect such error, and (2) the member, in reliance
1437 upon such estimate, irrevocably submitted (A) his or her resignation to
1438 the employing board of education, and (B) a formal application of
1439 retirement to the Teachers' Retirement Board. For purposes of this
1440 subsection, "material error" means an error that amounts to a
difference of ten per cent or greater between the estimated retirement
1441 benefits and the actual retirement benefits to which such member
1442 would otherwise be entitled.
Sec. 18. Subsection (d) of section 10-66dd of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2019):

(d) (1) An otherwise qualified school professional hired by a charter school prior to July 1, 2010, and employed in a charter school may participate in the state teachers' retirement system under chapter 167a on the same basis as if such professional were employed by a local or regional board of education. The governing council of a charter school shall make the contributions, as defined in [subdivision (7) of] section 10-183b, as amended by this act, for such professional.

(2) An otherwise qualified school professional hired by a charter school on or after July 1, 2010, and who has not previously been employed by a charter school in this state prior to July 1, 2010, shall participate in the state teachers' retirement system under chapter 167a on the same basis as if such professional were employed by a local or regional board of education. The governing council of a charter school shall make the contributions, as defined in [subdivision (7) of] section 10-183b, as amended by this act, for such professional.

(3) Any administrator or person providing instruction or pupil services in a charter school who holds a charter school educator permit issued by the State Board of Education pursuant to section 10-145q shall participate in the state teachers' retirement system under chapter 167a pursuant to subdivision (2) of this section when such administrator or person providing instruction or pupil services obtains professional certification pursuant to section 10-145b.

Sec. 19. Section 10-183gg of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2019):

Part-time service averaging at least one-half of a school day but less than a full school day shall be treated as full-time service for purposes of determining eligibility for benefits under this chapter. For purposes of determining benefits under subsections (a) to (d), inclusive, of
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section 10-183g, as amended by this act, the percentages utilized in said sections shall be proportionally reduced for each year or portion of a year of service rendered or purchased after July 1, 1977, which is part-time service. Notwithstanding the provisions [of subdivision (4)] of section 10-183b, as amended by this act, the average annual salary of a member with part-time service shall be such member's full-time annualized salary during his three highest years. Any benefit awarded pursuant to this section shall be proportional in all respects to the benefit which would have been payable had such service been rendered on a full-time basis.

Sec. 20. Subsection (a) of section 10-183jj of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2019):

(a) A local or regional board of education may establish a retirement incentive plan for teachers, as defined in subparagraph (A) of subdivision [(26)] (30) of section 10-183b, as amended by this act, in its employ who are members of the teachers' retirement system. The plan shall provide for purchase of additional credited service by a board of education and a member of the system who chooses to participate in the plan, of additional credited service for such member and for payment by the board of education of not less than fifty per cent of the entire cost of such additional credited service and payment by the member of the remaining percentage of such total cost. The member shall pay the remaining percentage of such total cost, if any, in one lump sum not later than thirty days after receipt of notification by the Teachers' Retirement Board of the amount owed. Any such plan shall specify a maximum number of years, not exceeding five years, of additional credited service which may be purchased under the plan. Any such plan shall have a two-month application period.

Sec. 21. Section 10-183kk of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2019):

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, mandatory
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Sec. 22. Section 10-183pp of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2019):

Any member who began receiving disability benefits October 1, 1977, under the provisions of subsection (d) of section 10-166 and who elected to receive benefits in accordance with the former provisions of subsection (c) of section 10-164-7 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies in effect June 30, 1978, may elect to receive such benefits readjusted under the provisions of subsection [(b) or] (c) or (d) of section 10-183j, as amended by this act, provided such member provides written notice of such election to the Teachers' Retirement Board not later than ninety days following January 1, 2001.

Sec. 23. Section 10-183rr of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2019):

Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision [(26)] (30) of section 10-183b, as amended by this act, concerning the requirement that a teacher hold a certificate for the position in which the person is employed, any teacher who possesses a certificate or permit issued by the State Board of Education and is notified on or after December 1,
2003, by the Department of Education that such teacher is not properly
certified for the position in which the teacher is employed or has been
employed, such teacher shall receive no further credit in the teachers'
retirement system for employment in such position until the teacher
becomes properly certified for such position. The Teachers' Retirement
Board shall not rescind any credited service to such teacher for such
employment and shall restore any such credit to such teacher if
rescinded prior to May 27, 2008.

Sec. 24. Section 10a-55i of the general statutes is repealed and the
following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2019):

(a) There is established a Higher Education Consolidation
Committee which shall be convened by the chairpersons of the joint
standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
matters relating to higher education or such chairpersons' designee,
who shall be a member of such joint standing committee. The
membership of the Higher Education Consolidation Committee shall
consist of the higher education subcommittee on appropriations and
the chairpersons, vice chairpersons and ranking members of the joint
standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
matters relating to higher education and appropriations. The Higher
Education Consolidation Committee shall establish a meeting and
public hearing schedule for purposes of receiving updates from (1) the
Board of Regents for Higher Education on the progress of the
consolidation of the state system of higher education pursuant to this
section, section 4-9c, subsection (g) of section 5-160, section 5-199d,
subsection (a) of section 7-323k, subsection (a) of section 7-608,
subsection (a) of section 10-9, section 10-155d, subdivision [(14)] (17) of
section 10-183b, as amended by this act, sections 10a-1a to 10a-1d,
inclusive, 10a-3 and 10a-3a, subsection (a) of section 10a-6a, sections
10a-6b, 10a-8, 10a-10a to 10a-11a, inclusive, 10a-17d and 10a-22a,
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10a-22n, sections 10a-22r, 10a-22s, 10a-22u, 10a-22v, 10a-22x and 10a-34
to 10a-35a, inclusive, subsection (a) of section 10a-48a, sections 10a-71 and 10a-72, subsections (c) and (f) of section 10a-77, section 10a-88, subsection (a) of section 10a-89, subsection (c) of section 10a-99 and sections 10a-102, 10a-104, 10a-105, 10a-109e, 10a-143 and 10a-168a, and (2) the Board of Regents for Higher Education and The University of Connecticut on the program approval process for the constituent units.

The Higher Education Consolidation Committee shall convene its first meeting on or before September 15, 2011, and meet not less than once every two months.

(b) The Office of Higher Education shall enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Office of Legislative Management providing that up to one hundred thousand dollars appropriated to said Office of Higher Education shall be used by the Higher Education Consolidation Committee to hire a consultant to assist said committee in fulfilling its duties.

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

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