OLR Bill Analysis
SB 660

AN ACT CONCERNING PERMANENT PARTIAL DISABILITY AND PENSION OFFSETS.

SUMMARY

This bill prohibits municipal or special taxing district pension systems from diminishing or eliminating a retiree’s rights or benefits due to the retiree’s receipt of workers’ compensation permanent partial disability benefits on or after October 1, 2019.

The bill specifies that its prohibition (1) applies regardless of any state law, special act, charter, special act charter, home-rule ordinance, local ordinance, or other local law and (2) does not interfere with, impede, or diminish the provisions of any collective bargaining agreement negotiated under the municipal employees collective bargaining law and in effect before October 1, 2019.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2019

BACKGROUND

Permanent Partial Disability Benefits

Under the state’s workers’ compensation law, when a physician indicates that a claimant has reached maximum medical improvement from a work-related injury, the claimant may receive permanent partial disability (PPD) benefits if the injury (1) consists of a substantial loss of a body part that results in the body part’s permanent partial loss of use, or (2) results in a permanent partial loss of function (CGS § 31-308).

Under certain circumstances, a workers’ compensation commissioner may also award a claimant additional PPD benefits to account for the claimant’s reduced earning potential due to the injury (CGS § 31-308a).
COMMITTEE ACTION

Labor and Public Employees Committee

Joint Favorable
Yea 13   Nay 0   (03/21/2019)