
OLR Bill Analysis

HB 5451 (as amended by House "A")*

AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO STATUTES CONCERNING THE COMPTROLLER.

SUMMARY

Current law allows retirees of the Connecticut Municipal Employees Retirement System (CMERS) to work for a municipality that does not participate in CMERS, but it prohibits them from participating in that municipality's retirement system. This bill eliminates the prohibition, allowing CMERS retirees to participate in, and earn credit towards, a non-participating municipality's retirement system.

This change aligns the law's treatment of CMERS retirees who work for non-participating municipalities with its treatment of CMERS retirees who work for the state. By law, CMERS retirees accepting state employment may participate in, and earn credit towards, the state retirement system.

The bill also eliminates a requirement that the state comptroller report to the governor and General Assembly, biennially, on the CORE-CT system, including on its status, total and projected costs, and system-related issues.

Finally, the bill (1) requires the comptroller to publish solicitations for state employee payroll deduction slots (i.e., automatic payroll deductions for services a vendor provides) on the office's website rather than in a newspaper and (2) specifies that issuing these solicitations is discretionary for the comptroller rather than required.

*House Amendment "A" maintains a provision in existing law, which the underlying bill repeals, requiring that the state comptroller report to the governor and General Assembly annually, for each fiscal year through FY27, on the amount of labor-management savings the state realized due to the 2017 State Employees Bargaining Agent

Coalition (SEBAC) agreement and other agreements with individual state employee collective bargaining units specified in the state budget acts or adjustments.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2022, except the provision repealing the reporting requirement is effective July 1, 2022.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 19 Nay 0 (03/28/2022)