



House of Representatives

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House Bill No. 6489

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The Committee on Appropriations reported through REP. WALKER of the 93rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING RETIREE MEMBERS OF THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT BOARD.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10-183l of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (a) (1) On and after July 1, 1991, the management of the system shall
5 continue to be vested in the Teachers' Retirement Board, whose
6 members shall include the Treasurer, the Secretary of the Office of Policy
7 and Management and the Commissioner of Education, or their
8 designees, who shall be voting members of the board, ex officio. (2) On
9 or before June 15, 1985, and quadrennially thereafter, the members of
10 the system shall elect from their number, in a manner prescribed by said
11 board, two persons to serve as members of said board for terms of four
12 years beginning July first following such election. Both of such persons
13 shall be active teachers who shall be nominated by the members of the
14 system who are not retired and elected by all the members of the system.

15 On or before July 1, 1991, and quadrennially thereafter, the members of
16 the system shall elect from their number, in a manner prescribed by said
17 board, three persons to serve as members of said board for terms of four
18 years beginning July first following such election. Two of such persons
19 shall be retired teachers who shall be nominated by the retired members
20 of the system and elected by all the members of the system and one shall
21 be an active teacher who shall be nominated by the members of the
22 system who are not retired and elected by all the members of the system.

23 (3) On or before July 1, 2011, and quadrennially thereafter, the members
24 of the system shall elect from their number, in a manner prescribed by
25 said board, one person to serve as a member of said board for a term of
26 four years beginning July first following such election. Such person shall
27 be an active teacher who shall be nominated by the members of the
28 system who are not retired, elected by all the members of the system
29 and a member of an exclusive representative of a teachers' bargaining
30 unit that is not represented by the members of the board elected under
31 subdivision (2) of this subsection. (4) On or before July 1, 2023, and
32 quadrennially thereafter, the retired members of the system shall elect
33 from their number, in a manner prescribed by said board, two persons
34 to serve as members of said board for a term of four years beginning
35 July first following such election. Both of such persons shall be (A)
36 retired teachers who are receiving a pension benefit from the system,
37 and (B) nominated and elected by the members of the system who are
38 retired. (5) If a vacancy occurs in the positions filled by the members of
39 the system who are not retired, said board shall elect a member of the
40 system who is not retired to fill the unexpired portion of the term. If a
41 vacancy occurs in the positions filled by the retired members of the
42 system, said board shall elect a retired member of the system to fill the
43 unexpired portion of the term. The Governor shall appoint five public
44 members to said board in accordance with the provisions of section 4-
45 9a, one of whom shall be the mayor, first selectman or chief elected
46 official of a municipality. On and after October 31, 2017, the Governor
47 shall fill the next vacant position on the board that is appointed by the
48 Governor with a person who is the mayor, first selectman or chief
49 elected official of a municipality. The members of the board shall serve

50 without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for any expenditures or
51 loss of salary or wages which they incur through service on the board.
52 A majority of the membership of the board shall constitute a quorum for
53 the transaction of any business.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>from passage</i> | 10-1831(a) |

APP *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

| Agency Affected | Fund-Effect | FY 24 \$ | FY 25 \$ |
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| Teachers' Retirement Bd. | GF - Cost | 51,000 | None |

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill, which requires the election of two additional retiree members of the Teachers' Retirement Board (TRB), will result in election costs to the TRB of approximately \$51,000 at the time of the election.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue quadrennially thereafter into the future subject to inflation.

OFA Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The bill adds two persons to serve as members of the Teachers' Retirement Board (TRB) for a four-year term. Both the persons must be retired teachers who are receiving pensions from the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS). They must also be nominated and elected only by members of the TRS who are also retired.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon Passage

BACKGROUND

Teachers' Retirement Board Membership

Current law provides for 14 members of the Teachers' Retirement Board as follows: (1) four active members (nominated by active members and voted on by all members), (2) two retired members (nominated by retired members and voted on by all members), (3) three ex officio members (State Treasurer, Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, and Commissioner of Education or their designees) and (4) five public members appointed by the Governor (one public member must be a mayor, first selectman or chief elected official of a municipality). The elected and appointed members of the TRB serve a term of four years.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable

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