

STATE OF CONNECTICUT,

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AN ACT CONCERNING TEACHERS' RETIREMENT CREDIT FOR MILITARY SERVICE.

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SECTION

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

Section 1. Section 10-166 of the 1969 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof: Any member of the retirement association who joined the retirement association prior to July 1, 1929, who has completed fifteen years of public school service in this state, including the last five years, and who has attained the age of sixty, shall be entitled to an annual retirement allowance of five hundred dollars. Any such member who has completed thirty-five years of public school service, provided not less than twenty years of such service shall have been in the public schools of this state, and provided the last five years of such service shall have been in this state, may retire from active public school service and be entitled to a retirement allowance. Any member of the retirement association, who joined the retirement association since July 1, 1929, who has completed twenty years of public school service in this state, including the last five years, and who has attained the age of sixty, or any such member who has completed thirty-five years of public school service, provided not less than twenty years of such service shall have been in the public schools of this state, and provided the last five years of such service shall have been in this state, may retire from active public school service and be entitled to a retirement allowance. Any member of the retirement association on attaining the age of seventy years shall be retired from service in the public schools; provided, if the employing board of education so requests in writing, the retirement board may permit the employment of such member beyond the age of seventy years and, on the retirement of such member, he shall receive from the state the retirement allowance to which he would have been entitled at the age of seventy. A member of the

retirement association, after his retirement under the provisions of this section, shall be entitled to receive from the annuity fund, as he shall elect at the time of his retirement, on the basis of tables adopted by the retirement board, an annuity based on his five per cent salary assessments with regular interest thereon payable monthly, to which the sum of his assessments under the provisions of section 10-165, with regular interest thereon, entitles him. Such retired-member shall receive a supplemental annuity or the present value thereof in a lump sum. An additional annuity or the present value thereof in a lump sum shall be paid to the member on his retirement. Any person receiving payments on an annuity as provided in this section shall receive with each monthly payment of his annuity an equal amount to be paid from the pension fund as directed by the retirement board; provided, if such person has completed twenty or more years of public school service, he shall be entitled to additional pension to such an amount that his annual retirement allowance shall equal forty per cent of the average annual salary received during the three years of highest salary during Connecticut public school service preceding retirement with twenty years of service, and, for each additional month of a creditable year of service, there shall be added a fraction of two per cent as determined by the retirement board, provided the annual retirement allowance shall not exceed seventy-five per cent of such average annual salary. A member who has completed twenty-five years of public school service, but less than thirty-five years of such service, twenty years of which, including the last five years have been in this state, may elect to retire and receive a retirement allowance based on his creditable years of service under this chapter but reduced so as to constitute the actuarial equivalent, as determined by the board, of the same retirement allowance commencing at the minimum age at which he could have otherwise retired under this section. A member may elect to retire on a proratable allowance at age sixty-five and shall receive a retirement allowance equivalent to a percentage of the average annual salary received during the highest three years of service in the state preceding retirement for each year of creditable service as determined by the retirement board, such percentage to be determined as follows: (a) With respect to creditable Connecticut service, the number of years multiplied by the applicable percentage as determined from the table below for the appropriate retirement age in years of such service; and (b) with respect to other creditable service

one per cent multiplied by the number of years of such service.

TABLE

Years of Connecticut Service	65	66	67	68	69	70
10						1.0
11					1.1	1.1
12				1.2	1.2	1.2
13			1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
14		1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
15	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
16	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6
17	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7
18	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8
19	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9
20	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0

Any member of the retirement association whose service in the public schools of the state has covered a period of ten or more years and who, before attaining the age of sixty-five years, becomes permanently incapable of rendering satisfactory service as a teacher by reason of physical or mental disability as shown by examination, may, with the approval of the retirement board, be retired by the employing board of education; and any teacher so retired shall receive for retirement allowance (1) an annuity as computed under the tables adopted by the retirement board and (2) a pension to such an amount that the annual retirement allowance shall equal one sixty-fifth of the average annual salary received during the three years of highest salary preceding retirement for each creditable year of service or fraction thereof, provided continuance of disability of such teacher shall be indicated by examination annually for five years and at such subsequent times as the retirement board may require, by a physician selected by the retirement board, unless such examination is waived by said board. If the retirement board finds that such disability no longer exists, the retirement allowance as provided in this section shall cease. Upon refusal of a teacher to submit to examination, the retirement board shall discontinue the payment of the retirement allowance authorized by the provisions of this section. The retirement board may offer benefits of equal value to the benefits herein provided and the contributor retiring may accept the benefits herein provided or one of such alternate benefits. A reinstated member, who otherwise meets the qualifications for a retirement allowance, shall not be entitled to the benefits of this section until he has taught continuously at least one school year in the public schools of this state

after his latest reentry into the association. A retirement allowance shall not become effective before the expiration of the full calendar month following the filing date with the retirement board of a member's formal application for retirement, and the first day of the month next following the end of such calendar month shall be the date as of which the retirement allowance shall begin, and the first payment due shall be made on the last day of that month. If it is impossible or impracticable to consult the original records as to wages received by a member during any period, the retirement board shall determine the pension to be paid under the provisions of this section in accordance with such evidence as it is able to obtain. Any teacher who entered or shall enter, or who has been or shall be reinstated in, the retirement association on or after July 1, 1929, may receive a service credit which shall not exceed ten years in the aggregate for such public school service or service in schools for military dependents as he has rendered as a teacher in another state of the United State or in any territory or possession thereof, provided each state, territory or possession in which such service was rendered makes similar provisions for former teachers of this state and provided he shall make application in writing to the secretary of the retirement association, and shall pay to the annuity fund, within five years of such entry, assessments for each year of such service on the basis of five per cent of his first annual Connecticut teaching salary and interest at the rate of five per cent from the date such out-of-state service was rendered to the date of payment and provided he is not receiving or entitled to receive a retirement allowance from any other state, territory or possession for such service. Any member of the retirement association who enlists or is inducted into the armed forces of the United States, as defined by section 27-103, or who is ordered to report for active duty with such forces may, during the time he so serves, continue his membership in the retirement association and may make or have made for him payments of his assessments to the annuity fund for the periods as defined by section 27-103 to and including the end of the school year in which such service was rendered If payment is made during such periods or at any time before retirement, the member shall receive credit for such service and he shall be considered as serving as a public school teacher in this state for the purpose of computing his length of service and shall be considered by the retirement board as though he were remaining in his latest teaching position.

Section 2. The sum of \$_____ is appropriated for the biennium ending June 30, 1973.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1971.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: To provide for Connecticut teachers, entering the military service, fully paid-up retirement equal to the period of service upon their return to the teaching profession in Connecticut.