



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 1218***

LCO No. 4872



Referred to Committee on APPROPRIATIONS

Introduced by:  
(APP)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT BOARD'S  
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHANGES TO THE TEACHERS'  
RETIREMENT SYSTEM STATUTES.***

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (15) of section 10-183b of the general statutes  
2 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
3 *1, 2023*):

4 (15) "Employer" means an elected school committee, a board of  
5 education, the State Board of Education, the Office of Early Childhood,  
6 the Technical Education and Career System, the Board of Regents for  
7 Higher Education or any of the constituent units, the governing body of  
8 the Children's Center and its successors for members hired before July  
9 1, 2023, The University of Connecticut Board of Trustees, the E. O. Smith  
10 School, or any other activity, institution or school employing members,  
11 except "employer" shall not include the State Education Resource Center  
12 for members hired on or after July 1, 2022.

13 Sec. 2. Subdivision (21) of section 10-183b of the general statutes is  
14 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*

15 2023):

16 (21) "Public school" means any day school conducted within or  
17 without this state under the orders and superintendence of a duly  
18 elected school committee, a board of education, the State Board of  
19 Education, the Office of Early Childhood, the Board of Regents for  
20 Higher Education, or any of its constituent units, The University of  
21 Connecticut Board of Trustees, the board of governors or any of its  
22 constituent units, the Technical Education and Career System, the E. O.  
23 Smith School, for members hired before July 1, 2023, the Children's  
24 Center and its successors, for members hired before July 1, 2022, the  
25 State Education Resource Center, [established pursuant to section 10-4q  
26 of the 2014 supplement to the general statutes, revision of 1958, revised  
27 to January 1, 2013, the State Education Resource Center established  
28 pursuant to section 10-357a,] joint activities of boards of education  
29 authorized by subsection (b) of section 10-158a and any institution  
30 supported by the state at which teachers are employed or any  
31 incorporated secondary school not under the orders and  
32 superintendence of a duly elected school committee or board of  
33 education but located in a town not maintaining a high school and  
34 providing free tuition to pupils of the town in which it is located, and  
35 which has been approved by the State Board of Education under the  
36 provisions of part II of chapter 164, provided that such institution or  
37 such secondary school is classified as a public school by the retirement  
38 board.

39 Sec. 3. Subsection (g) of section 10-183g of the general statutes is  
40 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
41 *2023*):

42 (g) A member's complete formal application for retirement, if sent by  
43 mail, shall be deemed to have been filed with the board on the date such  
44 application is postmarked. Such application for retirement shall be  
45 irrevocable on the date the member retires. No benefit computed under  
46 subsections (a) to (d), inclusive, of this section and under subsections (a)  
47 to (g), inclusive, of section 10-183aa shall become effective until a

48 member eligible for retirement under section 10-183f files with the board  
49 a complete formal application for retirement and terminates service  
50 with such member's employer. Such benefit shall accrue from the first  
51 day of the month following the calendar month in which such  
52 application is filed and payment of such benefit in equal monthly  
53 installments shall commence on the last day of the month in which such  
54 benefit begins to accrue. The initial payment of such benefit may be  
55 made not later than three months following the effective date of  
56 retirement, provided such payment shall be retroactive to such effective  
57 date. Upon a finding that extenuating circumstances relating to the  
58 health of a member caused a delay in the filing of the member's complete  
59 formal application, and such application is filed on or after July 1, 1986,  
60 the board may deem such application to have been filed up to three  
61 months earlier than the actual date of the filing. Upon a finding that  
62 extenuating circumstances related to the health of a member caused a  
63 delay in the filing of an election pursuant to subsection (g) of section 10-  
64 183aa, and such election is filed on or after July 1, 1986, the board may  
65 deem such election to have been filed as of the date such member's  
66 benefits would otherwise have been converted to a normal retirement  
67 benefit under this section.

68 Sec. 4. Subsection (b) of section 4d-80 of the general statutes is  
69 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
70 *2023*):

71 (b) The Governor shall appoint a chairperson from among the  
72 members of the commission or their designees. Subject to the provisions  
73 of chapter 67, and within available appropriations, the commission may  
74 appoint an executive director and such other employees as may be  
75 necessary for the discharge of the duties of the commission.  
76 Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, the executive  
77 director shall have the option to elect participation in the state  
78 employees retirement system, or the alternate retirement program  
79 established for eligible employees in higher education, [or the teachers'  
80 retirement system.]

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

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	10-183b(15)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	10-183b(21)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	10-183g(g)
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	4d-80(b)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To make the Teachers' Retirement Board's recommended changes to statutes concerning the Teachers' Retirement System.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*