

FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 1761

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Increasing the number of hours retired teachers and administrators can serve as substitute teachers or administrators without a reduction in benefits.

Sponsors: Representatives Talcott, Carrell, Rockefeller, Wensman, Stensen, Thomas, Fortunato, Mulliken, Haigh, Schoesler, Bush and Esser.

House Committee on Education
House Committee on Appropriations
Senate Committee on Education

Background:

The Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) Plan I includes teachers and school administrators hired prior to October 1, 1977. A retiree under this system may work 525 hours, or about 75 days, each year with no reduction in retirement benefits.

In a school district that has passed a resolution declaring a shortage of substitute teachers, a TRS Plan I retiree can work an additional 105 hours, for a total of about 90 days, as a substitute teacher. In a school district that has passed a resolution declaring an inability to find a replacement administrator to fill a vacancy, a TRS I retiree may serve as a substitute administrator for an additional 105 hours. The additional 105 hours is available only to those TRS Plan I retirees working as substitute teachers or administrators.

A resolution is valid only for the school year in which it is adopted. A copy of the resolution, with a list of retirees who have been hired, must be provided to the Department of Retirement Systems.

Summary:

Retired teachers and administrators may work an expanded number of hours as substitutes before losing pension benefits in school districts that have declared a shortage of substitute teachers or principals. In addition to the original 525 hours, retired teachers and administrators working for school districts that have declared a shortage of substitute teachers may work for an additional 315 hours per school year as substitute teachers. Retired principals working for school districts that have declared a shortage of principals may work an additional 315 hours as substitute administrators.

Votes on Final Passage:

House 92 0

Senate 48 0 (Senate amended)

House 96 0 (House concurred)

Effective: July 25, 1999