

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2007 and 2008 HB5011

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

40 ILCS 5/14-103.12

from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 14-103.12

Amends the State Employee Article of the Illinois Pension Code. In provisions concerning final average compensation, provides that, for an employee on leave of absence with pay, or on leave of absence without pay who makes contributions during such leave, the rate of compensation is assumed to be equal to the rate of compensation on the date the leave began. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The Illinois Pension Code is amended by changing

 Section 14-103.12 as follows:
- 6 (40 ILCS 5/14-103.12) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 14-103.12)
- 7 Sec. 14-103.12. Final average compensation.
- (a) For retirement and survivor annuities, "final average 8 compensation" means the monthly compensation obtained by 9 10 dividing the total compensation of an employee during the period of: (1) the 48 consecutive months of service within the 11 last 120 months of service in which the total compensation was 12 the highest, or (2) the total period of service, if less than 13 14 48 months, by the number of months of service in such period; provided that for purposes of a retirement annuity the average 15 16 compensation for the last 12 months of the 48-month period 17 shall not exceed the final average compensation by more than
- 19 For an employee on leave of absence with pay, or on leave
 20 of absence without pay who makes contributions during such
 21 leave, the rate of compensation is assumed to be equal to the
 22 rate of compensation on the date the leave began.
- 23 (b) For death and disability benefits, in the case of a

full-time employee, "final average compensation" means the greater of (1) the rate of compensation of the employee at the date of death or disability multiplied by 1 in the case of a salaried employee, by 174 in the case of an hourly employee, and by 22 in the case of a per diem employee, or (2) for benefits commencing on or after January 1, 1991, final average compensation as determined under subsection (a).

For purposes of this paragraph, full or part-time status shall be certified by the employing agency. Final rate of compensation for a part-time employee shall be the total compensation earned during the last full calendar month prior to the date of death or disability.

- (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), for the purpose of calculating retirement and survivor annuities of persons with at least 20 years of eligible creditable service as defined in Section 14-110, "final average compensation" means the monthly rate of compensation received by the person on the last day of eligible creditable service (but not to exceed 115% of the average monthly compensation received by the person for the last 24 months of service, unless the person was in service as a State policeman before the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1997), or the average monthly compensation received by the person for the last 48 months of service prior to retirement, whichever is greater.
- (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a), for a person who was receiving, on the date of retirement or death, a

- disability benefit calculated under subdivision (b) (2) of this
- 2 Section, the final average compensation used to calculate the
- disability benefit may be used for purposes of calculating the
- 4 retirement and survivor annuities.
- 5 (e) In computing the final average compensation, periods of
- 6 military leave shall not be considered.
- 7 (f) The changes to this Section made by this amendatory Act
- 8 of 1997 (redefining final average compensation for members
- 9 under the alternative formula) apply to members who retire on
- or after January 1, 1998, without regard to whether employment
- 11 terminated before the effective date of this amendatory Act of
- 12 1997.
- 13 (Source: P.A. 90-65, eff. 7-7-97.)
- 14 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 15 becoming law.