

96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2009 and 2010 HB3809

Introduced 2/25/2009, by Rep. Marlow H. Colvin

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

40 ILCS 5/17-116.1 30 ILCS 805/8.33 new from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 17-116.1

Amends the Chicago Teachers Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Allows the employer to authorize by resolution an early retirement without discount program for specified periods beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2015. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

PENSION IMPACT NOTE ACT MAY APPLY STATE MANDATES
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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 17-116.1 as follows:
- 6 (40 ILCS 5/17-116.1) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 17-116.1)
- 7 Sec. 17-116.1. Early retirement without discount.
- 8 (a) A member retiring after June 1, 1980 and before June 30, 1995 and within 6 months of the last day of teaching for which retirement contributions were required, may elect at the 10 time of application to make a one time employee contribution to 11 the system and thereby avoid the early retirement reduction in 12 13 allowance specified in paragraph (4) of Section 17-116 of this 14 Article. The exercise of the election shall obligate the last Employer to also make a one time non-refundable contribution to 15 16 the Fund.
 - (b) Subject to authorization by the Employer as provided in subsection (c), a member retiring on or after June 30, 1995 and on or before June 30, 2015 2010 and within 6 months of the last day of teaching for which retirement contributions were required may elect at the time of application to make a one-time employee contribution to the Fund and thereby avoid the early retirement reduction in allowance specified in

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- paragraph (4) of Section 17-116. The exercise of the election shall obligate the last Employer to also make a one-time nonrefundable contribution to the Fund.
 - (c) The benefits provided in subsection (b) are available only to members who retire, during a specified period, from employment with an Employer that has adopted and filed with the Board a resolution expressly providing for the creation of an early retirement without discount program under this Section for that period.

The Employer has the full discretion and authority to determine whether an early retirement without discount program is in its best interest and to provide such a program to its eligible employees in accordance with this Section. Employer may decide to authorize such a program for one or more of the following periods: for the period beginning July 1, 1997 and ending June 30, 1998, in which case the resolution must be adopted by January 1, 1998; for the period beginning July 1, 1998 and ending June 30, 1999, in which case the resolution must be adopted by March 31, 1998; for the period beginning July 1, 1999 and ending June 30, 2000, in which case the resolution must be adopted by March 31, 1999; for the period beginning July 1, 2000 and ending June 30, 2001, in which case the resolution must be adopted by March 31, 2000; for the period beginning July 1, 2001 and ending June 30, 2002, in which case the resolution must be adopted by March 31, 2001; for the period beginning July 1, 2002 and ending June 30, 2003,

in which case the resolution must be adopted by March 31, 2002; 1 2 for the period beginning July 1, 2003 and ending June 30, 2004, in which case the resolution must be adopted by March 31, 2003; 3 4 for the period beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005, 5 in which case the resolution must be adopted by March 31, 2004; 6 for the period beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006, 7 in which case the resolution must be adopted by August 31, 2005; for the period beginning July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 8 9 2007, in which case the resolution must be adopted by June 30, 10 2006; for the period beginning July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 11 2008, in which case the resolution must be adopted by June 30, 12 2007; for the period beginning July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009, in which case the resolution must be adopted by June 30, 13 2008; and for the period beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 14 15 30, 2010, in which case the resolution must be adopted by June 30, 2009; for the period beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 16 17 30, 2011, in which case the resolution must be adopted by June 30, 2010; for the period beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 18 19 30, 2012, in which case the resolution must be adopted by June 20 30, 2011; for the period beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013, in which case the resolution must be adopted by June 21 22 30, 2012; for the period beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 23 30, 2014, in which case the resolution must be adopted by June 24 30, 2013; and for the period beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015, in which case the resolution must be adopted by 25 June 30, 2014. The resolution must be filed with the Board 26

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within 10 days after it is adopted. A single resolution may authorize an early retirement without discount program as provided in this Section for more than one period.

Notwithstanding Section 17-157, the Employer shall also have full discretion and authority to determine whether to allow its employees who withdrew from service on or after June 30, 1995 and before June 27, 1997 to participate in an early retirement without discount program under subsection (b). An early retirement without discount program for those who withdrew from service on or after June 30, 1995 and before June 27, 1997 may be authorized only by a resolution of the Employer that is adopted by January 1, 1998 and filed with the Board within 10 days after its adoption. If such a resolution is duly adopted and filed, a person who (i) withdrew from service with the Employer on or after June 30, 1995 and before June 27, 1997, (ii) qualifies for early retirement without discount under subsection (b), (iii) applies to the Fund within 90 days after the authorizing resolution is adopted, and (iv) pays the required employee contribution shall have his or her retirement pension recalculated in accordance with subsection (b). The resulting increase shall be effective retroactively to the starting date of the retirement pension.

(d) The one-time employee contribution shall be equal to 7% of the retiring member's highest full-time annual salary rate used in the determination of the average salary rate for retirement pension, or if not full-time then the full-time

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equivalent, multiplied by (1) the number of years the teacher 1

2 is under age 60, or (2) the number of years the employee's

creditable service is less than 34 years, whichever is less. 3

The Employer contribution shall be 20% of such salary 4 5 multiplied by such number of years.

- (e) Upon receipt of the application and election, the Board shall determine the one time employee and contributions. The provisions of this Section shall not be applicable until the employee contribution, if any, has been received by the Fund; however, the date that contribution is received shall not be considered in determining the effective date of retirement.
- The number of employees who may retire under this Section in any year may be limited at the option of the Employer to a specified number of those eligible, not lower than 200, but the Employer and the collective bargaining agent for teachers may agree upon a greater limitation to the specified number of employees who may retire under this Section in any year. The right to participate in the early retirement without discount authorized under this Section shall be allocated among those applying on the basis of seniority in the service of the Employer or on such other basis for allocation Employer and the collective bargaining agent for teachers agree, in which case, such other basis may be employed among other eligible employees as well.
- (Source: P.A. 94-4, eff. 6-1-05.)

- 1 Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding
- 2 Section 8.33 as follows:
- 3 (30 ILCS 805/8.33 new)
- 4 Sec. 8.33. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6 and 8
- of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required for the
- 6 implementation of any mandate created by this amendatory Act of
- 7 <u>the 96th General Assembly.</u>
- 8 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 9 becoming law.