

General Assembly

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## Raised Bill No. 5172

LCO No. **1259** 

Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by: (PD)

## AN ACT CONCERNING REEMPLOYMENT AND THE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

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

Section 1. Section 7-438 of the general statutes is repealed and the
following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):

3 (a) Any member retired under this part who again accepts 4 employment from [this] the state or from any municipality of [this] the 5 state other than a participating municipality, shall continue to receive 6 his or her retirement allowance while so employed, and shall be eligible 7 to participate, and shall be entitled to credit, in the state retirement 8 system for the period of such state employment, but [any such member] 9 <u>he or she</u> shall not be eligible to participate or be entitled to credit in any 10 municipal retirement system for the period of such municipal 11 employment.

12 (b) If a member is retired under this part and again accepts 13 employment from the same municipality from which he <u>or she</u> was 14 retired or any other participating municipality, he <u>or she</u> shall be eligible 15 to participate, and shall be entitled to credit, in the municipal employees'

16 retirement system for the period of such municipal employment. Such 17 member shall receive no retirement allowance while so employed 18 except if (1) such employment is for less than twenty hours per week, 19 [or] (2) his or her services are rendered for not more than ninety working 20 days in any one calendar year, provided [that] any member reemployed 21 for a period of more than ninety working days in one calendar year shall 22 reimburse the Municipal Employees' Retirement Fund for retirement 23 income payments received during such ninety working days, or (3) such 24 member does not participate in the municipal employees' retirement 25 system during the period of his or her retirement.

26 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this 27 section, if a uniformed member of a paid municipal fire department or 28 regular member of a paid municipal police department is retired under 29 this part and subsequently accepts employment in a public safety position from any school district or regional school district, which 30 31 district is a participating municipality, he or she shall continue to receive 32 his or her retirement allowance while so subsequently employed, but he 33 or she shall not be eligible to further participate or be entitled to 34 additional credit in the municipal employees' retirement system for the

35 <u>period of such subsequent employment.</u>

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

| Section 1 | <i>October 1, 2022</i> | 7-438 |
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## Statement of Purpose:

To (1) create an exception to the prohibition on retired members of the municipal employees' retirement system from receiving retirement allowances upon reemployment by a municipality for members who do not participate in the municipal employees' retirement system during such period of reemployment, and (2) permit retired public safety personnel to receive retirement allowances, but not credit in a municipal pension system, if such personnel are employed by a local or regional board of education in a public safety capacity after retirement.

[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.]