



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5407

LCO No. 1756



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
(GAE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE SUPERSEDEANCE OF COLLECTIVE
BARGAINING AGREEMENTS AND THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
ACT.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (e) of section 5-278 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
3 *2020*):

4 (e) [Where] (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this
5 subsection, where there is a conflict between any agreement or
6 arbitration award approved in accordance with the provisions of
7 sections 5-270 to 5-280, inclusive, on matters appropriate to collective
8 bargaining, as defined in said sections, and any general statute or special
9 act, or regulations adopted by any state agency, the terms of such
10 agreement or arbitration award shall prevail; provided if participation
11 of any employees in a retirement system is effected by such agreement
12 or arbitration award, the effective date of participation in said system,
13 notwithstanding any contrary provision in such agreement or
14 arbitration award, shall be the first day of the third month following the

15 month in which a certified copy of such agreement or arbitration award
16 is received by the Retirement Commission or such later date as may be
17 specified in the agreement or arbitration award.

18 (2) For any agreement or arbitration award approved on or after July
19 1, 2020, in accordance with the provisions of sections 5-270 to 5-280,
20 inclusive, on matters appropriate to collective bargaining, as defined in
21 said sections, where there is a conflict between a provision of any such
22 agreement or award and the provisions of the Freedom of Information
23 Act, as defined in section 1-200, the provisions of the Freedom of
24 Information Act shall prevail.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2020	5-278(e)

Statement of Purpose:

To provide that future collective bargaining agreements or arbitration agreements may not supersede the Freedom of Information Act.

[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.]