



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 1218

January Session, 2023



**AN ACT CONCERNING THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT BOARD'S
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHANGES TO THE TEACHERS'
RETIREMENT SYSTEM STATUTES.**

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (15) of section 10-183b of the general statutes
2 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2023*):

4 (15) "Employer" means an elected school committee, a board of
5 education, the State Board of Education, the Office of Early Childhood,
6 the Technical Education and Career System, the Board of Regents for
7 Higher Education or any of the constituent units, the governing body
8 of the Children's Center and its successors for members hired before
9 July 1, 2023, The University of Connecticut Board of Trustees, the E. O.
10 Smith School, or any other activity, institution or school employing
11 members, except "employer" shall not include the State Education
12 Resource Center for members hired on or after July 1, 2022.

13 Sec. 2. Subdivision (21) of section 10-183b of the general statutes is
14 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
15 *1, 2023*):

16 (21) "Public school" means any day school conducted within or
17 without this state under the orders and superintendence of a duly

18 elected school committee, a board of education, the State Board of
19 Education, the Office of Early Childhood, the Board of Regents for
20 Higher Education, or any of its constituent units, The University of
21 Connecticut Board of Trustees, the board of governors or any of its
22 constituent units, the Technical Education and Career System, the E. O.
23 Smith School, the Children's Center and its successors for members
24 hired before July 1, 2023, the State Education Resource Center
25 [established pursuant to section 10-4q of the 2014 supplement to the
26 general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2013, the State
27 Education Resource Center established pursuant to section 10-357a] for
28 members hired before July 1, 2022, joint activities of boards of
29 education authorized by subsection (b) of section 10-158a and any
30 institution supported by the state at which teachers are employed or
31 any incorporated secondary school not under the orders and
32 superintendence of a duly elected school committee or board of
33 education but located in a town not maintaining a high school and
34 providing free tuition to pupils of the town in which it is located, and
35 which has been approved by the State Board of Education under the
36 provisions of part II of chapter 164, provided that such institution or
37 such secondary school is classified as a public school by the retirement
38 board.

39 Sec. 3. Subsection (g) of section 10-183g of the general statutes is
40 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
41 *1, 2023*):

42 (g) A member's complete formal application for retirement, if sent
43 by mail, shall be deemed to have been filed with the board on the date
44 such application is postmarked. Such application for retirement shall
45 be irrevocable on the date the member retires. No benefit computed
46 under subsections (a) to (d), inclusive, of this section and under
47 subsections (a) to (g), inclusive, of section 10-183aa shall become
48 effective until a member eligible for retirement under section 10-183f
49 files with the board a complete formal application for retirement and
50 terminates service with such member's employer. Such benefit shall

51 accrue from the first day of the month following the calendar month in
52 which such application is filed and payment of such benefit in equal
53 monthly installments shall commence on the last day of the month in
54 which such benefit begins to accrue. The initial payment of such
55 benefit may be made not later than three months following the
56 effective date of retirement, provided such payment shall be
57 retroactive to such effective date. Upon a finding that extenuating
58 circumstances relating to the health of a member caused a delay in the
59 filing of the member's complete formal application, and such
60 application is filed on or after July 1, 1986, the board may deem such
61 application to have been filed up to three months earlier than the
62 actual date of the filing. Upon a finding that extenuating circumstances
63 related to the health of a member caused a delay in the filing of an
64 election pursuant to subsection (g) of section 10-183aa, and such
65 election is filed on or after July 1, 1986, the board may deem such
66 election to have been filed as of the date such member's benefits would
67 otherwise have been converted to a normal retirement benefit under
68 this section.

69 Sec. 4. Subsection (b) of section 4d-80 of the general statutes is
70 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
71 *1, 2023*):

72 (b) The Governor shall appoint a chairperson from among the
73 members of the commission or their designees. Subject to the
74 provisions of chapter 67, and within available appropriations, the
75 commission may appoint an executive director and such other
76 employees as may be necessary for the discharge of the duties of the
77 commission. Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes,
78 the executive director shall have the option to elect participation in the
79 state employees retirement system [] or the alternate retirement
80 program established for eligible employees in higher education. [or the
81 teachers' retirement system.]

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

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	10-183b(15)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	10-183b(21)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	10-183g(g)
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	4d-80(b)

APP *Joint Favorable Subst.*