

1 H.649

2 Introduced by Representatives Browning of Arlington and Sullivan of Dorset

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Vermont Employees' Retirement System; State Teachers' Retirement

6 System of Vermont; pension; contribution rates

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the
8 State and members of the Vermont Employees' Retirement System, and the
9 State and members of the State Teachers' Retirement System of Vermont, to
10 share equally the costs of operating both systems. This bill also requires that
11 member contribution rates in the Vermont Employees' Retirement System and
12 the State Teachers' Retirement System of Vermont are adjusted biennially to
13 pay for members' fifty percent share of operating expenses.

14 An act relating to cost sharing of the operating expenses of the Vermont
15 Employees' Retirement System and the State Teachers' Retirement System
16 of Vermont

17 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

18 Sec. 1. 3 V.S.A. § 473 is amended to read:

19 § 473. FUNDS

20 (a) Assets. All of the assets of the Retirement System shall be credited to
21 the Vermont State Retirement Fund.

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(d) Contributions of State. The State and members shall equally share the cost of expenses to operate the Vermont State Retirement System. As provided by law, the Retirement Board shall certify to the Governor or Governor-Elect a statement of the percentage of the payroll of all members sufficient to pay 50 percent of the costs for all operating expenses of the Vermont State Retirement System and all contributions of the State that represent 50 percent of the cost of the System that will become due and payable during the next biennium. Member contribution rates described in subsection (b) of this section shall be adjusted biennially to cover the members' equal share of the expenses. The contributions of the State shall be charged to the departmental appropriation from which members' salaries are paid and shall be included in each departmental budgetary request.

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Sec. 2. 16 V.S.A. § 1944 is amended to read:

§ 1944. VERMONT TEACHERS' RETIREMENT FUND

(a) Pension Fund. All of the assets of the System shall be credited to the Vermont Teachers' Retirement Fund.

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(g) Collection of contributions.

1 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

2 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.