

General Assembly

## Substitute Bill No. 5609

January Session, 2025

## AN ACT CONCERNING RETIREMENT BENEFITS AND WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2025) Notwithstanding any 2 provision of the general statutes or special act, a municipality or special 3 taxing district that provides a defined benefit pension and retirement 4 system for its officers and employees and their beneficiaries shall, for 5 purposes of calculating the pension or retirement benefits to be paid to 6 an employee in retirement, consider as wages the greater of the (1) 7 wages used to calculate the final average salary of such employee 8 pursuant to the terms of such pension and retirement system, or (2) 9 temporary total disability and temporary partial disability benefits 10 received by such employee pursuant to chapter 568 of the general 11 statutes over the course of the time period used to calculate the final 12 average salary of such employee pursuant to the terms of such pension 13 and retirement system. Nothing in this section shall be construed to 14 impair or alter the provisions of any collective bargaining agreement in 15 effect before July 1, 2025.

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

Section 1 July 1, 2025 New section

LAB Joint Favorable Subst.