

General Assembly

January Session, 2025

Proposed Bill No. 620



Referred to Committee on LABOR AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

Introduced by: SEN. SAMPSON, 16th Dist.

AN ACT MAKING THE CONNECTICUT RETIREMENT SECURITY PROGRAM AN OPT-IN PROGRAM, ESTABLISHING THE DEFAULT CONTRIBUTION RATE AS ZERO, REQUIRING THE COMPTROLLER TO BE A LICENSED SECURITY BROKER AND PROHIBITING THE COMPTROLLER FROM SCREENING OR CHOOSING INVESTMENT VEHICLES BASED ON ANY CRITERIA OTHER THAN THE NET RETURNS TO PARTICIPANTS.

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

1 That chapter 574 of the general statutes be amended to (1) eliminate 2 the requirement in subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 31-422 of 3 the general statutes for employers to enroll covered employees in the 4 program and instead require covered employees to enroll to participate 5 in the program, (2) eliminate the penalty in subsection (c) of section 31-6 425 of the general statutes for an employer that fails to enroll a covered 7 employee in the program, (3) amend subparagraph (B) of subdivision 8 (2) of section 31-416 of the general statutes to make the contribution level 9 zero in the absence of an affirmative election by a participant, (4) require 10 the Comptroller to be a licensed security broker, and (5) prohibit the 11 Comptroller from screening or choosing an investment vehicle based on 12 any criteria other than the net returns to participants.

Statement of Purpose:

To make various changes to the Connecticut Retirement Security Program.