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To: House Bill No. 6844

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"AN ACT CONCERNING PERMANENT PARTIAL DISABILITY BENEFITS AND PENSION OFFSETS."

- 1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
- 2 following in lieu thereof:
- 3 "Section 1. Section 7-450c of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):
- 5 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes or special
- 6 act 01-1, no municipality or special taxing district that provides, as of
- 7 July 11, 2007, a pension and retirement system for its officers and
- 8 employees and their beneficiaries shall diminish or eliminate any right
- 9 or benefit granted to any retiree under such retirement or pension
- 10 system that was in effect on the date of such retiree's retirement. The
- 11 provisions of this section shall not be construed to prohibit a
- municipality or special taxing district from changing the administration

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of such retiree's retirement benefits as long as the rights and benefits provided to such retiree after any change in the administration are at least equivalent to the rights and benefits provided prior to such change.

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- (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes or special act, no municipality or special taxing district that provides a pension and retirement system for its officers and employees and their beneficiaries shall diminish or eliminate any right or benefit granted to any retiree under such pension or retirement system due to permanent partial disability benefits received on or after July 1, 2025, by such retiree in accordance with section 31-308. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to impair or alter the provisions of any collective bargaining agreement in effect before July 1, 2025.
- (c) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes or special act, a municipality or special taxing district that provides a pension and retirement system for its officers and employees and their beneficiaries shall include temporary total disability and temporary partial disability benefits received by an employee pursuant to chapter 568 as wages for purposes of the calculation of pension or retirement benefits to be paid to such employee in retirement, provided (1) the sum of such benefits and any other wages or compensation used to calculate such employee's pension or retirement benefits shall not exceed one hundred per cent of such employee's wages from such municipality or special taxing district in effect immediately prior to the injury for which the employee received such benefits, and (2) the provisions of this section shall not apply to the municipal employees retirement plan set forth in part II of chapter 113. Nothing in this section shall be construed to impair or alter the provisions of any collective bargaining agreement in effect before July 1, 2025.
- Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) The Comptroller shall conduct a study on the considerations necessary for a municipality that does not currently provide a defined pension plan to each police officer or firefighter employed by such municipality through participation in either (1) the municipal employees' retirement system, pursuant to

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section 7-427 of the general statutes, or (2) any other defined pension plan that provides such individuals with benefits that are comparable or superior to those benefits offered by the municipal employees' retirement system, to successfully transition such individuals from such municipality's current retirement system to such defined pension plan described in subdivisions (1) and (2) of this section. Not later than January 1, 2027, the Comptroller shall submit a report of the results of such study, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor and public employees."

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

Section 1	July 1, 2025	7-450c
Sec. 2	from passage	New section