



General Assembly

Amendment

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To: Senate Bill No. 442

File No. 312

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(As Amended)

"AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF RETIREMENT HEALTH BENEFITS FOR PARAEducATORS."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 7-450c of the general statutes, as amended by
4 section 48 of public act 26-1, is repealed and the following is substitute
5 in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

6 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes or special
7 act 01-1, no municipality or special taxing district that provides, as of
8 July 11, 2007, a pension and retirement system for its officers and
9 employees and their beneficiaries shall diminish or eliminate any right
10 or benefit granted to any retiree under such retirement or pension
11 system that was in effect on the date of such retiree's retirement. The
12 provisions of this section shall not be construed to prohibit a

13 municipality or special taxing district from changing the administration
14 of such retiree's retirement benefits as long as the rights and benefits
15 provided to such retiree after any change in the administration are at
16 least equivalent to the rights and benefits provided prior to such change.

17 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes or special
18 act, no municipality or special taxing district that provides a pension
19 and retirement system for its officers and employees and their
20 beneficiaries shall diminish or eliminate any right or benefit granted to
21 any retiree under such pension or retirement system due to permanent
22 partial disability benefits received on or after July 1, 2026, by such retiree
23 in accordance with section 31-308. Nothing in this subsection shall be
24 construed to impair or alter the provisions of any collective bargaining
25 agreement in effect before July 1, 2026.

26 (c) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes or special
27 act, a municipality or special taxing district that provides a pension and
28 retirement system for its officers and employees and their beneficiaries
29 shall include temporary total disability and temporary partial disability
30 benefits received by an employee pursuant to chapter 568 as wages for
31 purposes of the calculation of pension or retirement benefits to be paid
32 to such employee in retirement, provided (1) the sum of such benefits
33 and any other wages or compensation used to calculate such employee's
34 pension or retirement benefits shall not exceed one hundred per cent of
35 such employee's wages from such municipality or special taxing district
36 in effect immediately prior to the injury for which the employee
37 received such benefits, and (2) the provisions of this section shall not
38 apply to the municipal employees retirement plan set forth in part II of
39 chapter 113. Nothing in this section shall be construed to impair or alter
40 the provisions of any collective bargaining agreement in effect before
41 July 1, 2026.

42 (d) For matters involving a violation of the provisions of subsections
43 (a) to (c), inclusive, of this section or a dispute over the interpretation or
44 application of a written agreement before the State Board of Mediation
45 and Arbitration pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) of section 7-472, as

46 amended by this act, if the parties enter into a settlement agreement
47 prior to final disposition of such matter either party may bring an action
48 in Superior Court to confirm such agreement. In any such action, the
49 court may join any party whose rights may be materially affected by its
50 decision."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	7-450c