18A:66-53.2 LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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NJSA: 18A:66-53.2 (Allows TPAF retiree to be employed, without TPAF reenrollment, by school district as

certificated superintendent or administrator for more than two years when in best interests of school district.)

BILL NO: S3899 (Substituted for A5375)

SPONSOR(S) M. Teresa Ruiz and others

DATE INTRODUCED: 6/6/2019

COMMITTEE: ASSEMBLY: State & Local Government

Appropriations

SENATE: ---

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: Yes

DATE OF PASSAGE: ASSEMBLY: 6/20/2019

SENATE: 6/20/2019

DATE OF APPROVAL: 7/19/2019

FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

FINAL TEXT OF BILL (First Reprint enacted)

Yes

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SPONSOR'S STATEMENT: (Begins on page 3 of introduced bill) Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: ASSEMBLY: No.

SENATE: No

(Audio archived recordings of the committee meetings, corresponding to the date of the committee statement, *may possibly* be found at www.njleg.state.nj.us)

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: Yes

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

A5375

SPONSOR'S STATEMENT: (Begins on page 3 of introduced bill) Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: ASSEMBLY: Yes State & Local Government

Appropriations

SENATE: No

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FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

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P.L. 2019, CHAPTER 184, approved July 19, 2019 Senate, No. 3899 (First Reprint)

1 AN ACT concerning the reenrollment of certain retired members of 2 the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund and amending 3 N.J.S.18A:66-53.2.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. N.J.S.18A:66-53.2 is amended to read as follows:

18A:66-53.2. a. Except as provided in subsection b. of this section, if a former member of the retirement system who has been granted a retirement allowance for any cause other than disability, becomes employed again in a position which makes him eligible to be a member of the retirement system, his retirement allowance and the right to any death benefit as a result of his former membership, shall be canceled until he again retires.

Such person shall be reenrolled in the retirement system and shall contribute thereto at a rate based on his age at the time of reenrollment. Such person shall be treated as an active member for determining disability or death benefits while in service and no benefits pursuant to an optional selection with respect to his former membership shall be paid if his death shall occur during the period of such reenrollment.

Upon subsequent retirement of such member, his former retirement allowance shall be reinstated together with any optional selection, based on his former membership. In addition, he shall receive an additional retirement allowance based on his subsequent service as a member computed in accordance with applicable provisions of this article; provided, however, that his total retirement allowance upon such subsequent retirement shall not be a greater proportion of his final compensation than the proportion to which he would have been entitled had he remained in service during the period of his prior retirement. Any death benefit to which such member shall be eligible shall be based on his latest retirement, but shall not be less than the death benefit that was applicable to his former retirement.

b. The cancellation, reenrollment, and additional retirement allowance provisions of subsection a. of this section shall not apply to a former member of the retirement system who is a certificated superintendent or a certificated administrator and who, after having been granted a retirement allowance, becomes employed by the State Department of Education in a position of critical need as determined by the State Commissioner of Education, or becomes

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employed by a board of education as a certificated superintendent or a certificated administrator on a contractual basis for a term of not more than one year; except that the cancellation, reenrollment, and additional retirement allowance provisions shall apply if the former member becomes employed within 120 days of retirement with the employer from which the member retired. Nothing herein shall preclude a former member so reemployed with a board of education from renewing a contract for one additional year [,]; provided that the total period of employment with any individual board of education does not exceed a two-year period, unless so approved by the Commissioner of Education as being in the best interests of the school district ¹; and provided that no such renewal shall provide the former member an election regarding whether or not to be reenrolled¹.

c. A former member of the retirement system who has been granted a retirement allowance, for any cause other than disability, may become employed again with the former employer in a position as a coach of an athletics activity if: (1) the employment commences after the retirement allowance becomes due and payable; (2) the former member had attained the service retirement age, applicable to that member, as of the date of retirement; and (3) the compensation for the employment is less than \$15,000 per year. This subsection shall be effective if the qualified status of the retirement system under federal law can be maintained upon its application, and such modifications to the system as may be available shall be made to allow for its application. As used in this section, "former employer" means the employer with which the former member held employment immediately prior to retirement. (cf: P.L.2016, c.76, s.1)

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2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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SENATE, No. 3899

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

218th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 6, 2019

Sponsored by:
Senator M. TERESA RUIZ
District 29 (Essex)
Assemblyman JOHN J. BURZICHELLI
District 3 (Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem)

Co-Sponsored by: Assemblyman Rooney

SYNOPSIS

Allows TPAF retiree to be employed, without TPAF reenrollment, by school district as certificated superintendent or administrator for more than two years when in best interests of school district.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/21/2019)

AN ACT concerning the reenrollment of certain retired members of the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund and amending N.J.S.18A:66-53.2.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. N.J.S.18A:66-53.2 is amended to read as follows:

18A:66-53.2. a. Except as provided in subsection b. of this section, if a former member of the retirement system who has been granted a retirement allowance for any cause other than disability, becomes employed again in a position which makes him eligible to be a member of the retirement system, his retirement allowance and the right to any death benefit as a result of his former membership, shall be canceled until he again retires.

Such person shall be reenrolled in the retirement system and shall contribute thereto at a rate based on his age at the time of reenrollment. Such person shall be treated as an active member for determining disability or death benefits while in service and no benefits pursuant to an optional selection with respect to his former membership shall be paid if his death shall occur during the period of such reenrollment.

Upon subsequent retirement of such member, his former retirement allowance shall be reinstated together with any optional selection, based on his former membership. In addition, he shall receive an additional retirement allowance based on his subsequent service as a member computed in accordance with applicable provisions of this article; provided, however, that his total retirement allowance upon such subsequent retirement shall not be a greater proportion of his final compensation than the proportion to which he would have been entitled had he remained in service during the period of his prior retirement. Any death benefit to which such member shall be eligible shall be based on his latest retirement, but shall not be less than the death benefit that was applicable to his former retirement.

b. The cancellation, reenrollment, and additional retirement allowance provisions of subsection a. of this section shall not apply to a former member of the retirement system who is a certificated superintendent or a certificated administrator and who, after having been granted a retirement allowance, becomes employed by the State Department of Education in a position of critical need as determined by the State Commissioner of Education, or becomes employed by a board of education as a certificated superintendent or a certificated administrator on a contractual basis for a term of

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not more than one year; except that the cancellation, reenrollment, and additional retirement allowance provisions shall apply if the former member becomes employed within 120 days of retirement with the employer from which the member retired. Nothing herein shall preclude a former member so reemployed with a board of education from renewing a contract for one additional year [,]; provided that the total period of employment with any individual board of education does not exceed a two-year period, unless so approved by the Commissioner of Education as being in the best interests of the school district.

c. A former member of the retirement system who has been granted a retirement allowance, for any cause other than disability, may become employed again with the former employer in a position as a coach of an athletics activity if: (1) the employment commences after the retirement allowance becomes due and payable; (2) the former member had attained the service retirement age, applicable to that member, as of the date of retirement; and (3) the compensation for the employment is less than \$15,000 per year. This subsection shall be effective if the qualified status of the retirement system under federal law can be maintained upon its application, and such modifications to the system as may be available shall be made to allow for its application. As used in this section, "former employer" means the employer with which the former member held employment immediately prior to retirement. (cf: P.L.2016, c.76, s.1)

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill modifies an exception to the reenrollment requirement for certain retired members of the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF). It allows a TPAF retiree to be employed, without reenrollment in TPAF, by a board of education as a certificated superintendent or a certificated administrator on a contractual basis for a period that exceeds two years when the Commissioner of Education determines that it is in the best interests of the school district.

Under current law, if a TPAF retiree, receiving a retirement allowance for any cause other than disability, subsequently becomes employed again in a position which makes the retiree eligible to be a member of TPAF, the retiree is required to reenroll in the retirement system and the payment of the retirement allowance ceases. That reenrollment requirement, however, does not apply to a retiree (1) who is a certificated superintendent or a certificated administrator who, after having been granted a retirement allowance, becomes employed by the State Department of

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1 Education in a position of critical need, or (2) who becomes 2 employed by a board of education as a certificated superintendent 3 or administrator on a contractual basis for no longer than one year 4 and after 120 days of retirement if the contract is with the former employer. A reemployed retiree may renew a board of education 5 6 contract for one additional year, provided that the total period of 7 employment with any individual board of education does not exceed a two-year period. This bill would permit employment beyond that 8 9 two-year period if approved by the Commissioner of Education as 10 being in the best interests of the school district.

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3899

with Assembly Floor Amendments (Proposed by Assemblyman BURZICHELLI)

ADOPTED: JUNE 20, 2019

This floor amendment clarifies that a contract for renewal between a board of education and a former member may not give the former member an election regarding whether or not to be reenrolled. These amendments also make this bill identical to Assembly No. 5375 (1R).

ASSEMBLY, No. 5375

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

218th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 16, 2019

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman JOHN J. BURZICHELLI
District 3 (Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem)

Co-Sponsored by: Assemblyman Rooney

SYNOPSIS

Allows TPAF retiree to be employed, without TPAF reenrollment, by school district as certificated superintendent or administrator for more than two years when in best interests of school district.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 5/24/2019)

AN ACT concerning the reenrollment of certain retired members of the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund and amending N.J.S.18A:66-53.2.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. N.J.S.18A:66-53.2 is amended to read as follows:

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Such person shall be reenrolled in the retirement system and shall contribute thereto at a rate based on his age at the time of reenrollment. Such person shall be treated as an active member for determining disability or death benefits while in service and no benefits pursuant to an optional selection with respect to his former membership shall be paid if his death shall occur during the period of such reenrollment.

Upon subsequent retirement of such member, his former retirement allowance shall be reinstated together with any optional selection, based on his former membership. In addition, he shall receive an additional retirement allowance based on his subsequent service as a member computed in accordance with applicable provisions of this article; provided, however, that his total retirement allowance upon such subsequent retirement shall not be a greater proportion of his final compensation than the proportion to which he would have been entitled had he remained in service during the period of his prior retirement. Any death benefit to which such member shall be eligible shall be based on his latest retirement, but shall not be less than the death benefit that was applicable to his former retirement.

b. The cancellation, reenrollment, and additional retirement allowance provisions of subsection a. of this section shall not apply to a former member of the retirement system who is a certificated superintendent or a certificated administrator and who, after having been granted a retirement allowance, becomes employed by the State Department of Education in a position of critical need as determined by the State Commissioner of Education, or becomes employed by a board of education as a certificated superintendent or a certificated administrator on a contractual basis for a term of not more than one year; except that the cancellation, reenrollment,

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and additional retirement allowance provisions shall apply if the former member becomes employed within 120 days of retirement with the employer from which the member retired. Nothing herein shall preclude a former member so reemployed with a board of education from renewing a contract for one additional year [,]; provided that the total period of employment with any individual board of education does not exceed a two-year period, unless so approved by the Commissioner of Education as being in the best interests of the school district.

c. A former member of the retirement system who has been granted a retirement allowance, for any cause other than disability, may become employed again with the former employer in a position as a coach of an athletics activity if: (1) the employment commences after the retirement allowance becomes due and payable; (2) the former member had attained the service retirement age, applicable to that member, as of the date of retirement; and (3) the compensation for the employment is less than \$15,000 per year. This subsection shall be effective if the qualified status of the retirement system under federal law can be maintained upon its application, and such modifications to the system as may be available shall be made to allow for its application. As used in this section, "former employer" means the employer with which the former member held employment immediately prior to retirement. (cf: P.L.2016, c.76, s.1)

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

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Under current law, if a TPAF retiree, receiving a retirement allowance for any cause other than disability, subsequently becomes employed again in a position which makes the retiree eligible to be a member of TPAF, the retiree is required to reenroll in the retirement system and the payment of the retirement allowance ceases. That reenrollment requirement, however, does not apply to a retiree (1) who is a certificated superintendent or a certificated administrator who, after having been granted a retirement allowance, becomes employed by the State Department of Education in a position of critical need, or (2) who becomes

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1 employed by a board of education as a certificated superintendent 2 or administrator on a contractual basis for no longer than one year and after 120 days of retirement if the contract is with the former 3 4 employer. A reemployed retiree may renew a board of education 5 contract for one additional year, provided that the total period of 6 employment with any individual board of education does not exceed 7 a two-year period. This bill would permit employment beyond that 8 two-year period if approved by the Commissioner of Education as 9 being in the best interests of the school district.

ASSEMBLY STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 5375

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 10, 2019

The Assembly State and Local Government Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 5375.

This bill modifies an exception to the reenrollment requirement for certain retired members of the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF). It allows a TPAF retiree to be employed, without reenrollment in TPAF, by a board of education as a certificated superintendent or a certificated administrator on a contractual basis for a period that exceeds two years when the Commissioner of Education determines that it is in the best interests of the school district.

Under current law, if a TPAF retiree, receiving a retirement allowance for any cause other than disability, subsequently becomes employed again in a position which makes the retiree eligible to be a member of TPAF, the retiree is required to reenroll in the retirement system and the payment of the retirement allowance ceases. That reenrollment requirement, however, does not apply to a retiree (1) who is a certificated superintendent or a certificated administrator who, after having been granted a retirement allowance, becomes employed by the State Department of Education in a position of critical need, or (2) who becomes employed by a board of education as a certificated superintendent or administrator on a contractual basis for no longer than one year and after 120 days of retirement if the contract is with the former employer. A reemployed retiree may renew a board of education contract for one additional year, provided that the total period of employment with any individual board of education does not exceed a two-year period. This bill would permit employment beyond that two-year period if approved by the Commissioner of Education as being in the best interests of the school district.

ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 5375

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 13, 2019

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 5375, with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill modifies an exception to the reenrollment requirement for certain retired members of the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF). It allows a TPAF retiree to be employed, without reenrollment in TPAF, by a board of education as a certificated superintendent or a certificated administrator on a contractual basis for a period that exceeds two years when the Commissioner of Education determines that it is in the best interests of the school district. The bill, as amended, clarifies that the member may not be given an election as to whether or not the member may be reenrolled even under those circumstances.

Under current law, if a TPAF retiree, receiving a retirement allowance for any cause other than disability, subsequently becomes employed again in a position which makes the retiree eligible to be a member of TPAF, the retiree is required to reenroll in the retirement system and the payment of the retirement allowance ceases. That reenrollment requirement, however, does not apply to a retiree (1) who is a certificated superintendent or a certificated administrator who, after having been granted a retirement allowance, becomes employed by the State Department of Education in a position of critical need, or (2) who becomes employed by a board of education as a certificated superintendent or administrator on a contractual basis for no longer than one year and after 120 days of retirement if the contract is with the former employer. A reemployed retiree may renew a board of education contract for one additional year, provided that the total period of employment with any individual board of education does not exceed a two-year period. This bill would permit employment beyond that two-year period if approved by the Commissioner of Education as being in the best interests of the school district.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to clarify that a contract for renewal between a board of education and a former member may not give the former member an election regarding whether or not to be reenrolled.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill is not certified as requiring a fiscal note.

Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

07/19/2019

TRENTON – Today, Governor Phil Murphy signed the following bills and resolutions into law:

AJR26 (Downey, Houghtaling, Quijano, Mosquera, Vainieri Huttle, Benson, Jasey, McKnight/Pou, Codey) - Designates September of each year as "Youth Suicide Prevention Awareness Month" in New Jersey.

AJR87 (Murphy, Mosquera, Pinkin/Singleton, Addiego) - Designates January 11 of each year as "Alice Paul Day" in New Jersey.

A769 (Caputo, Giblin, Vainieri Huttle/A.R. Bucco, Ruiz) - Requires school districts to incorporate age-appropriate sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention education in grades preschool through 12 as part of New Jersey Student Learning Standards in Comprehensive Health and Physical Education.

A1048 (Houghtaling, Downey, Mukherji, Holley/Turner, Stack) - Requires property tax bills to contain eligibility information on State tax relief programs.

A1190 (Jones, Giblin, Mukherji/Beach, Cruz-Perez) - Concerns appointment of person to control funeral and disposition of human remains.

A1369 (Kennedy, DeAngelo, Vainieri Huttle, Benson, Quijano/Greenstein, Addiego) - Allows for cancellation of certain service contracts without paying early termination fee if customer becomes deceased prior to end of service contract.

A1428 (McKnight, Chaparro, Chiaravalloti, Vainieri Huttle/Ruiz, Cunningham) - Requires Department of Education to develop guidelines for school districts concerning child trafficking awareness and prevention.

A3766 (Armato, Houghtaling, Murphy, Jones/Corrado) - Requires public officer or employee to forfeit pension upon conviction for corruption of public resources, sexual contact, lewdness, or sexual assault when offense involves or touches upon public office or employment.

A5162 (Speight, Reynolds-Jackson/Beach) - Permits county board of chosen freeholders to increase membership of county board of elections.

A5456 (Armato, Kennedy, Speight/Greenstein, Bateman) - Authorizes NJ Infrastructure Bank to expend certain sums to make loans for environmental infrastructure projects for FY2020.

A5457 (Danielsen, Swain, Milam/Codey) - Appropriates funds to DEP for environmental infrastructure projects for FY2020.

A5462 (Milam, Speight, Murphy/Smith) - Modifies powers and duties of New Jersey Infrastructure Bank.

S692 (Ruiz, Sarlo/Jasey, Caputo, Holley) - Prohibits the DOE from regulating maximum salary amount school district may pay its superintendent of schools and codifies standards for contract review.

S756 (Diegnan, Turner/Calabrese, Sumter, Pinkin) - Updates notice of elections requirements to include information for voter to obtain polling place locations.

S858 (Turner, Diegnan/Jasey, Caputo) - Requires teachers of health and physical education in grades kindergarten through six in public schools to possess appropriate endorsement to instructional certificate.

S954 (Vitale, Singleton, Madden/Conaway, Moriarty, Sumter, McKnight, Mukherji, Downey) - Enters New Jersey in enhanced multistate Nurse Licensure Compact.

S1373 (Andrzejczak/Land, Milam) - Expands option of governmental home health care agency to partner with non-governmental providers to deliver health care services.

S1707 (Oroho, Bateman, Andrzejczak/Space, Wirths) - Exempts governmental entities acquiring lands for open space located in a deed-authorized common interest community from paying community fees if, at time of acquisition, community has never been formed or has been dissolved or discontinued.

S1761 (Weinberg, Singleton/Pintor Marin, Lampitt, Pinkin, Munoz, McKeon) - Expands the Address Confidentiality Program to include victims of sexual assault and stalking; and reproductive health service patients and providers.

S1799 (A.R. Bucco/A.M. Bucco, Murphy, Caputo) - Increases membership of fire safety commission in DCA.

S2472 (Singleton, Murphy/Conaway, Timberlake) - Requires certain real estate licensees to complete courses of study concerning fair housing and housing discrimination.

S2489 (Cruz-Perez, Turner/Mosquera, Jones, Holley, McKnight, Downey) - Requires board of education to post information about child abuse hotline in each school.

S2575 (Diegnan, Greenstein/Karabinchak, Reynolds-Jackson) - Establishes task force to examine and make recommendations regarding implementation of "Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act."

S2944 (Ruiz, Cunningham/Pintor Marin, McKnight, Chiaravalloti) - Permits certain council members to appoint up to four fulltime equivalent aides; allows these aide positions to be divided into part-time positions.

S2994 (Ruiz/Freiman, McKeon, Schaer) – Concerns refunds following terminations or cancellations of guaranteed asset protection waivers.

S3043 (Madden, Oroho/Mosquera, Pintor Marin) - Clarifies that family day care providers or other persons who are subjects of criminal history record back checks have access to disqualifying information.

S3452 (Ruiz, Pou/Lopez, Holley, Schaer) - Requires certain consumer reporting agencies to make consumer reports available to consumers in Spanish and certain other languages.

S3899 (Ruiz/Burzichelli) - Allows TPAF retiree to be employed, without TPAF reenrollment, by school district as certificated superintendent or administrator for more than two years when in best interests of school district.