SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 4059

A bill to amend 1980 PA 300, entitled
"The public school employees retirement act of 1979,"
by amending section 61 (MCL 38.1361), as amended by 2012 PA 464.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 61. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, if
- 2 a retirant is receiving a retirement allowance other than a
- 3 disability allowance payable under this act or under former 1945 PA
- 4 136, on account of either age or years of personal service
- 5 performed, or both, and becomes employed by a reporting unit, the
- 6 following shall MUST occur:
- 7 (a) The retirant is not entitled to a new final average
- 8 compensation or additional service credit under this retirement
- 9 system unless additional service is performed equivalent to 5 or
- 10 more years of service credit or, if the retirant has contributed to

- 1 the member investment plan, the equivalent of 3 or more years of
- 2 service credit. The retirant may elect to have the retirement
- 3 allowance recomputed based on the added credit or the final average
- 4 compensation resulting from the added service, or both. A
- 5 retirement allowance shall not be recomputed until the retirant
- 6 pays into the retirement system an amount equal to the retirant's
- 7 new final average compensation multiplied by the percentage
- 8 determined under section 41(2) for normal cost and unfunded
- 9 actuarial accrued liabilities, not including the percentage
- 10 required for the funding of health benefits, multiplied by the
- 11 total service credit in the period in which the retirant's
- 12 additional service was performed.
- 13 (b) The retirant's retirement allowance shall MUST be reduced
- 14 by the lesser of the amount that the earnings in a calendar year
- 15 exceed the amount permitted without a reduction of benefits under
- 16 the social security act, chapter 531, 49 Stat. STAT 620, or 1/3 of
- 17 the retirant's final average compensation. For purposes of
- 18 computing allowable earnings under this subdivision, the final
- 19 average compensation shall MUST be increased by 5% for each full
- 20 year of retirement.
- 21 (2) The retirement system may offset retirement benefits
- 22 payable under this act against amounts owed to the retirement
- 23 system by a retirant or retirement allowance beneficiary.
- 24 (3) Subsection (1) does not apply to a retirant if all of the
- 25 following circumstances exist:
- 26 (a) The retirant is a former teacher or administrator employed
- 27 in a teaching or research capacity by a university that is

- 1 considered a reporting unit for the limited purpose described in
- 2 section 7(3). A university that employs a retirant under this
- 3 subsection shall report that employment to the retirement system by
- 4 July 1 of each year. The university shall include in the report the
- 5 name of the retirant, the capacity in which the retirant is
- 6 employed, and the total annual compensation paid to the retirant.
- 7 (b) The retirant is not eligible to use any service or
- 8 compensation attributable to the employment described in
- 9 subdivision (a) for a recomputation of his or her retirement
- 10 allowance.
- 11 (4) The state NOT LATER THAN APRIL 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE
- 12 superintendent of public instruction shall compile a listing of
- 13 critical shortage disciplines . This listing shall be updated
- 14 annually.BASED ON EVIDENCE OF A SHORTAGE FOR EACH DISCIPLINE. THE
- 15 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL POST THE LISTING AND THE ACCOMPANYING
- 16 EVIDENCE ON ITS WEBSITE. IF A DISCIPLINE IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE
- 17 LISTING OF CRITICAL SHORTAGE DISCIPLINES, 2 OR MORE CONTIGUOUS
- 18 REPORTING UNITS MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN REQUEST TO THE SUPERINTENDENT
- 19 OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION TO ADD A DISCIPLINE TO THE LISTING. THE
- 20 REQUEST MUST INCLUDE EVIDENCE OF A SHORTAGE OF THE DISCIPLINE IN
- 21 THOSE CONTIGUOUS REPORTING UNITS. IF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC
- 22 INSTRUCTION DETERMINES THAT THERE IS A SHORTAGE OF THE DISCIPLINE
- 23 IN THOSE CONTIGUOUS REPORTING UNITS, THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC
- 24 INSTRUCTION SHALL ADD THE DISCIPLINE TO THE LISTING. A DISCIPLINE
- 25 ADDED UNDER A REQUEST UNDER THIS SUBSECTION IS APPLICABLE ONLY TO
- 26 THOSE CONTIGUOUS REPORTING UNITS. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION,
- 27 A REPORTING UNIT THAT IS A PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMY IS CONSIDERED

- 1 CONTIGUOUS TO ANY OTHER REPORTING UNIT IN WHICH THE PUBLIC SCHOOL
- 2 ACADEMY IS LOCATED.
- 3 (5) Until July 1, 2014, 2018, subsection (1) does not apply to
- 4 a retirant if all of the following circumstances exist:
- 5 (a) The retirant is employed by a reporting unit that has a
- 6 situation, not including a situation caused by a labor dispute,
- 7 that necessitates the hiring of a THE retirant in an area that has
- 8 been identified by the state superintendent of public instruction
- 9 as a critical shortage discipline pursuant to UNDER subsection (4).
- 10 (b) The retirant is employed under any situation described in
- 11 subdivision (a) for a period not to exceed 3 years for that
- 12 retirant.
- 13 (c) The retirant is not eligible to use any service or
- 14 compensation attributable to the employment described in
- 15 subdivision (a) for a recomputation of his or her retirement
- 16 allowance.
- 17 (d) The reporting unit shall pay PAYS 100% of the contribution
- 18 rates for the unfunded actuarial accrued liability for retiree
- 19 health care and the unfunded actuarial accrued liability for
- 20 pension to the retirement system for each retirant who becomes
- 21 employed by a reporting unit under this subsection.
- 22 (6) Subsection (5) shall—only apply—APPLIES for retirants who
- 23 have been retired for at least 12 months before becoming employed
- 24 under this section.
- 25 (7) Notwithstanding any other provision of this act to the
- 26 contrary, for a retirant who retires on or after July 1, JUNE 30,
- 27 2010, and following a bona fide termination, including not working

- 1 in the month of the retirant's retirement effective date, and who
- 2 becomes employed by a reporting unit and the retirant's amount of
- 3 earnings in a calendar year exceeds 1/3 of the retirant's final
- 4 average compensation, the retirant shall forfeit FORFEITS his or
- 5 her retirement allowance and the retirement system subsidy for
- 6 health care benefits from the retirement system for as long as THE
- 7 ENTIRE MONTH IN WHICH the retirant is employed at the reporting
- 8 unit unless the retirant is employed under AS DESCRIBED IN
- 9 subsection (5), (9), or (10). A retirant who has forfeited the
- 10 retirement system subsidy for health care benefits under this
- 11 subsection and who wants to retain health care benefits shall pay
- 12 the retirant's and retirement system's costs for the health care
- 13 benefits. Upon termination of employment at the reporting unit, the
- 14 THE retirement allowance and health care benefits shall resume
- 15 without recalculation ON THE FIRST OF THE MONTH FOLLOWING THE MONTH
- 16 IN WHICH THE RETIRANT HAS TERMINATED REPORTING UNIT EMPLOYMENT.
- 17 (8) Notwithstanding any other provision of this act to the
- 18 contrary, for a retirant who retires on or after July 1, JUNE 30,
- 19 2010, who performs core services at a reporting unit as determined
- 20 by the retirement system, but who is employed by an entity other
- 21 than the reporting unit or is an independent contractor, the
- 22 retirant shall forfeit FORFEITS his or her retirement allowance and
- 23 the retirement system subsidy for health care benefits from the
- 24 retirement system for as long as THE ENTIRE MONTH IN WHICH the
- 25 retirant is performing core services at the reporting unit, unless
- 26 the retirant is employed under—AS DESCRIBED IN subsection (9), or
- 27 (10), OR (11). A retirant who has forfeited the retirement system

- 1 subsidy for health care benefits under this subsection and who
- 2 wants to retain health care benefits shall pay the retirant's and
- 3 retirement system's costs for the health care benefits. Upon
- 4 termination of services at the reporting unit, the THE retirement
- 5 allowance and health care benefits shall resume without
- 6 recalculation ON THE FIRST OF THE MONTH FOLLOWING THE MONTH IN
- 7 WHICH THE RETIRANT HAS TERMINATED PERFORMING CORE SERVICES, AS
- 8 DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION.
- 9 (9) Until July 1, 2014, 2018, subsection (1) does not apply to
- 10 a retirant who retires on or after July 1, JUNE 30, 2010 AND ON OR
- 11 BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2015; who following a bona fide termination,
- 12 including not working in the month of his or her retirement
- 13 effective date, becomes employed as a substitute teacher by a
- 14 reporting unit, by an entity other than the reporting unit, or as
- 15 an independent contractor; and whose amount of earnings
- 16 attributable to employment by or at a reporting unit in a calendar
- 17 year does not exceed 1/3 of his or her final average compensation.
- 18 A retirant described in this subsection is not eliqible to use any
- 19 service or compensation attributable to the employment described in
- 20 this subsection for a recomputation of his or her retirement
- 21 allowance. The reporting unit at which the retirant provides
- 22 substitute teacher services described in this subsection shall pay
- 23 100% of the contribution rates for the unfunded actuarial accrued
- 24 liability for retiree health care and the unfunded actuarial
- 25 accrued liability for pension to the retirement system for the
- 26 employment described in this subsection. The reporting unit shall
- 27 report the engagement of substitute teachers to the retirement

- 1 system at the same interval the reporting unit reports information
- 2 to the retirement system with regard to its other employees. The
- 3 reporting unit shall include in the report the name of the
- 4 substitute teacher and the total earnings paid to the substitute
- 5 teacher for that reporting period. In order to comply with the
- 6 reporting requirements of this subsection, a reporting unit that
- 7 engages substitute teachers through an entity other than a
- 8 reporting unit or as independent contractors shall obtain from the
- 9 substitute teacher's employer a list of all substitute teachers the
- 10 employer supplies to that reporting unit and the total earnings
- 11 paid to each substitute teacher for the reporting period. An
- 12 employer other than a reporting unit that employs substitute
- 13 teachers as described in this subsection shall provide to the
- 14 reporting unit all information that the reporting unit is required
- 15 to report to the retirement system under this subsection. For the
- 16 purposes of this subsection, an employer includes an independent
- 17 contractor.
- 18 (10) Until July 1, 2014, 2018, subsection (1) does not apply
- 19 to a retirant who retires on or after July 1, JUNE 30, 2010 AND ON
- 20 OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2015; who following a bona fide termination,
- 21 including not working in the month of his or her retirement
- 22 effective date, becomes employed as an instructional coach or a
- 23 school improvement facilitator by an entity other than the
- 24 reporting unit or as an independent contractor; and whose amount of
- 25 earnings attributable to employment at a reporting unit in a
- 26 calendar year does not exceed 1/3 of his or her final average
- 27 compensation. A retirant described in this subsection is not

- 1 eligible to use any service or compensation attributable to the
- 2 employment described in this subsection for a recomputation of his
- 3 or her retirement allowance. The reporting unit at which the
- 4 retirant provides the services described in this subsection shall
- 5 pay 100% of the contribution rates for the unfunded actuarial
- 6 accrued liability for retiree health care and the unfunded
- 7 actuarial accrued liability for pension to the retirement system
- 8 for the employment described in this subsection. The reporting unit
- 9 shall report the engagement of instructional coaches or school
- 10 improvement facilitators to the retirement system at the same
- 11 interval the reporting unit reports information to the retirement
- 12 system with regard to its other employees. The reporting unit shall
- 13 include in the report the name of the instructional coach or school
- 14 improvement facilitator and the total earnings paid to the coach or
- 15 facilitator for that reporting period. In order to comply with the
- 16 reporting requirements of this subsection, a reporting unit shall
- 17 obtain from the coach's or facilitator's employer a list of all
- 18 instructional coaches and school improvement facilitators the
- 19 employer supplies to that reporting unit and the total earnings
- 20 paid to each coach or facilitator for the reporting period. An
- 21 employer other than a reporting unit that employs instructional
- 22 coaches or school improvement facilitators as described in this
- 23 subsection shall provide to the reporting unit all information that
- 24 the reporting unit is required to report to the retirement system
- 25 under this subsection. For the purposes of this subsection, an
- 26 employer includes an independent contractor. As used in this
- 27 subsection, "instructional coach" and "school improvement

- 1 facilitator" mean those terms as used in the listing of critical
- 2 shortage disciplines developed by the state superintendent of
- 3 public instruction under subsection (4).
- 4 (11) UNTIL JULY 1, 2018, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS
- 5 ACT TO THE CONTRARY, FOR A RETIRANT WHO RETIRES AFTER JUNE 30,
- 6 2010, WHO IS EMPLOYED AS AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AT A REPORTING
- 7 UNIT FOR A SITUATION DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (5) (A) OR IS EMPLOYED
- 8 AT A REPORTING UNIT FOR A SITUATION DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (5) (A)
- 9 BY AN ENTITY OTHER THAN THE REPORTING UNIT, WHO HAS BEEN RETIRED
- 10 FOR AT LEAST 12 MONTHS BEFORE BECOMING EMPLOYED UNDER THIS
- 11 SUBSECTION, AND WHOSE EMPLOYMENT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT
- 12 EXCEED 3 YEARS, THE REPORTING UNIT AT WHICH THE RETIRANT PROVIDES
- 13 SERVICES UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL PAY 100% OF THE CONTRIBUTION
- 14 RATES FOR THE UNFUNDED ACTUARIAL ACCRUED LIABILITY FOR RETIREE
- 15 HEALTH CARE AND THE UNFUNDED ACTUARIAL ACCRUED LIABILITY FOR
- 16 PENSION TO THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR THE EMPLOYMENT DESCRIBED IN
- 17 THIS SUBSECTION.