



94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

40 ILCS 5/17-116
30 ILCS 805/8.29 new

from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 17-116

Amends the Chicago Teachers Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Raises the maximum allowable service retirement pension from 75% to 80% of average salary. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

PENSION IMPACT
NOTE ACT MAY
APPLY

STATE MANDATES
ACT MAY REQUIRE
REIMBURSEMENT

1 AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Pension Code is amended by changing
5 Section 17-116 as follows:

6 (40 ILCS 5/17-116) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 17-116)
7 Sec. 17-116. Service retirement pension.

8 (a) Each teacher having 20 years of service upon attainment
9 of age 55, or who thereafter attains age 55 shall be entitled
10 to a service retirement pension upon or after attainment of age
11 55; and each teacher in service on or after July 1, 1971, with
12 5 or more but less than 20 years of service shall be entitled
13 to receive a service retirement pension upon or after
14 attainment of age 62.

15 (b) The service retirement pension for a teacher who
16 retires on or after June 25, 1971, at age 60 or over, shall be
17 calculated as follows:

18 (1) For creditable service earned before July 1, 1998
19 that has not been augmented under Section 17-119.1: 1.67%
20 for each of the first 10 years of service; 1.90% for each
21 of the next 10 years of service; 2.10% for each year of
22 service in excess of 20 but not exceeding 30; and 2.30% for
23 each year of service in excess of 30, based upon average
24 salary as herein defined.

25 (2) For creditable service earned on or after July 1,
26 1998 by a member who has at least 30 years of creditable
27 service on July 1, 1998 and who does not elect to augment
28 service under Section 17-119.1: 2.3% of average salary for
29 each year of creditable service earned on or after July 1,
30 1998.

31 (3) For all other creditable service: 2.2% of average
32 salary for each year of creditable service.

1 (c) When computing such service retirement pensions, the
2 following conditions shall apply:

3 1. Average salary shall consist of the average annual
4 rate of salary for the 4 consecutive years of validated
5 service within the last 10 years of service when such
6 average annual rate was highest. In the determination of
7 average salary for retirement allowance purposes, for
8 members who commenced employment after August 31, 1979,
9 that part of the salary for any year shall be excluded
10 which exceeds the annual full-time salary rate for the
11 preceding year by more than 20%. In the case of a member
12 who commenced employment before August 31, 1979 and who
13 receives salary during any year after September 1, 1983
14 which exceeds the annual full time salary rate for the
15 preceding year by more than 20%, an Employer and other
16 employers of eligible contributors as defined in Section
17 17-106 shall pay to the Fund an amount equal to the present
18 value of the additional service retirement pension
19 resulting from such excess salary. The present value of the
20 additional service retirement pension shall be computed by
21 the Board on the basis of actuarial tables adopted by the
22 Board. If a member elects to receive a pension from this
23 Fund provided by Section 20-121, his salary under the State
24 Universities Retirement System and the Teachers'
25 Retirement System of the State of Illinois shall be
26 considered in determining such average salary. Amounts
27 paid after the effective date of this amendatory Act of
28 1991 for unused vacation time earned after that effective
29 date shall not under any circumstances be included in the
30 calculation of average salary or the annual rate of salary
31 for the purposes of this Article.

32 2. Proportionate credit shall be given for validated
33 service of less than one year.

34 3. For retirement at age 60 or over the pension shall
35 be payable at the full rate.

36 4. For separation from service below age 60 to a

1 minimum age of 55, the pension shall be discounted at the
2 rate of 1/2 of one per cent for each month that the age of
3 the contributor is less than 60, but a teacher may elect to
4 defer the effective date of pension in order to eliminate
5 or reduce this discount. This discount shall not be
6 applicable to any participant who has at least 34 years of
7 service or a retirement pension of at least 74.6% of
8 average salary on the date the retirement annuity begins.

9 5. No additional pension shall be granted for service
10 exceeding 45 years. Beginning June 26, 1971 and through
11 June 30, 2005 no pension shall exceed the greater of \$1,500
12 per month or 75% of average salary as herein defined.
13 Beginning July 1, 2005, no pension shall exceed 80% of
14 average salary as herein defined.

15 6. Service retirement pensions shall begin on the
16 effective date of resignation, retirement, the day
17 following the close of the payroll period for which service
18 credit was validated, or the time the person resigning or
19 retiring attains age 55, or on a date elected by the
20 teacher, whichever shall be latest.

21 7. A member who is eligible to receive a retirement
22 pension of at least 74.6% of average salary and will attain
23 age 55 on or before December 31 during the year which
24 commences on July 1 shall be deemed to attain age 55 on the
25 preceding June 1.

26 8. A member retiring after the effective date of this
27 amendatory Act of 1998 shall receive a pension equal to 75%
28 of average salary if the member is qualified to receive a
29 retirement pension equal to at least 74.6% of average
30 salary under this Article or as proportional annuities
31 under Article 20 of this Code.

32 (Source: P.A. 90-566, eff. 1-2-98; 90-582, eff. 5-27-98.)

33 Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding
34 Section 8.29 as follows:

1 (30 ILCS 805/8.29 new)

2 Sec. 8.29. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6 and 8
3 of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required for the
4 implementation of any mandate created by this amendatory Act of
5 the 94th General Assembly.

6 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
7 becoming law.