

SB2953



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

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Introduced 1/27/2026, by Sen. Michael W. Halpin

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

40 ILCS 5/16-118

from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 16-118

Amends the Downstate Teacher Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that, through June 30, 2029 (instead of June 30, 2026), an annuitant may accept employment as a teacher without impairing his or her retirement status if that employment is not within the school year during which service was terminated and does not exceed 120 paid days or 600 paid hours in each school year, but not more than 100 paid days in the same classroom. Makes a conforming change. Effective immediately.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning 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
5 changing Section 16-118 as follows:

6 (40 ILCS 5/16-118) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 16-118)

7 Sec. 16-118. Retirement. "Retirement": Entry upon a
8 retirement annuity or receipt of a single-sum retirement
9 benefit granted under this Article after termination of active
10 service as a teacher.

11 (a) An annuitant receiving a retirement annuity other than
12 a disability retirement annuity may accept employment as a
13 teacher from a school board or other employer specified in
14 Section 16-106 without impairing retirement status, if that
15 employment:

16 (1) is not within the school year during which service
17 was terminated; and

18 (2) does not exceed the following:

19 (i) before July 1, 2001, 100 paid days or 500 paid
20 hours in any school year;

21 (ii) during the period beginning July 1, 2001
22 through June 30, 2011, 120 paid days or 600 paid hours
23 in each school year;

1 (iii) during the period beginning July 1, 2011
2 through June 30, 2018, 100 paid days or 500 paid hours
3 in each school year;

4 (iv) beginning July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2029
5 ~~2026~~, 120 paid days or 600 paid hours in each school
6 year, but not more than 100 paid days in the same
7 classroom;

8 (v) (blank); and

9 (vi) beginning July 1, 2029 ~~2026~~, 100 paid days or
10 500 paid hours in each school year.

11 Where such permitted employment is partly on a daily and
12 partly on an hourly basis, a day shall be considered as 5
13 hours.

14 (b) Subsection (a) does not apply to an annuitant who
15 returns to teaching under the program established in Section
16 16-150.1, for the duration of his or her participation in that
17 program.

18 (Source: P.A. 102-537, eff. 8-20-21; 102-709, eff. 4-22-22;
19 103-88, eff. 6-9-23; 103-525, eff. 8-11-23.)

20 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
21 becoming law.