

94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2005 and 2006 HB1442

Introduced 2/10/2005, by Rep. Raymond Poe

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

40 ILCS 5/16-133.2 30 ILCS 805/8.29 new from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 16-133.2

Amends the Downstate Teachers Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Extends the deadline for application for early retirement without discount from June 30, 2005 to June 30, 2010; also reduces the required contribution for some members. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.

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

Section 5. The Illinois Pension Code is amended by changing Section 16-133.2 as follows:

6 (40 ILCS 5/16-133.2) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 16-133.2)

Sec. 16-133.2. Early retirement without discount. A member retiring after June 1, 1980 and on or before June 30, 2010 2005, and applying for a retirement annuity within 6 months of the last day of teaching for which retirement contributions were required, may elect at the time of application for a retirement annuity, to make a one time member contribution to the System and thereby avoid the reduction in the retirement annuity for retirement before age 60 specified in paragraph (B) of Section 16-133. The exercise of the election shall also obligate the last employer to make a one time non-refundable contribution to the System. Substitute teachers wishing to exercise this election must teach 85 or more days in one school term with one employer, who shall be deemed the last employer for purposes of this Section. The last day of teaching with that employer must be within 6 months of the date of application for retirement. All substitute teaching credit applied toward the required 85 days must be earned after June 30, 1990.

The one time member and employer contributions shall be a percentage of the retiring member's highest annual salary rate used in the determination of the average salary for retirement annuity purposes. However, when determining the one-time member and employer contributions, that part of a member's salary with the same employer which exceeds the annual salary rate for the preceding year by more than 20% shall be excluded. The member contribution shall be at the rate of 7% for the

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1 lesser of the following 2 periods: (1) for each year that the 2 member is less than age 60; or (2) for each year that the member's creditable service is less than 34 35 years. If a 3 member is at least age 55 and has at least 34 years of 4 5 creditable service, no member or employer contribution for the 6 early retirement option shall be required. The employer contribution shall be at the rate of 20% for each year the 7 member is under age 60. 8

Upon receipt of the application and election, the System shall determine the one time employee and employer contributions required. The member contribution shall be credited to the individual account of the member and the employer contribution shall be credited to the Benefit Trust Reserve. The provisions of this Section shall not be applicable until the member's contribution, if any, has been received by the System; however, the date such contributions are received shall not be considered in determining the effective date of retirement.

The number of members working for a single employer who may retire under this Section in any year may be limited at the option of the employer to a specified percentage of those eligible, not less than 30%, with the right to participate to be allocated among those applying on the basis of seniority in the service of the employer.

25 (Source: P.A. 93-469, eff. 8-8-03.)

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

28 (30 ILCS 805/8.29 new)

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

33 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon