

## 95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2007 and 2008 HB1515

Introduced 2/22/2007, by Rep. Angelo Saviano

## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

40	ILCS 5/14-104	from	Ch.	108	1/2,	par.	14-104
40	ILCS 5/15-113.3	from	Ch.	108	1/2,	par.	15-113.3
40	ILCS 5/16-128	from	Ch.	108	1/2,	par.	16-128
40	ILCS 5/17-134	from	Ch.	108	1/2,	par.	17-134
30	ILCS 805/8.31 new						

Amends the Illinois Pension Code. In the Downstate Teacher and Chicago Teacher Articles, provides that a participant may establish, without paying contributions, up to 5 years of credit for military service immediately following employment, and removes certain restrictions relating to wartime. In those Articles and the State Employee and State Universities Articles, changes the method of calculating interest when establishing credit for military service not immediately following employment. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement. Effective immediately.

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PENSION IMPACT NOTE ACT MAY APPLY STATE MANDATES ACT MAY REQUIRE REIMBURSEMENT

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

Sections 14-104, 15-113.3, 16-128, and 17-134 as follows:

6 (40 ILCS 5/14-104) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 14-104)

Sec. 14-104. Service for which contributions permitted. Contributions provided for in this Section shall cover the period of service granted. Except as otherwise provided in this Section, the contributions shall be based upon the employee's compensation and contribution rate in effect on the date he last became a member of the System; provided that for all employment prior to January 1, 1969 the contribution rate shall be that in effect for a noncovered employee on the date he last became a member of the System. Except as otherwise provided in this Section, contributions permitted under this Section shall include regular interest from the date an employee last became a member of the System to the date of payment.

These contributions must be paid in full before retirement either in a lump sum or in installment payments in accordance with such rules as may be adopted by the board.

(a) Any member may make contributions as required in this Section for any period of service, subsequent to the date of

- 1 establishment, but prior to the date of membership.
  - (b) Any employee who had been previously excluded from membership because of age at entry and subsequently became eligible may elect to make contributions as required in this Section for the period of service during which he was ineligible.
    - (c) An employee of the Department of Insurance who, after January 1, 1944 but prior to becoming eligible for membership, received salary from funds of insurance companies in the process of rehabilitation, liquidation, conservation or dissolution, may elect to make contributions as required in this Section for such service.
    - (d) Any employee who rendered service in a State office to which he was elected, or rendered service in the elective office of Clerk of the Appellate Court prior to the date he became a member, may make contributions for such service as required in this Section. Any member who served by appointment of the Governor under the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois and did not participate in this System may make contributions as required in this Section for such service.
    - (e) Any person employed by the United States government or any instrumentality or agency thereof from January 1, 1942 through November 15, 1946 as the result of a transfer from State service by executive order of the President of the United States shall be entitled to prior service credit covering the period from January 1, 1942 through December 31, 1943 as

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- provided for in this Article and to membership service credit for the period from January 1, 1944 through November 15, 1946 by making the contributions required in this Section. A person so employed on January 1, 1944 but whose employment began after January 1, 1942 may qualify for prior service and membership service credit under the same conditions.
  - (f) An employee of the Department of Labor of the State of Illinois who performed services for and under the supervision of that Department prior to January 1, 1944 but who was compensated for those services directly by federal funds and not by a warrant of the Auditor of Public Accounts paid by the State Treasurer may establish credit for such employment by making the contributions required in this Section. An employee of the Department of Agriculture of the State of Illinois, who performed services for and under the supervision of that Department prior to June 1, 1963, but was compensated for those services directly by federal funds and not paid by a warrant of the Auditor of Public Accounts paid by the State Treasurer, and who did not contribute to any other public employee retirement system for such service, may establish credit for employment by making the contributions required in this Section.
  - (g) Any employee who executed a waiver of membership within 60 days prior to January 1, 1944 may, at any time while in the service of a department, file with the board a rescission of such waiver. Upon making the contributions required by this

- Section, the member shall be granted the creditable service that would have been received if the waiver had not been executed.
  - (h) Until May 1, 1990, an employee who was employed on a full-time basis by a regional planning commission for at least 5 continuous years may establish creditable service for such employment by making the contributions required under this Section, provided that any credits earned by the employee in the commission's retirement plan have been terminated.
  - (i) Any person who rendered full time contractual services to the General Assembly as a member of a legislative staff may establish service credit for up to 8 years of such services by making the contributions required under this Section, provided that application therefor is made not later than July 1, 1991.
  - (j) By paying the contributions otherwise required under this Section, plus an amount determined by the Board to be equal to the employer's normal cost of the benefit plus interest, but with all of the interest calculated at the rate of 5% per year, compounded annually, from the date the employee last became a member of the System or November 19, 1991, whichever is later, to the date of payment, an employee may establish service credit for a period of up to 2 years spent in active military service for which he does not qualify for credit under Section 14-105, provided that (1) he was not dishonorably discharged from such military service, and (2) the amount of service credit established by a member under this

subsection (j), when added to the amount of military service credit granted to the member under subsection (b) of Section 14-105, shall not exceed 5 years. The changes change in the manner of calculating interest under this subsection (j) made by Public Act 92-54 and this amendatory Act of the 95th 92nd General Assembly apply applies to credit purchased by an employee on or after their respective its effective dates and do date and does not entitle any person to a refund of contributions or interest already paid.

- (k) An employee who was employed on a full-time basis by the Illinois State's Attorneys Association Statewide Appellate Assistance Service LEAA-ILEC grant project prior to the time that project became the State's Attorneys Appellate Service Commission, now the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor, an agency of State government, may establish creditable service for not more than 60 months service for such employment by making contributions required under this Section.
- (1) By paying the contributions otherwise required under this Section, plus an amount determined by the Board to be equal to the employer's normal cost of the benefit plus interest, a member may establish service credit for periods of less than one year spent on authorized leave of absence from service, provided that (1) the period of leave began on or after January 1, 1982 and (2) any credit established by the member for the period of leave in any other public employee

retirement system has been terminated. A member may establish service credit under this subsection for more than one period of authorized leave, and in that case the total period of service credit established by the member under this subsection may exceed one year. In determining the contributions required for establishing service credit under this subsection, the interest shall be calculated from the beginning of the leave of absence to the date of payment.

- (m) Any person who rendered contractual services to a member of the General Assembly as a worker in the member's district office may establish creditable service for up to 3 years of those contractual services by making the contributions required under this Section. The System shall determine a full-time salary equivalent for the purpose of calculating the required contribution. To establish credit under this subsection, the applicant must apply to the System by March 1, 1998.
- (n) Any person who rendered contractual services to a member of the General Assembly as a worker providing constituent services to persons in the member's district may establish creditable service for up to 8 years of those contractual services by making the contributions required under this Section. The System shall determine a full-time salary equivalent for the purpose of calculating the required contribution. To establish credit under this subsection, the applicant must apply to the System by March 1, 1998.

- (o) A member who participated in the Illinois Legislative Staff Internship Program may establish creditable service for up to one year of that participation by making the contribution required under this Section. The System shall determine a full-time salary equivalent for the purpose of calculating the required contribution. Credit may not be established under this subsection for any period for which service credit is established under any other provision of this Code.
- (p) By paying the contributions otherwise required under this Section, plus an amount determined by the Board to be equal to the employer's normal cost of the benefit plus interest, a member may establish service credit for a period of up to 8 years during which he or she was employed by the Visually Handicapped Managers of Illinois in a vending program operated under a contractual agreement with the Department of Rehabilitation Services or its successor agency.

This subsection (p) applies without regard to whether the person was in service on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly. In the case of a person who is receiving a retirement annuity on that effective date, the increase, if any, shall begin to accrue on the first annuity payment date following receipt by the System of the contributions required under this subsection (p).

24 (Source: P.A. 94-612, eff. 8-18-05.)

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(40 ILCS 5/15-113.3) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 15-113.3)
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Sec. 15-113.3. Service for periods of military service. "Service for periods of military service": Those periods, not exceeding 5 years, during which a person served in the armed forces of the United States, of which all but 2 years must have immediately followed a period of employment with an employer under this System or the State Employees' Retirement System of Illinois; provided that the person received a discharge other than dishonorable and again became an employee under this System within one year after discharge. However, for the up to 2 years of military service not immediately following employment, the applicant must make contributions to the System equal to (1) 8% of the employee's basic compensation on the last date as a participating employee prior to such military service, or on the first date as a participating employee after such military service, whichever is greater, plus (2) an amount determined by the board to be equal to the employer's normal cost of the benefits accrued for such military service, plus (3) interest on items (1) and (2) at the effective rate from the date the person last became an employee or November 19, 1991, whichever is later, <del>later of the date of first membership</del> in the System or the date of conclusion of military service to the date of payment. The change in the manner of calculating interest under this Section made by this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly applies to credit purchased by an employee on or after

its effective date and does not entitle any person to a refund

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## of contributions or interest already paid.

The change in the required contribution for purchased military credit made by <u>Public Act 87-1265</u> this amendatory Act of 1993 does not entitle any person to a refund of contributions already paid. The contributions paid under this Section are not normal contributions as defined in Section 15-114 or additional contributions as defined in Section 15-115.

The changes to this Section made by Public Act 87-794 this amendatory Act of 1991 shall apply not only to persons who on or after its effective date are in service under the System, but also to persons whose employment terminated prior to that date, whether or not the person is an annuitant on that date. In the case of an annuitant who applies for credit allowable under this Section for a period of military service that did not immediately follow employment, and who has made the required contributions for such credit, the annuity shall be recalculated to include the additional service credit, with the increase taking effect on the date the System received written notification of the annuitant's intent to purchase the credit, if payment of all the required contributions is made within 60 days of such notice, or else on the first annuity payment date following the date of payment of the required contributions. In calculating the automatic annual increase for an annuity that has been recalculated under this Section, the attributable to the additional service allowable under <a href="Public">Public</a>

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- 1 Act 87-794 this amendatory Act of 1991 shall be included in the
- 2 calculation of automatic annual increases accruing after the
- 3 effective date of the recalculation.
- 4 (Source: P.A. 93-347, eff. 7-24-03.)
- 5 (40 ILCS 5/16-128) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 16-128)
- 6 Sec. 16-128. Creditable service required contributions.
- 7 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, in In 8 order to receive the creditable service specified under 9 subsection (b) of Section 16-127, a member is required to make the following contributions:
  - (i) an amount equal to the contributions which would have been required had such service been rendered as a member under this System;
  - (ii) for military service not immediately following employment as a teacher and for service established under subdivision (b)(10) of Section 16-127, an amount determined by the Board to be equal to the employer's normal cost of the benefits accrued for such service; and
  - (iii) interest from the date the contributions would have been due (or, in the case of a person establishing eredit for military service under subdivision (b)(3) of Section 16-127, the date of first membership in the System, if that date is later) to the date of payment, at the following rate of interest, compounded annually: for periods prior to July 1, 1965, regular interest; from July

1, 1965 to June 30, 1977, 4% per year; on and after July 1, 1977, regular interest.

(a-5) Beginning on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly, a member must pay the contributions specified in subsection (a) in order to establish credit under subdivision (b)(3) of Section 16-127 for any military service not immediately following employment as a teacher; however, contributions are required for a member to establish credit for other military service permitted under subdivision (b)(3) of Section 16-127 only if the period of military service ends before the effective date of this amendatory Act.

Beginning on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly, rather than the interest described in subdivision (a) (iii), a person establishing credit for military service not immediately following employment as a teacher under subdivision (b) (3) of Section 16-127 shall pay interest at the rate of 5% per year, compounded annually, from the date the person last became a participant in this System or November 19, 1991, whichever is later, to the date of payment.

The changes made by this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly in the contributions and interest required for military service credit do not entitle any person to a refund of contributions or interest already paid.

(b) In order to receive creditable service under paragraph(2) of subsection (b) of Section 16-127 for those who were not

- members on June 30, 1963, the minimum required contribution shall be \$420 per year of service together with interest at 4% per year compounded annually from July 1, preceding the date of membership until June 30, 1977 and at regular interest compounded annually thereafter to the date of payment.
  - (c) In determining the contribution required in order to receive creditable service under paragraph (3) of subsection (b) of Section 16-127, the salary rate for the remainder of the school term in which a member enters military service shall be assumed to be equal to the member's salary rate at the time of entering military service. However, for military service not immediately following employment, the salary rate on the last date as a participating teacher prior to such military service, or on the first date as a participating teacher after such military service, whichever is greater, shall be assumed to be equal to the member's salary rate at the time of entering military service. For each school term thereafter, the member's salary rate shall be assumed to be 5% higher than the salary rate in the previous school term.
  - (d) In determining the contribution required in order to receive creditable service under paragraph (5) of subsection (b) of Section 16-127, a member's salary rate during the period for which credit is being established shall be assumed to be equal to the member's last salary rate immediately preceding that period.
    - (d-5) For each year of service credit to be established

under subsection (b-1) of Section 16-127, a member is required to contribute to the System (i) 16.5% of the annual salary rate during the first year of full-time employment as a teacher under this Article following the private school service, plus (ii) interest thereon from the date of first full-time employment as a teacher under this Article following the private school service to the date of payment, compounded annually, at the rate of 8.5% per year for periods before the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 92nd General Assembly, and for subsequent periods at a rate equal to the System's actuarially assumed rate of return on investments.

(d-10) For service credit established under paragraph (6) of subsection (b) of Section 16-127 for days granted by an employer in excess of the member's normal annual sick leave allotment, the employer is required to pay the normal cost of benefits based upon such service credit. This subsection (d-10) does not apply to sick leave granted to teachers under contracts or collective bargaining agreements entered into, amended, or renewed before June 1, 2005 (the effective date of Public Act 94-4). The employer contributions required under this subsection (d-10) shall be paid in the form of a lump sum within 30 days after receipt of the bill after the teacher begins receiving benefits under this Article.

(e) Except for contributions under subsection (d-10), the contributions required under this Section may be made from the date the statement for such creditable service is issued until

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- 1 retirement date. All such required contributions must be made
- 2 before any retirement annuity is granted.
- 3 (Source: P.A. 94-4, eff. 6-1-05; 94-1057, eff. 7-31-06.)
- 4 (40 ILCS 5/17-134) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 17-134)
  - Sec. 17-134. Contributions for leaves of absence; military service; computing service. In computing service for pension purposes the following periods of service shall stand in lieu of a like number of years of teaching service upon payment therefor in the manner hereinafter provided: (a) time spent on a leave of absence granted by the employer; (b) service with teacher or labor organizations based upon special leaves of absence therefor granted by an Employer; (c) a maximum of 5 years spent in the military service of the United States, of which up to 2 years may have been served outside the pension period; (d) unused sick days at termination of service to a maximum of 244 days; (e) time lost due to layoff and curtailment of the school term from June 6 through June 21, 1976; and (f) time spent after June 30, 1982 as a member of the Board of Education, if required to resign from administrative or teaching position in order to qualify as a member of the Board of Education.
    - (1) For time spent on or after September 6, 1948 on sabbatical leaves of absence or sick leaves, for which salaries are paid, an Employer shall make payroll deductions at the applicable rates in effect during such

periods.

- (2) For time spent on a leave of absence granted by the employer for which no salaries are paid, teachers desiring credit therefor shall pay the required contributions at the rates in effect during such periods as though they were in teaching service. If an Employer pays salary for vacations which occur during a teacher's sick leave or maternity or paternity leave without salary, vacation pay for which the teacher would have qualified while in active service shall be considered part of the teacher's total salary for pension purposes. No more than 36 months of leave credit may be allowed any person during the entire term of service. Sabbatical leave credit shall be limited to the time the person on leave without salary under an Employer's rules is allowed to engage in an activity for which he receives salary or compensation.
- (3) For time spent prior to September 6, 1948, on sabbatical leaves of absence or sick leaves for which salaries were paid, teachers desiring service credit therefor shall pay the required contributions at the maximum applicable rates in effect during such periods.
- (4) For service with teacher or labor organizations authorized by special leaves of absence, for which no payroll deductions are made by an Employer, teachers desiring service credit therefor shall contribute to the Fund upon the basis of the actual salary received from such

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organizations at the percentage rates in effect during such periods for certified positions with such Employer. To the extent the actual salary exceeds the regular salary, which shall be defined as the salary rate, as calculated by the Board, in effect for the teacher's regular position in teaching service on September 1, 1983 or on the effective date of the leave with the organization, whichever is later, the organization shall pay to the Fund the employer's normal cost as set by the Board on the increment.

(5) Except as otherwise provides in this paragraph (5), for For time spent in the military service, teachers entitled to and desiring credit therefor shall contribute the amount required for each year of service or fraction thereof at the rates in force (a) at the date of appointment, or (b) on return to teaching service as a regularly certified teacher, as the case may be; provided such rates shall not be less than \$450 per year of service. These conditions shall apply unless an Employer elects to and does pay into the Fund the amount which would have been due from such person had he been employed as a teacher during such time. In the case of credit for military service not during the pension period, the teacher must also pay to the Fund an amount determined by the Board to be equal to the employer's normal cost of the benefits accrued from such service, plus interest thereon at the

rate of 5% per year, compounded annually, from the date the teacher last became a participant in this Fund or November 19, 1991, whichever is later, of appointment to the date of payment.

Beginning on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly, the contributions specified in this paragraph (5) are required for a member to establish credit for military service served during the pension period only if the period of military service ends before the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly; however, a member must pay the contributions specified in this paragraph (5) in order to establish credit for any military service served outside the pension period. The changes in the required contributions and interest for military service credit made by this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly do not entitle any person to a refund of contributions or interest already paid.

The changes to this Section made by Public Act 87-795 shall apply not only to persons who on or after its effective date are in service under the Fund, but also to persons whose status as a teacher terminated prior to that date, whether or not the person is an annuitant on that date. In the case of an annuitant who applies for credit allowable under this Section for a period of military service that did not immediately follow employment, and who

has made the required contributions for such credit, the annuity shall be recalculated to include the additional service credit, with the increase taking effect on the date the Fund received written notification of the annuitant's intent to purchase the credit, if payment of all the required contributions is made within 60 days of such notice, or else on the first annuity payment date following the date of payment of the required contributions. In calculating the automatic annual increase for an annuity that has been recalculated under this Section, the increase attributable to the additional service allowable under this amendatory Act of 1991 shall be included in the calculation of automatic annual increases accruing after the effective date of the recalculation.

The total credit for military service shall not exceed 5 years, except that any teacher who on July 1, 1963, had validated credit for more than 5 years of military service shall be entitled to the total amount of such credit.

- (6) A maximum of 244 unused sick days credited to his account by an Employer on the date of termination of employment. Members, upon verification of unused sick days, may add this service time to total creditable service.
- (7) In all cases where time spent on leave is creditable and no payroll deductions therefor are made by an Employer, persons desiring service credit shall make the

required contributions directly to the Fund.

- (8) For time lost without pay due to layoff and curtailment of the school term from June 6 through June 21, 1976, as provided in item (e) of the first paragraph of this Section, persons who were contributors on the days immediately preceding such layoff shall receive credit upon paying to the Fund a contribution based on the rates of compensation and employee contributions in effect at the time of such layoff, together with an additional amount equal to 12.2% of the compensation computed for such period of layoff, plus interest on the entire amount at 5% per annum from January 1, 1978 to the date of payment. If such contribution is paid, salary for pension purposes for any year in which such a layoff occurred shall include the compensation recognized for purposes of computing that contribution.
- (9) For time spent after June 30, 1982, as a nonsalaried member of the Board of Education, if required to resign from an administrative or teaching position in order to qualify as a member of the Board of Education, an administrator or teacher desiring credit therefor shall pay the required contributions at the rates and salaries in effect during such periods as though the member were in service.

Effective September 1, 1974, the interest charged for validation of service described in paragraphs (2) through (5)

- of this Section shall be compounded annually at a rate of 5%
- 2 commencing one year after the termination of the leave or
- 3 return to service.
- 4 (Source: P.A. 92-599, eff. 6-28-02.)
- 5 Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding
- 6 Section 8.31 as follows:
- 7 (30 ILCS 805/8.31 new)
- 8 Sec. 8.31. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6 and 8
- 9 of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required for the
- implementation of any mandate created by this amendatory Act of
- 11 the 95th General Assembly.
- 12 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 13 becoming law.