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BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

2 **ESSB 5937** - H COMM AMD
3 By Committee on Appropriations

4 ADOPTED AS AMENDED 4/11/01

5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. (1) The department of retirement systems,
8 the office of the superintendent of public instruction, the department
9 of personnel, and the health care authority shall jointly develop
10 publications for use during the 2001-03 biennium to explain options
11 for, and implications of, postretirement employment for members and
12 retirees of the teachers' retirement system plan 1 and the public
13 employees' retirement system plan 1.

14 (2) The publications shall address such issues as: (a) Health
15 insurance coverage upon reemployment; (b) health benefit options upon
16 termination of postretirement employment; (c) sick leave, annual leave,
17 and other compensation practices; (d) options for, and implications of,
18 reentry into active retirement system membership; (e) hiring procedures
19 for retirees; and (f) collective bargaining rights and
20 responsibilities.

21 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.405.900 and 1990 c 33 s 404 are each amended to
22 read as follows:

23 Certificated employees subject to the provisions of RCW
24 28A.310.250, 28A.405.010 through 28A.405.240, 28A.405.400 through
25 28A.405.410, 28A.415.250, and 28A.405.900 shall not include those
26 certificated employees hired to replace certificated employees who have
27 been granted sabbatical, regular, or other leave by school districts,
28 and shall not include retirees hired for postretirement employment
29 under the provisions of this act.

30 It is not the intention of the legislature that this section apply
31 to any regularly hired certificated employee or that the legal or
32 constitutional rights of such employee be limited, abridged, or
33 abrogated.

1 **Sec. 3.** RCW 41.32.570 and 1999 c 387 s 1 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 (1)(a) If a retiree enters employment with an employer sooner than
4 one calendar month after his or her accrual date, the retiree's monthly
5 retirement allowance will be reduced by five and one-half percent for
6 every seven hours worked during that month. This reduction will be
7 applied each month until the retiree remains absent from employment
8 with an employer for one full calendar month.

9 (b) The benefit reduction provided in (a) of this subsection will
10 accrue for a maximum of one hundred forty hours per month. Any monthly
11 benefit reduction over one hundred percent will be applied to the
12 benefit the retiree is eligible to receive in subsequent months.

13 ~~(2)((Any retired teacher or retired administrator who enters~~
14 ~~service in any public educational institution in Washington state and~~
15 ~~who has satisfied the break in employment requirement of subsection (1)~~
16 ~~of this section shall cease to receive pension payments while engaged~~
17 ~~in such service: PROVIDED, That service may be rendered up to five~~
18 ~~hundred twenty five hours per school year without reduction of pension.~~

19 ~~(3) In addition to the five hundred twenty five hours of service~~
20 ~~permitted under subsection (2) of this section, a retired teacher or~~
21 ~~retired administrator may also serve only as a substitute teacher for~~
22 ~~up to an additional three hundred fifteen hours per school year without~~
23 ~~reduction of pension if:~~

24 ~~(a) A school district, which is not a member of a multidistrict~~
25 ~~substitute cooperative, determines that it has exhausted or can~~
26 ~~reasonably anticipate that it will exhaust its list of qualified and~~
27 ~~available substitutes and the school board of the district adopts a~~
28 ~~resolution to make its substitute teachers who are retired teachers or~~
29 ~~retired administrators eligible for the extended service once the list~~
30 ~~of qualified and available substitutes has been exhausted. The~~
31 ~~resolution by the school district shall state that the services of~~
32 ~~retired teachers and retired administrators are necessary to address~~
33 ~~the shortage of qualified and available substitutes. The resolution~~
34 ~~shall be valid only for the school year in which it is adopted. The~~
35 ~~district shall forward a copy of the resolution with a list of retired~~
36 ~~teachers and retired administrators who have been employed as~~
37 ~~substitute teachers to the department and may notify the retired~~
38 ~~teachers and retired administrators included on the list of their right~~
39 ~~to take advantage of the provisions of this subsection; or~~

1 ~~(b) A multidistrict substitute cooperative determines that the~~
2 ~~school districts have exhausted or can reasonably anticipate that they~~
3 ~~will exhaust their list of qualified and available substitutes and each~~
4 ~~of the school boards adopts a resolution to make their substitute~~
5 ~~teachers who are retired teachers or retired administrators eligible~~
6 ~~for the extended service once the list of qualified and available~~
7 ~~substitutes has been exhausted. The resolutions by each of the school~~
8 ~~districts shall state that the services of retired teachers and retired~~
9 ~~administrators are necessary to address the shortage of qualified and~~
10 ~~available substitutes. The resolutions shall be valid only for the~~
11 ~~school year in which they are adopted. The cooperative shall forward~~
12 ~~a copy of the resolutions with a list of retired teachers and retired~~
13 ~~administrators who have been employed as substitute teachers to the~~
14 ~~department and may notify the retired teachers and retired~~
15 ~~administrators included on the list of their right to take advantage of~~
16 ~~the provisions of this subsection.~~

17 ~~(4) In addition to the five hundred twenty five hours of service~~
18 ~~permitted under subsection (2) of this section, a retired administrator~~
19 ~~or retired teacher may also serve as a substitute administrator up to~~
20 ~~an additional one hundred five hours per school year without reduction~~
21 ~~of pension if a school district board of directors adopts a resolution~~
22 ~~declaring that the services of a retired administrator or retired~~
23 ~~teacher are necessary because it cannot find a replacement~~
24 ~~administrator to fill a vacancy. The resolution shall be valid only~~
25 ~~for the school year in which it is adopted. The district shall forward~~
26 ~~a copy of the resolution with the name of the retired administrator or~~
27 ~~retired teacher who has been employed as a substitute administrator to~~
28 ~~the department.~~

29 ~~(5) In addition to the five hundred twenty five hours of service~~
30 ~~permitted under subsection (2) of this section and the one hundred five~~
31 ~~hours permitted under subsection (4) of this section, a retired~~
32 ~~principal may also serve as a substitute principal up to an additional~~
33 ~~two hundred ten hours per school year without a reduction of pension if~~
34 ~~a school district board of directors adopts a resolution declaring that~~
35 ~~the services of a retired principal are necessary because it cannot~~
36 ~~find a replacement principal to fill a vacancy. The resolution shall~~
37 ~~be valid only for the school year in which it is adopted. The district~~
38 ~~shall forward a copy of the resolution with the name of the retired~~

1 principal who has been employed as a substitute principal to the
2 department.

3 (6) Subsection (2) of this section shall apply to all persons
4 governed by the provisions of plan 1, regardless of the date of their
5 retirement, but shall apply only to benefits payable after June 11,
6 1986.

7 (7) Subsection (3) of this section shall apply to all persons
8 governed by the provisions of plan 1, regardless of the date of their
9 retirement, but shall only apply to benefits payable after September 1,
10 1994.) When any retired member first enters service in any public
11 educational institution in Washington state and has satisfied the break
12 in employment requirement of subsection (1) of this section, the member
13 must irrevocably choose for the duration of the fiscal year to:

14 (a) Render service for up to eight hundred sixty-seven hours
15 without a reduction in benefit. After eight hundred sixty-seven hours,
16 the following month's benefit shall be reduced five percent for every
17 seven hours worked; or

18 (b) Render service under contract for up to one thousand five
19 hundred hours and receive ninety percent of the member's benefit, after
20 which time the member's benefit shall be suspended. To receive a
21 benefit under this subsection (2)(b):

22 (i) The member's employer must have agreed to make the applicable
23 employer contribution for the duration of the member's employment; and

24 (ii) The member must have either been retired for one hundred
25 twenty days before beginning employment, or given the employer notice
26 of intent to retire by July 1, 2001, for the 2001-02 school year and by
27 the May 15th preceding every school year thereafter.

28 (3) The department shall collect and provide the state actuary with
29 information relevant to the use of this section for the joint committee
30 on pension policy.

31 (4) The legislature reserves the right to amend or repeal this
32 section in the future and no member or beneficiary has a contractual
33 right to be employed for more than five hundred twenty-five hours per
34 year without a reduction of his or her pension.

35 **Sec. 4.** RCW 41.40.037 and 1997 c 254 s 14 are each amended to read
36 as follows:

37 (1)(a) If a retiree enters employment with an employer sooner than
38 one calendar month after his or her accrual date, the retiree's monthly

1 retirement allowance will be reduced by five and one-half percent for
2 every eight hours worked during that month. This reduction will be
3 applied each month until the retiree remains absent from employment
4 with an employer for one full calendar month.

5 (b) The benefit reduction provided in (a) of this subsection will
6 accrue for a maximum of one hundred sixty hours per month. Any benefit
7 reduction over one hundred percent will be applied to the benefit the
8 retiree is eligible to receive in subsequent months.

9 (2) (~~(A retiree)~~) (a) When any retired member of plan 1 first
10 enters service in an eligible position with an employer and has
11 satisfied the break in employment requirement of subsection (1) of this
12 section, the member must irrevocably choose for the duration of the
13 calendar year to:

14 (i) Render service for up to eight hundred sixty-seven hours
15 without a reduction in benefit. After eight hundred sixty-seven hours,
16 the following month's benefit shall be reduced five percent for every
17 eight hours worked; or

18 (ii) Render service for up to one thousand five hundred hours and
19 receive ninety percent of the member's benefit, after which time the
20 member's benefit shall be suspended. To receive a benefit under this
21 subsection (2)(a)(ii):

22 (A) The member's employer must have agreed to make the applicable
23 employer contribution for the duration of the member's employment; and

24 (B) The member must have either been retired for one hundred twenty
25 days before beginning employment, or given the employer notice of
26 intent to retire sixty days prior to retirement.

27 (b) A retiree from plan 2 or plan 3 who has satisfied the break in
28 employment requirement of subsection (1) of this section(~~(7)~~) may work
29 up to (~~five months per~~) eight hundred sixty-seven hours in a calendar
30 year in an eligible position, as defined in RCW 41.32.010, 41.35.010,
31 or 41.40.010, or as a fire fighter or law enforcement officer, as
32 defined in RCW 41.26.030, without suspension of his or her benefit.

33 (3) If the retiree opts to reestablish membership under RCW
34 41.40.023(12), he or she terminates his or her retirement status and
35 becomes a member. Retirement benefits shall not accrue during the
36 period of membership and the individual shall make contributions and
37 receive membership credit. Such a member shall have the right to again
38 retire if eligible in accordance with RCW 41.40.180. However, if the
39 right to retire is exercised to become effective before the member has

1 rendered two uninterrupted years of service, the retirement formula and
2 survivor options the member had at the time of the member's previous
3 retirement shall be reinstated.

4 (4) The department shall collect and provide the state actuary with
5 information relevant to the use of this section for the joint committee
6 on pension policy.

7 (5) The legislature reserves the right to amend or repeal this
8 section in the future and no member or beneficiary has a contractual
9 right to be employed for more than five months in a calendar year
10 without a reduction of his or her pension.

11 NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. Sections 2 and 3 of this act expire June 30,
12 2004.

13 NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. Section 4 of this act expires December 31,
14 2004.

15 NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. The office of the state actuary shall review
16 the actuarial impact of the temporary expansion of the postretirement
17 employment limitations provided by sections 3 and 4 of this act. No
18 later than July 1, 2003, the state actuary shall prepare a report for
19 the joint committee on pension policy regarding the fiscal and policy
20 impacts of this act. The joint committee shall solicit information
21 from the superintendent of public instruction, the department of
22 personnel, the office of financial management, the department of
23 retirement systems, and the health care authority regarding the program
24 impacts of this act and shall report to the legislative fiscal
25 committees no later than October 1, 2003, on any proposed changes or
26 improvements to this act. If the state actuary determines the
27 expansion of postretirement options under sections 3 and 4 of this act
28 has resulted in increased costs for the state retirement funds, the
29 joint committee report shall include a proposal for a process to charge
30 those employers who employ retirees pursuant to an extension of
31 sections 3 and 4 of this act for the costs incurred by the retirement
32 funds under the extension.

33 **Sec. 8.** RCW 41.32.802 and 1997 c 254 s 8 are each amended to read
34 as follows:

1 (1)(a) If a retiree enters employment with an employer sooner than
2 one calendar month after his or her accrual date, the retiree's monthly
3 retirement allowance will be reduced by five and one-half percent for
4 every seven hours worked during that month. This reduction will be
5 applied each month until the retiree remains absent from employment
6 with an employer for one full calendar month.

7 (b) The benefit reduction provided in (a) of this subsection will
8 accrue for a maximum of one hundred forty hours per month. Any benefit
9 reduction over one hundred percent will be applied to the benefit the
10 retiree is eligible to receive in subsequent months.

11 (2) A retiree who has satisfied the break in employment requirement
12 of subsection (1) of this section, may work up to (~~five months~~) eight
13 hundred sixty-seven hours per calendar year in an eligible position, as
14 defined in RCW 41.32.010, 41.35.010, or 41.40.010, or as a fire fighter
15 or law enforcement officer, as defined in RCW 41.26.030, without
16 suspension of his or her benefit.

17 (3) If the retiree opts to reestablish membership under RCW
18 41.32.044, he or she terminates his or her retirement status and
19 immediately becomes a member. Retirement benefits shall not accrue
20 during the period of membership and the individual shall make
21 contributions and receive membership credit. Such a member shall have
22 the right to again retire if eligible.

23 **Sec. 9.** RCW 41.32.860 and 1997 c 254 s 7 are each amended to read
24 as follows:

25 (1) Except under RCW 41.32.862, no retiree shall be eligible to
26 receive such retiree's monthly retirement allowance if he or she is
27 employed in an eligible position as defined in RCW 41.40.010 (~~or~~),
28 41.32.010, or 41.35.010, or as a law enforcement officer or fire
29 fighter as defined in RCW 41.26.030.

30 (2) If a retiree's benefits have been suspended under this section,
31 his or her benefits shall be reinstated when the retiree terminates the
32 employment that caused the suspension of benefits. Upon reinstatement,
33 the retiree's benefits shall be actuarially recomputed pursuant to the
34 rules adopted by the department.

35 **Sec. 10.** RCW 41.32.862 and 1997 c 254 s 9 are each amended to read
36 as follows:

1 (1)(a) If a retiree enters employment with an employer sooner than
2 one calendar month after his or her accrual date, the retiree's monthly
3 retirement allowance will be reduced by five and one-half percent for
4 every seven hours worked during that month. This reduction will be
5 applied each month until the retiree remains absent from employment
6 with an employer for one full calendar month.

7 (b) The benefit reduction provided in (a) of this subsection will
8 accrue for a maximum of one hundred forty hours per month. Any benefit
9 reduction over one hundred percent will be applied to the benefit the
10 retiree is eligible to receive in subsequent months.

11 (2) A retiree who has satisfied the break in employment requirement
12 of subsection (1) of this section, may work up to (~~five months~~) eight
13 hundred sixty-seven hours per calendar year in an eligible position, as
14 defined in RCW 41.32.010, 41.35.010, or 41.40.010, or as a fire fighter
15 or law enforcement officer, as defined in RCW 41.26.030, without
16 suspension of his or her benefit.

17 (3) If the retiree opts to reestablish membership under RCW
18 41.32.044, he or she terminates his or her retirement status and
19 immediately becomes a member. Retirement benefits shall not accrue
20 during the period of membership and the individual shall make
21 contributions and receive membership credit. Such a member shall have
22 the right to again retire if eligible.

23 **Sec. 11.** RCW 41.35.060 and 1998 c 341 s 7 are each amended to read
24 as follows:

25 (1)(a) If a retiree enters employment with an employer sooner than
26 one calendar month after his or her accrual date, the retiree's monthly
27 retirement allowance will be reduced by five and one-half percent for
28 every eight hours worked during that month. This reduction will be
29 applied each month until the retiree remains absent from employment
30 with an employer for one full calendar month.

31 (b) The benefit reduction provided in (a) of this subsection will
32 accrue for a maximum of one hundred sixty hours per month. Any benefit
33 reduction over one hundred percent will be applied to the benefit the
34 retiree is eligible to receive in subsequent months.

35 (2) A retiree who has satisfied the break in employment requirement
36 of subsection (1) of this section may work up to (~~five months~~) eight
37 hundred sixty-seven hours per calendar year in an eligible position, as
38 defined in RCW 41.32.010, 41.35.010, or 41.40.010, or as a fire fighter

1 or law enforcement officer, as defined in RCW 41.26.030, without
2 suspension of his or her benefit.

3 (3) If the retiree opts to reestablish membership under RCW
4 41.35.030, he or she terminates his or her retirement status and
5 becomes a member. Retirement benefits shall not accrue during the
6 period of membership and the individual shall make contributions and
7 receive membership credit. Such a member shall have the right to again
8 retire if eligible in accordance with RCW 41.35.420 or 41.35.680.
9 However, if the right to retire is exercised to become effective before
10 the member has rendered two uninterrupted years of service, the
11 retirement formula and survivor options the member had at the time of
12 the member's previous retirement shall be reinstated.

13 **Sec. 12.** RCW 41.40.037 and 1997 c 254 s 14 are each amended to
14 read as follows:

15 (1)(a) If a retiree enters employment with an employer sooner than
16 one calendar month after his or her accrual date, the retiree's monthly
17 retirement allowance will be reduced by five and one-half percent for
18 every eight hours worked during that month. This reduction will be
19 applied each month until the retiree remains absent from employment
20 with an employer for one full calendar month.

21 (b) The benefit reduction provided in (a) of this subsection will
22 accrue for a maximum of one hundred sixty hours per month. Any benefit
23 reduction over one hundred percent will be applied to the benefit the
24 retiree is eligible to receive in subsequent months.

25 (2) A retiree who has satisfied the break in employment requirement
26 of subsection (1) of this section, may work up to (~~five months~~) eight
27 hundred sixty-seven hours per calendar year in an eligible position, as
28 defined in RCW 41.32.010, 41.35.010, or 41.40.010, or as a fire fighter
29 or law enforcement officer, as defined in RCW 41.26.030, without
30 suspension of his or her benefit.

31 (3) If the retiree opts to reestablish membership under RCW
32 41.40.023(12), he or she terminates his or her retirement status and
33 becomes a member. Retirement benefits shall not accrue during the
34 period of membership and the individual shall make contributions and
35 receive membership credit. Such a member shall have the right to again
36 retire if eligible in accordance with RCW 41.40.180. However, if the
37 right to retire is exercised to become effective before the member has
38 rendered two uninterrupted years of service, the retirement formula and

1 survivor options the member had at the time of the member's previous
2 retirement shall be reinstated.

3 **Sec. 13.** RCW 41.40.750 and 1998 c 341 s 113 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) Effective September 1, 2000, the membership of all plan 2
6 members currently employed in eligible positions in a school district
7 or educational service district and all plan 2 service credit for such
8 members, is transferred to the Washington school employees' retirement
9 system plan 2. Plan 2 members who have withdrawn their member
10 contributions for prior plan 2 service may restore contributions and
11 service credit to the Washington school employees' retirement system
12 plan 2 as provided under RCW 41.40.740.

13 (2)(a) The membership and previous service credit of a plan 2
14 member not employed in an eligible position on September 1, 2000, will
15 be transferred to the Washington school employees' retirement system
16 plan 2 when he or she becomes employed in an eligible position. Plan
17 2 members not employed in an eligible position on September 1, 2000,
18 who have withdrawn their member contributions for prior plan 2 service
19 may restore contributions and service credit to the Washington school
20 employees' retirement system plan 2 as provided under RCW 41.40.740.

21 (b) The membership and previous service credit of a plan 2 member
22 last employed by a school district or educational service district and
23 retired prior to September 1, 2000, will be transferred to the
24 Washington school employees' retirement system plan 2 if the member
25 opts to reestablish membership.

26 (3) Members who restore contributions and service credit under
27 subsection (1) or (2) of this section shall have their contributions
28 and service credit transferred to the Washington school employees'
29 retirement system.

30 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 14.** Except for section 12 of this act which
31 takes effect December 31, 2004, this act is necessary for the immediate
32 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
33 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
34 July 1, 2001."

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4 On page 1, line 3 of the title, after "retirees;" strike the
5 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 28A.405.900, 41.32.570,
6 41.40.037, 41.32.802, 41.32.860, 41.32.862, 41.35.060, 41.40.037, and
7 41.40.750; creating new sections; providing effective dates; providing
8 expiration dates; and declaring an emergency."

EFFECT: Creates a mandatory irrevocable option for a retiree to return to work under current rules (in which they are permitted to work a maximum of eight hundred sixty-seven hours) without a reduction in pension benefits and where the employer does not contribute to the pension system on behalf of the employee, or to return to work for up to fifteen hundred hours and receive ninety percent of their pension benefit. In the latter situation, the employer contributes to the pension system on behalf of the employee at the regular employer contribution rate.

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