

HOUSE BILL REPORT

ESHB 1182

As Amended by Senate

Title: An act relating to pension payments to retired teachers.

Brief Description: Allowing retired teachers to work in educational institutions for ninety days per school year without a reduction in benefits.

Sponsors: By House Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Brumsickle, Karahalios, Dorn, Chandler, Peery, G. Cole, Zellinsky, Chappell, Jacobsen, Basich, Carlson, Wood, Thomas, Brough, Cothorn, Van Luven, Johanson, Shin, Jones, Morton, Ballard, Padden, Fuhrman, Sheahan, Talcott, Schoesler, Long, Eide, Flemming, Wang, Horn, Mielke, Tate, Springer, Cooke, Dyer, Leonard, Foreman, Vance, Pruitt and Finkbeiner).

Brief History:

Reported by House Committee on:
Education, February 11, 1993, DPS;
Appropriations, February 3, 1994, DPS(ED-A APP);
Passed House, February 11, 1994, 98-0;
Amended by Senate.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Majority Report: The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by 19 members: Representatives Dorn, Chair; Cothorn, Vice Chair; Brough, Ranking Minority Member; Thomas, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Brumsickle; Carlson; G. Cole; Eide; G. Fisher; Hansen; Holm; Jones; Karahalios; J. Kohl; Patterson; Pruitt; Roland; Stevens; and Vance.

Staff: Robert Butts (786-7111).

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Majority Report: The substitute bill by Committee on Education be substituted therefor and the substitute bill as amended by Committee on Appropriations do pass. Signed by 24 members: Representatives Sommers, Chair; Valle, Vice Chair; Silver, Ranking Minority Member; Carlson, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Appelwick; Basich; Cooke; Dellwo;

Dorn; Dunshee; G. Fisher; Foreman; Jacobsen; Lemmon;
Leonard; Linville; H. Myers; Peery; Rust; Sehlin; Sheahan;
Talcott; Wang and Wolfe.

Staff: Jennifer Priddy (786-7118).

Background: Under current law, retired teachers on Teachers' Retirement System Plan I (TRS I) may serve as substitute teachers for up to 75 days a school year without affecting their retirement benefits.

Some believe that the shortage of certificated substitute teachers in many regions of the state would be reduced if retired teachers could work an additional 15 days annually.

Summary of Bill: The current TRS I limitation of 75 days per year of substitute teaching without reduction of retirement benefits may be extended 15 days for retired substitutes working in school districts or in multi-district substitute cooperatives in which it has determined that a shortage of substitutes exists. Procedures for making the determination and notifying the Department of Retirement and retired teachers are specified. The change shall be effective beginning September 1, 1994.

EFFECT OF SENATE AMENDMENT(S): The amendment requires that school boards annually make a resolution that a shortage of substitutes exists. The amendment requires that all the school boards in a multi-district cooperative pass a resolution, instead of just the governing board of the cooperative.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: (Education) The current 75 day limit seriously impacts a school district's ability to find substitutes. Retired teachers bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the classroom.

(Appropriations) The current 75 day limit seriously impacts a school district's ability to find substitutes. Retired teachers bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the classroom.

Testimony Against: (Education) None.

(Appropriations) None.

Witnesses: (Education) Jean Savidge, retired teacher (Supports); Marcia Costello, Washington Association of School Administrators (Supports); Bud Rochon, Educational Service District 113 (Supports); Walter Ball, Association of School Principals (Supports); Susan Patrick, Superintendent of Public Instruction (Supports); Karen Davis, Washington Education Association (Supports); and Linda Byrnes, State Board of Education (Supports).

(Appropriations) Representative Brumsickle (supports); Donna Salcedo, Seattle School District (supports); Greg Kirsh, Public Schools Cooperative (supports); and Mike Warren (supports).

VOTE ON FINAL PASSAGE:

Yeas 98