

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 4375

A bill to amend 1980 PA 300, entitled  
"The public school employees retirement act of 1979,"  
by amending section 61 (MCL 38.1361), as amended by 2020 PA 267.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 61. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, if  
2 a retirant is receiving a retirement allowance other than a  
3 disability allowance payable under this act or under former 1945 PA  
4 136, on account of either age or years of personal service  
5 performed, or both, and becomes employed ~~by~~**at** a reporting unit,  
6 ~~the following must occur:~~

7           ~~(a) The retirant is not entitled to a new final average~~  
8 ~~compensation or additional service credit under this retirement~~  
9 ~~system unless additional service is performed equivalent to 5 or~~

1 ~~more years of service credit or, if the retirant has contributed to~~  
2 ~~the member investment plan, the equivalent of 3 or more years of~~  
3 ~~service credit. The retirant may elect to have the retirement~~  
4 ~~allowance recomputed based on the added credit or the final average~~  
5 ~~compensation resulting from the added service, or both. A~~  
6 ~~retirement allowance must not be recomputed until the retirant pays~~  
7 ~~into the retirement system an amount equal to the retirant's new~~  
8 ~~final average compensation multiplied by the percentage determined~~  
9 ~~under section 41(2) for normal cost and unfunded actuarial accrued~~  
10 ~~liabilities, not including the percentage required for the funding~~  
11 ~~of health benefits, multiplied by the total service credit in the~~  
12 ~~period in which the retirant's additional service was performed.~~

13 ~~(b) The retirant's retirement allowance must be reduced by the~~  
14 ~~lesser of the amount that the earnings in a calendar year exceed~~  
15 ~~the amount permitted without a reduction of benefits under the~~  
16 ~~social security act, chapter 531, 49 Stat 620, or 1/3 of the~~  
17 ~~retirant's final average compensation. For purposes of computing~~  
18 ~~allowable earnings under this subdivision, the final average~~  
19 ~~compensation must be increased by 5% for each full year of~~  
20 ~~retirement.~~ **the retirant forfeits his or her retirement allowance**  
21 **and the retirement system subsidy for health care benefits from the**  
22 **retirement system for the entire month of each month in which the**  
23 **retirant is employed at the reporting unit. A retirant who has**  
24 **forfeited the retirement system subsidy for health care benefits**  
25 **under this subsection and who wants to retain health care benefits**  
26 **shall pay the retirant's and retirement system's costs for the**  
27 **health care benefits. The retirement allowance and retirement**  
28 **system subsidy for health care benefits must resume without**  
29 **recalculation on the first of the month following the month in**

1 **which the retirant has terminated reporting unit employment.**

2 (2) The retirement system may offset retirement benefits  
3 payable under this act against amounts owed to the retirement  
4 system by a retirant or retirement allowance beneficiary.

5 (3) **Subsection (1) does not apply to a retirant who is**  
6 **employed at a reporting unit if both of the following apply:**

7 (a) **The retirant retired after a bona fide termination of**  
8 **employment.**

9 (b) **The retirant is employed at any reporting unit on the**  
10 **effective date of the amendatory act that added this subdivision.**

11 (4) ~~(3)~~ Subsection (1) does not apply to a retirant if all of  
12 the following circumstances exist:

13 ~~(a) The retirant is a former teacher or administrator employed~~  
14 ~~in a teaching or research capacity~~ **who is employed** by a university  
15 that is considered a reporting unit for the limited purpose  
16 described in section 7(3). ~~A university that employs a retirant~~  
17 ~~under this subsection shall report that employment to the~~  
18 ~~retirement system by July 1 of each year. The university shall~~  
19 ~~include in the report the name of the retirant, the capacity in~~  
20 ~~which the retirant is employed, and the total annual compensation~~  
21 ~~paid to the retirant.~~

22 ~~(b) The retirant is not eligible to use any service or~~  
23 ~~compensation attributable to the employment described in~~  
24 ~~subdivision (a) for a recomputation of his or her retirement~~  
25 ~~allowance.~~

26 ~~(4) Not later than April 1 of each year, the superintendent of~~  
27 ~~public instruction shall compile a listing of critical shortage~~  
28 ~~disciplines based on evidence of a shortage for each discipline.~~  
29 ~~The department of education shall post the listing and the~~

~~1 accompanying evidence on its website. If a discipline is not  
2 included in the listing of critical shortage disciplines, 2 or more  
3 contiguous reporting units may submit a written request to the  
4 superintendent of public instruction to add a discipline to the  
5 listing. The request must include evidence of a shortage of the  
6 discipline in those contiguous reporting units. If the  
7 superintendent of public instruction determines that there is a  
8 shortage of the discipline in those contiguous reporting units, the  
9 superintendent of public instruction shall add the discipline to  
10 the listing. A discipline added under a request under this  
11 subsection applies only to those contiguous reporting units. For  
12 purposes of this subsection, a reporting unit that is a public  
13 school academy is considered contiguous to any other reporting unit  
14 in which the public school academy is located.~~

~~15 (5) Until July 1, 2025, subsection (1) does not apply to a  
16 retirant if all of the following circumstances exist:~~

~~17 (a) The retirant is employed by a reporting unit that has a  
18 situation, not including a situation caused by a labor dispute,  
19 that necessitates the hiring of the retirant in an area that has  
20 been identified by the superintendent of public instruction as a  
21 critical shortage discipline under subsection (4).~~

~~22 (b) The retirant is not eligible to use any service or  
23 compensation attributable to the employment described in  
24 subdivision (a) for a recomputation of his or her retirement  
25 allowance.~~

~~26 (c) The reporting unit pays 100% of the contribution rates for  
27 the unfunded actuarial accrued liability for retiree health care  
28 and the unfunded actuarial accrued liability for pension to the  
29 retirement system for each retirant who becomes employed by a~~

1 ~~reporting unit under this subsection.~~

2 ~~(6) Subsection (5) only applies for a retirant who has been~~  
3 ~~retired for at least 12 months before becoming employed under this~~  
4 ~~section unless, following a bona fide termination, including not~~  
5 ~~working in the month of the retirant's retirement effective date,~~  
6 ~~the retirant is employed at a reporting unit that provides~~  
7 ~~instruction under an extended COVID-19 learning plan under section~~  
8 ~~98a of the state school aid act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1698a.~~

9 ~~(7) Notwithstanding any other provision of this act to the~~  
10 ~~contrary, for a retirant who retires after June 30, 2010, and~~  
11 ~~following a bona fide termination, including not working in the~~  
12 ~~month of the retirant's retirement effective date, and who becomes~~  
13 ~~employed by a reporting unit and the retirant's amount of earnings~~  
14 ~~in a calendar year exceeds 1/3 of the retirant's final average~~  
15 ~~compensation, the retirant forfeits his or her retirement allowance~~  
16 ~~and the retirement system subsidy for health care benefits from the~~  
17 ~~retirement system for the entire month of each month in which the~~  
18 ~~retirant is employed at the reporting unit unless the retirant is~~  
19 ~~employed as described in subsection (5), (9), (10), (11), or (13).~~  
20 ~~A retirant who has forfeited the retirement system subsidy for~~  
21 ~~health care benefits under this subsection and who wants to retain~~  
22 ~~health care benefits shall pay the retirant's and retirement~~  
23 ~~system's costs for the health care benefits. The retirement~~  
24 ~~allowance and retirement system subsidy for health care benefits~~  
25 ~~must resume without recalculation on the first of the month~~  
26 ~~following the month in which the retirant has terminated reporting~~  
27 ~~unit employment.~~

28 ~~(8) Notwithstanding any other provision of this act to the~~  
29 ~~contrary, for a retirant who retires after June 30, 2010, who~~

~~1 performs core services at a reporting unit as determined by the  
2 retirement system but who is employed by an entity other than the  
3 reporting unit or is an independent contractor, the retirant  
4 forfeits his or her retirement allowance and the retirement system  
5 subsidy for health care benefits from the retirement system for the  
6 entire month of each month in which the retirant is performing core  
7 services at the reporting unit, unless the retirant is employed as  
8 described in subsection (9), (10), or (12). A retirant who has  
9 forfeited the retirement system subsidy for health care benefits  
10 under this subsection and who wants to retain health care benefits  
11 shall pay the retirant's and retirement system's costs for the  
12 health care benefits. The retirement allowance and retirement  
13 system subsidy for health care benefits must resume without  
14 recalculation on the first of the month following the month in  
15 which the retirant has terminated performing core services, as  
16 described in this subsection. As used in this subsection, "core  
17 services" does not include custodial, food, or transportation  
18 services.~~

~~19 (9) Until July 1, 2025, subsection (1) does not apply to a  
20 retirant who retires after June 30, 2010; who is employed as a  
21 substitute teacher by a reporting unit, by an entity other than the  
22 reporting unit, or as an independent contractor; who has been  
23 retired for at least 12 months before becoming employed under this  
24 subsection unless, following a bona fide termination, including not  
25 working in the month of the retirant's retirement effective date,  
26 the retirant is employed at a reporting unit that provides  
27 instruction under an extended COVID-19 learning plan under section  
28 98a of the state school aid act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1698a;  
29 and whose amount of earnings attributable to employment by or at a~~

1 ~~reporting unit in a calendar year does not exceed 1/3 of his or her~~  
2 ~~final average compensation. A retirant described in this subsection~~  
3 ~~is not eligible to use any service or compensation attributable to~~  
4 ~~the employment described in this subsection for a recomputation of~~  
5 ~~his or her retirement allowance. The reporting unit at which the~~  
6 ~~retirant provides substitute teacher services described in this~~  
7 ~~subsection shall pay 100% of the contribution rates for the~~  
8 ~~unfunded actuarial accrued liability for retiree health care and~~  
9 ~~the unfunded actuarial accrued liability for pension to the~~  
10 ~~retirement system for the employment described in this subsection.~~  
11 ~~The reporting unit shall report the engagement of substitute~~  
12 ~~teachers to the retirement system at the same interval the~~  
13 ~~reporting unit reports information to the retirement system with~~  
14 ~~regard to its other employees. The reporting unit shall include in~~  
15 ~~the report the name of the substitute teacher and the total~~  
16 ~~earnings paid to the substitute teacher for that reporting period.~~  
17 ~~In order to comply with the reporting requirements of this~~  
18 ~~subsection, a reporting unit that engages substitute teachers~~  
19 ~~through an entity other than a reporting unit or as independent~~  
20 ~~contractors shall obtain from the substitute teacher's employer a~~  
21 ~~list of all substitute teachers the employer supplies to that~~  
22 ~~reporting unit and the total earnings paid to each substitute~~  
23 ~~teacher for the reporting period. An employer other than a~~  
24 ~~reporting unit that employs substitute teachers as described in~~  
25 ~~this subsection shall provide to the reporting unit all information~~  
26 ~~that the reporting unit is required to report to the retirement~~  
27 ~~system under this subsection. For the purposes of this subsection,~~  
28 ~~an employer includes an independent contractor.~~

29 ~~(10) Until July 1, 2025, subsection (1) does not apply to a~~

~~1   retirant who retires after June 30, 2010; who is employed as an  
2   instructional coach or a school improvement facilitator by an  
3   entity other than the reporting unit or as an independent  
4   contractor; who has been retired for at least 12 months before  
5   becoming employed under this subsection unless, following a bona  
6   fide termination, including not working in the month of the  
7   retirant's retirement effective date, the retirant is employed at a  
8   reporting unit that provides instruction under an extended COVID-19  
9   learning plan under section 98a of the state school aid act of  
10   1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1698a; and whose amount of earnings  
11   attributable to employment at a reporting unit in a calendar year  
12   does not exceed 1/3 of his or her final average compensation. A  
13   retirant described in this subsection is not eligible to use any  
14   service or compensation attributable to the employment described in  
15   this subsection for a recomputation of his or her retirement  
16   allowance. The reporting unit at which the retirant provides the  
17   services described in this subsection shall pay 100% of the  
18   contribution rates for the unfunded actuarial accrued liability for  
19   retiree health care and the unfunded actuarial accrued liability  
20   for pension to the retirement system for the employment described  
21   in this subsection. The reporting unit shall report the engagement  
22   of instructional coaches or school improvement facilitators to the  
23   retirement system at the same interval the reporting unit reports  
24   information to the retirement system with regard to its other  
25   employees. The reporting unit shall include in the report the name  
26   of the instructional coach or school improvement facilitator and  
27   the total earnings paid to the coach or facilitator for that  
28   reporting period. In order to comply with the reporting  
29   requirements of this subsection, a reporting unit shall obtain from~~



~~1 the coach's or facilitator's employer a list of all instructional  
2 coaches and school improvement facilitators the employer supplies  
3 to that reporting unit and the total earnings paid to each coach or  
4 facilitator for the reporting period. An employer other than a  
5 reporting unit that employs instructional coaches or school  
6 improvement facilitators as described in this subsection shall  
7 provide to the reporting unit all information that the reporting  
8 unit is required to report to the retirement system under this  
9 subsection. For the purposes of this subsection, an employer  
10 includes an independent contractor. As used in this subsection,  
11 "instructional coach" and "school improvement facilitator" mean  
12 those terms as used in the listing of critical shortage disciplines  
13 developed by the superintendent of public instruction under  
14 subsection (4).~~

~~15 (11) Subsection (1) does not apply to a retirant who is a  
16 former teacher or administrator who retires after June 30, 2010 and  
17 before October 2, 2014, who following a bona fide termination,  
18 including not working in the month of his or her retirement  
19 effective date, becomes employed in a teaching or research capacity  
20 or in a program-department direction capacity by a university that  
21 is considered a reporting unit for the limited purpose described in  
22 section 7(3). A retirant described in this subsection is not  
23 eligible to use any service or compensation attributable to the  
24 employment described in this subsection for recomputation of his or  
25 her retirement allowance. The reporting unit at which the retirant  
26 provides the services described in this subsection shall pay 100%  
27 of the contribution rates for the unfunded actuarial accrued  
28 liability for retiree health care and the unfunded actuarial  
29 accrued liability for pension to the retirement system for the~~

~~1 employment described in this subsection. The reporting unit shall  
2 report the employment of a retirant as described in this subsection  
3 to the retirement system by July 1 of each year. The reporting unit  
4 shall include in the report the name of the retirant, the capacity  
5 in which the retirant is employed, and the total annual  
6 compensation paid to the retirant.~~

~~7 (12) Until July 1, 2025, notwithstanding any provision of this  
8 act to the contrary, for a retirant who retires after June 30,  
9 2010, who is employed as an independent contractor at a reporting  
10 unit for a situation described in subsection (5) (a) or is employed  
11 at a reporting unit for a situation described in subsection (5) (a)  
12 by an entity other than the reporting unit, and who has been  
13 retired for at least 12 months before becoming employed under this  
14 subsection unless, following a bona fide termination, including not  
15 working in the month of the retirant's retirement effective date,  
16 the retirant is employed at a reporting unit that provides  
17 instruction under an extended COVID-19 learning plan under section  
18 98a of the state school aid act of 1979, 1979 PA 94, MCL 388.1698a,  
19 the reporting unit at which the retirant provides services under  
20 this subsection shall pay 100% of the contribution rates for the  
21 unfunded actuarial accrued liability for retiree health care and  
22 the unfunded actuarial accrued liability for pension to the  
23 retirement system for the employment described in this subsection.~~

~~24 (13) Subsection (1) does not apply to a retirant who retires  
25 after June 30, 2010 and before the ending date of funding for a  
26 federal grant given from the United States Department of Education  
27 in 2017, including any extensions, to fund the high-impact  
28 leadership for school renewal project and that meets the  
29 requirements of subsection (14) and who, following a bona fide~~

1 ~~termination, becomes employed by a reporting unit as a school~~  
2 ~~renewal coach or high impact leadership facilitator as part of a~~  
3 ~~school leadership support program that is funded by the federal~~  
4 ~~grant given from the United States Department of Education in 2017,~~  
5 ~~including any extensions, to fund the high-impact leadership for~~  
6 ~~school renewal project and that meets the requirements of~~  
7 ~~subsection (14). Also, subsection (1) does not apply to a retirant~~  
8 ~~who retires after June 30, 2010 and before the ending date of~~  
9 ~~funding for a federal grant that meets the requirements of~~  
10 ~~subsection (14) and who, following a bona fide termination, becomes~~  
11 ~~a national service member with a federally funded national service~~  
12 ~~program such as Americorps State and National or Americorps VISTA~~  
13 ~~and is placed by the federally funded national service program at a~~  
14 ~~service site that is a reporting unit. A retirant described in this~~  
15 ~~subsection is not eligible to use any service or compensation~~  
16 ~~attributable to the employment described in this subsection for a~~  
17 ~~recomputation of his or her retirement allowance. The reporting~~  
18 ~~unit shall pay 100% of the contribution rates for the unfunded~~  
19 ~~actuarial accrued liability for retiree health care and the~~  
20 ~~unfunded actuarial accrued liability for pension to the retirement~~  
21 ~~system for the employment described in this subsection. The~~  
22 ~~reporting unit shall report the engagement of school renewal~~  
23 ~~coaches or high impact leadership facilitators to the retirement~~  
24 ~~system at the same interval the reporting unit reports information~~  
25 ~~to the retirement system with regard to its other employees. The~~  
26 ~~reporting unit shall include in the report the name of the school~~  
27 ~~renewal coach or high impact leadership facilitator and the total~~  
28 ~~earnings paid to the school renewal coach or high impact leadership~~  
29 ~~facilitator for that reporting period.~~

1       ~~(14) Subsection (13) applies to retirants employed as part of~~  
2 ~~a program that supports teams of school principals and teacher~~  
3 ~~leaders in elementary schools by doing all of the following:~~

4           ~~(a) Providing intense professional development and support,~~  
5 ~~and money, for renewal projects for teams of school leaders in a~~  
6 ~~number of project schools that are implementing a set of new~~  
7 ~~literacy essentials.~~

8           ~~(b) Placing a trained team of school renewal coaches or high~~  
9 ~~impact leadership facilitators in each project school.~~

10          ~~(c) Providing a lower level of professional development~~  
11 ~~support and funding for leaders in additional schools.~~

12          ~~(d) Applying a set of proven school leadership practices for~~  
13 ~~school renewal and sustainable implementation.~~

14          ~~(e) Providing training, support, and oversight for the school~~  
15 ~~renewal coaches or high impact leadership facilitators as a~~  
16 ~~coordinator or supervisor of that work.~~

17       **(5) Subsection (1) does not apply to a retirant who is**  
18 **employed at a reporting unit if both of the following apply:**

19           **(a) The retirant retired after a bona fide termination of**  
20 **employment.**

21           **(b) The retirant has been retired for at least 9 consecutive**  
22 **months before becoming employed under this subsection.**

23           **(6) A retirant is not eligible to use any service or**  
24 **compensation attributable to the employment described in**  
25 **subsections (3), (4), or (5) for a recomputation of his or her**  
26 **retirement allowance.**

27           **(7) For purposes of subsections (3), (4), and (5), the**  
28 **retirement system shall determine, in accordance with federal law**  
29 **that governs qualified retirement plans, whether a retirant retired**

1 after a bona fide termination of employment. If the retirement  
2 system determines that a retirant did not retire after a bona fide  
3 termination of employment, the retirement system may adjust the  
4 retirant retirement allowance effective date following a bona fide  
5 termination.

6 (8) A reporting unit shall report the employment of a retirant  
7 as described in subsection (3) or (4), as applicable, to the  
8 retirement system in a manner determined by the retirement system.  
9 The reporting unit shall include in the report the name of the  
10 retirant, the capacity in which the retirant is employed, and the  
11 compensation paid to the retirant. An employer, other than a  
12 reporting unit, that employs retirants as described in subsection  
13 (3) or (4) shall provide to the reporting unit all information that  
14 the reporting unit is required to report to the retirement system  
15 under this subsection.

16 (9) As used in this section:

17 (a) "Bona fide termination of employment" means, as determined  
18 by the retirement system under subsection (7), a retirant has  
19 completely severed the employer-employee relationship with his or  
20 her reporting unit employer. Completely severing the employer-  
21 employee relationship includes, but is not limited to, a retirant  
22 not working for his or her reporting unit employer during the month  
23 of the retirant's retirement allowance effective date and, before  
24 the severing of the employer-employee relationship, the retirant  
25 does not intend or expect or have an offer or contingency to become  
26 employed at any reporting unit.

27 (b) "Employed at a reporting unit" means employed directly by  
28 a reporting unit as an employee, indirectly by a reporting unit  
29 through a contractual arrangement with other parties, or by

- 1 engagement of a retirant by a reporting unit as an independent
- 2 contractor.