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House Bill 2930

By Delegates Pritt and Stephens

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Committee on Finance]

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A BILL to amend and reenact §18-7A-38 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
to the number of days a retired teacher may accept employment; and permitting
employment beyond 140 days under specific conditions.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 7A. STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM. §18-7A-38. Maximum number of days a retired teacher may accept employment; calculating days worked for retirants engaged in substitute teaching.

(a) The Legislature finds that:

- (1) The Consolidated Public Retirement Board has determined that retired substitute teachers should not perform substitute teaching without limit;
- (2) The Consolidated Public Retirement Board has established, by rule, a maximum number of days in which a retired teacher may accept employment prior to having his or her retirement benefit reduced; and
- (3) There have been inconsistencies in the manner in which county boards calculate the maximum number of days established by rule.
- (b) The Consolidated Public Retirement Board may not set forth in rule a maximum number of days in which a retired teacher may accept employment prior to having his or her retirement benefit reduced that is less than 140 days: *Provided*, That notwithstanding the limitation referred to in subsection (a) subdivision (1) of this section, retired teachers may accept employment beyond a period of 140 days without having his or her retirement benefit reduced when there are teaching vacancies and a need for teachers exists.
- (c) For the purpose of calculating whether a retired substitute teacher has exceeded the maximum number of days in which a substitute teacher may accept employment without incurring a reduction in his or her retirement benefit, the number of days worked shall be determined by:
 - (1) Totaling the number of hours worked; and
- (2) Dividing by the standard number of hours that a full-time teacher works per day.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide that the number of days a retired teacher may accept employment may extend beyond 140 days under specific conditions; and to prohibit reduction of benefits or requiring additional contributions for retirement benefits.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.