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House Bill 4936

By Delegates Pritt, Brooks, Crouse, and Bell

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Committee on Finance]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §18-7A-38 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
2 to the number of days a retired teacher may accept employment; and permitting
3 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.**

1 (a) The Legislature finds that:

2 (1) The Consolidated Public Retirement Board has determined that retired substitute
3 teachers should not perform substitute teaching without limit;

4 (2) The Consolidated Public Retirement Board has established, by rule, a maximum
5 number of days in which a retired teacher may accept employment prior to having his or her
6 retirement benefit reduced; and

7 (3) There have been inconsistencies in the manner in which county boards calculate the
8 maximum number of days established by rule.

9 (b) The Consolidated Public Retirement Board may not set forth in rule a maximum number
10 of days in which a retired teacher may accept employment prior to having his or her retirement
11 benefit reduced that is less than 140 days: Provided, That notwithstanding the limitation referred to
12 in subsection (a) subdivision (1) of this section, retired teachers may accept employment beyond a
13 period of 140 days without having his or her retirement benefit reduced when there are teaching
14 vacancies and a need for teachers exists.

15 (c) For the purpose of calculating whether a retired substitute teacher has exceeded the
16 maximum number of days in which a substitute teacher may accept employment without incurring
17 a reduction in his or her retirement benefit, the number of days worked shall be determined by:

18 (1) Totaling the number of hours worked; and

19 (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.