

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 51.1-155 of the Code of Virginia, relating to eligibility to teach in a*
3 *critical shortage position while continuing to receive a retirement allowance.*

4 [S 99]
5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

7 **1. That § 51.1-155 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

8 § 51.1-155. Service retirement allowance.

9 A. Retirement allowance. - A member shall receive an annual retirement allowance, payable for life,
10 as follows:

11 1. Normal retirement. - The allowance shall equal 1.70 percent of his average final compensation
12 multiplied by the amount of his creditable service.

13 2. Early retirement; applicable to teachers, state employees, and certain others. - The allowance shall
14 be determined in the same manner as for normal retirement with creditable service and average final
15 compensation being determined as of the date of actual retirement. If the member has less than 30 years
16 of service at retirement, the amount of the retirement allowance shall be reduced on an actuarial
17 equivalent basis for the period by which the actual retirement date precedes the earlier of (i) his normal
18 retirement date or (ii) the first date on which he would have completed a total of 30 years of creditable
19 service. The provisions of this subdivision shall apply to teachers and state employees. These provisions
20 shall also apply to employees of any political subdivision that participates in the retirement system if the
21 political subdivision makes the election provided in subdivision 3.

22 3. Early retirement; applicable to employees of certain political subdivisions. - The allowance shall
23 be determined in the same manner as for normal retirement with creditable service and average final
24 compensation being determined as of the date of actual retirement. If the creditable service of the
25 member equals 30 or more years but the sum of his age at retirement plus his creditable service at
26 retirement is less than 90, the amount of the retirement allowance shall be reduced on an actuarial
27 equivalent basis for the period by which the actual retirement date precedes the earlier of (i) his normal
28 retirement date or (ii) the first date on which the sum of his then attained age plus his then creditable
29 service would have been equal to 90 or more had he remained in service until such date. If the member
30 has less than 30 years of creditable service, the retirement allowance shall be reduced for the period by
31 which the actual retirement date precedes the earlier of (i) his normal retirement date or (ii) the first date
32 on which he would have completed a total of at least 30 years of creditable service and his then
33 creditable service plus his then attained age would have been equal to 90 or more.

34 The provisions of this subdivision shall apply to the employees of any political subdivision that
35 participates in the retirement system. The participating political subdivision may, however, elect to
36 provide its employees with the early retirement allowance set forth in subdivision 2. Any election
37 pursuant to this subdivision shall be set forth in a legally adopted resolution.

38 4. Additional allowance. - In addition to the allowance payable under subdivisions 1, 2, and 3, a
39 member shall receive an additional allowance which shall be the actuarial equivalent, for his attained
40 age at the time of retirement, of the excess of his accumulated contributions transferred from the
41 abolished system to the retirement system, including interest credited at the rate of two percent
42 compounded annually since the transfer to the date of retirement, over the annual amounts equal to four
43 percent of his annual creditable compensation at the date of abolishment for a period equal to his period
44 of membership in the abolished system.

45 5. 50/10 retirement. - The allowance shall be payable in a monthly stream of payments equal to the
46 greater of (i) the actuarial equivalent of the benefit the member would have received had he terminated
47 service and deferred retirement to age 55 or (ii) the actuarially calculated present value of the member's
48 accumulated contributions, including accrued interest.

49 B. Beneficiary serving in position covered by this title.

50 1. Except as provided in subdivisions 2 and 3, if a beneficiary of a service retirement allowance
51 under this chapter or the provisions of Chapters 2 (§ 51.1-200 et seq.), 2.1 (§ 51.1-211 et seq.), or 3
52 (§ 51.1-300 et seq.) is at any time in service as an employee in a position covered for retirement
53 purposes under the provisions of this or any chapter other than Chapter 6 (§ 51.1-600 et seq.), 6.1
54 (§ 51.1-607 et seq.), or 7 (§ 51.1-700 et seq.), his retirement allowance shall cease while so employed.
55 Any member who retires and later returns to covered employment shall not be entitled to select a
56 different retirement option for a subsequent retirement.

57 2. Active members of the General Assembly who are eligible to receive a retirement allowance under
58 this title, excluding their service as a member of the General Assembly, shall be eligible to receive a
59 retirement allowance based on their creditable service and average final compensation for service other
60 than as a member of the General Assembly. Such members of the General Assembly shall continue to
61 be reported as any other members of the retirement system. Upon ceasing to serve in the General
62 Assembly, members of the General Assembly receiving a retirement allowance based on their creditable
63 service and average final compensation for service other than as a member of the General Assembly
64 shall have their retirement allowance recomputed prospectively to include their service as a member of
65 the General Assembly. Active members of the General Assembly shall be prohibited from receiving a
66 service retirement allowance under this title based solely on their service as a member of the General
67 Assembly.

68 3. (Expires July 1, 2010) Any person receiving a service retirement allowance under this chapter,
69 who is hired as a local school board instructional or administrative employee required to be licensed by
70 the Board of Education, may elect to continue to receive the retirement allowance during such
71 employment, under the following conditions:

72 (a) ~~The person's retirement allowance is based in whole or in part on service as a local school board~~
73 ~~instructional or administrative employee required to be licensed by the Board of Education;~~

74 (b) *a*) The person has been receiving such retirement allowance for a certain period of time preceding
75 his employment as provided by law;

76 (c) *b*) The person is not receiving a retirement benefit pursuant to an early retirement incentive
77 program from any local school division within the Commonwealth; and

78 (d) *c*) At the time the person is employed, the position to which he is assigned is among those
79 identified by the Superintendent of Public Instruction pursuant to subdivision 4 of § 22.1-23, by the
80 relevant division superintendent, pursuant to § 22.1-70.3, or by the relevant local school board, pursuant
81 to subdivision 9 of § 22.1-79.

82 If the person elects to continue to receive the retirement allowance during the period of such
83 employment, then his service performed and compensation received during such period of time will not
84 increase, decrease, or affect in any way his retirement benefits before, during, or after such employment.