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SENATE BILL NO. 216

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Finance
on February 1, 2012)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Barker)

A BILL to amend and reenact § 51.1-155 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Virginia Retirement System; payment of retirement allowances to retired law-enforcement officers who are hired as school security officers.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

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

§ 51.1-155. Service retirement allowance.

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

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

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

3. Early retirement; applicable to employees of certain political subdivisions and any person who becomes a member on or after July 1, 2010. - The allowance shall be determined in the same manner as for normal retirement with creditable service and average final compensation being determined as of the date of actual retirement. If the creditable service of the member equals 30 or more years but the sum of his age at retirement plus his creditable service at retirement is less than 90, the amount of the retirement allowance shall be reduced on an actuarial equivalent basis for the period by which the actual retirement date precedes the earlier of (i) his normal retirement date or (ii) the first date on which the sum of his then attained age plus his then creditable service would have been equal to 90 or more had he remained in service until such date. If the member has less than 30 years of creditable service, the retirement allowance shall be reduced for the period by which the actual retirement date precedes the earlier of (i) his normal retirement date or (ii) the first date on which he would have completed a total of at least 30 years of creditable service and his then creditable service plus his then attained age would have been equal to 90 or more.

The provisions of this subdivision shall apply to the employees of any political subdivision that participates in the retirement system and any other employees as provided by law. The participating political subdivision may, however, elect to provide its employees with the early retirement allowance set forth in subdivision 2. No such election shall be made for a person who becomes a member on or after July 1, 2010. Any election pursuant to this subdivision shall be set forth in a legally adopted resolution.

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

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

B. Beneficiary serving in position covered by this title.

1. Except as provided in subdivisions 2 and 3, and 4, if a beneficiary of a service retirement allowance under this chapter or the provisions of ~~Chapters~~ Chapter 2 (§ 51.1-200 et seq.), 2.1 (§ 51.1-211 et seq.), or 3 (§ 51.1-300 et seq.) is at any time in service as an employee in a position covered for retirement purposes under the provisions of this or any chapter other than Chapter 6

60 (§ 51.1-600 et seq.), 6.1 (§ 51.1-607 et seq.), or 7 (§ 51.1-700 et seq.), his retirement allowance shall
61 cease while so employed. Any member who retires and later returns to covered employment shall not be
62 entitled to select a different retirement option for a subsequent retirement.

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

74 3. (Expires July 1, 2015) Any person receiving a service retirement allowance under this chapter,
75 who is hired as a local school board instructional or administrative employee required to be licensed by
76 the Board of Education, may elect to continue to receive the retirement allowance during such
77 employment, under the following conditions:

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

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

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

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

89 4. *Any person receiving a service retirement allowance under the provisions of § 51.1-138, Chapter 2*
90 *(§ 51.1-200 et seq.), or Chapter 2.1 (§ 51.1-211 et seq.) who is hired as a local school board security*
91 *officer or security personnel on or after July 1, 2012 but before July 1, 2017 may elect to continue to*
92 *receive the retirement allowance during such employment, under the following conditions:*

93 a. *The person has attained age 50 and the person's effective date of retirement is at least one full*
94 *calendar year, or such longer period of time as adopted by the Board in its policies and procedures,*
95 *prior to the person commencing employment as a local school board security officer or security*
96 *personnel;*

97 b. *The person is not receiving a retirement benefit pursuant to an early retirement incentive program*
98 *from any local school division within the Commonwealth;*

99 c. *The person is not receiving a retirement benefit pursuant to an early retirement incentive program*
100 *from any "employer" as defined in § 51.1-124.3;*

101 d. *The person did not participate in any incentive program established under the second or third*
102 *enactment of Chapters 152 and 811 of the Acts of Assembly of 1995; and*

103 e. *The hiring school division agrees to and shall pay to the Virginia Retirement System, during such*
104 *person's employment as a local school board security officer or security personnel, the employer share*
105 *of the retirement funding contribution that would otherwise be due if the person were a covered*
106 *employee.*

107 f. *At the time the person is employed, the Superintendent of Public Instruction makes a finding in*
108 *writing that (i) there is a demonstrated need to fill such security officer or security personnel position,*
109 *and (ii) there are no qualified applicants for such position other than a person receiving a service*
110 *retirement allowance under the provisions of § 51.1-138, Chapter 2 (§ 51.1-200 et seq.), or Chapter 2.1*
111 *(§ 51.1-211 et seq.), and these findings are accepted by the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Retirement*
112 *System.*

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