

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Government Operations to which was referred House
3 Bill No. 572 entitled “An act relating to the retirement allowance for interim
4 educators” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and
5 recommends that the Senate propose to the House that the bill be amended by
6 striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the
7 following:

8 Sec. 1. FY 2023; RESTORATION OF SERVICE; VERMONT STATE
9 TEACHERS’ RETIREMENT SYSTEM

10 (a) Authority. Notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 1939 or any other provision of
11 law, in fiscal year 2023, a beneficiary who retired from the System as a
12 Group A or a Group C member may resume service, as that term is defined in
13 16 V.S.A. § 1931, to serve as an interim school educator for a period not to
14 exceed one school year and receive the beneficiary’s retirement allowance for
15 the entire period that service is resumed, provided that:

16 (1) the beneficiary has received a retirement allowance for six months or
17 more immediately preceding the resumption of service;

18 (2) the employer of the beneficiary is subject to the assessment set forth
19 in 16 V.S.A. § 1944d on behalf of the beneficiary and remits payment to the
20 Benefits Fund; and

1 (3) the employer of the beneficiary remits a one-time fee of \$2,500.00 to
2 the State Treasurer for administrative costs associated with the beneficiary
3 resuming service.

4 (b) Period of service. A person who resumes service under subsection (a)
5 of this section shall not make any contributions to the System during the
6 person’s period of service and shall not be entitled to a retirement allowance
7 separately computed for the period that service was resumed.

8 (c) Employment certification. Each superintendent who hires an interim
9 school educator pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall certify to the
10 Board that the district exhausted all reasonable options to employ a qualified
11 active educator prior to employing a beneficiary as an interim school educator.

12 (d) Renewal.

13 (1) In fiscal years 2024 and 2025, the State Treasurer is authorized to
14 grant not more than two renewals for a one-fiscal-year period to the authority
15 described in subsection (a) of this section. The State Treasurer shall make the
16 determination to renew the authority not earlier than June 1 but not later than
17 June 30 in each fiscal year and shall notify the House and Senate Committees
18 on Government Operations of the determination.

19 (2) In the event the State Treasurer makes a determination to renew the
20 authority pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, a beneficiary may only

1 resume service during each one-year renewal period if service is performed in
2 a different interim school educator position.

3 (e) Repeal. This section shall be repealed on June 30, 2026.

4 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

5 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

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13 (Committee vote: _____)

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Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE