WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION, 1971

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HOUSE BILL No. 1080

(By Mr. LEHR)

PASSED March 13, 1971

In Effect Ninety Days From Passage
AN ACT to amend and reenact section three, article seven-a, chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to the definition of “refund interest” in relation to teachers retirement.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section three, article seven-a, chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 7A. STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

§18-7a-3. Definitions.

1 “Teacher” shall include the following persons, if regularly employed for at least half-time service: (a) Any person employed for instructional service in the public
(b) principals; (c) public school librarians; (d) superintendents of schools and assistant county superintendents of schools; (e) any county school attendance director holding a West Virginia teacher’s certificate; (f) the executive secretary of the retirement board; (g) members of the research, extension, administrative or library staffs of the public schools; (h) the state superintendent of schools, heads and assistant heads of the divisions under his supervision, or any other employee thereunder performing services of an educational nature; (i) employees of the state board of education who are performing services of an educational nature; (j) any person employed in a nonteaching capacity by the state board of education, the West Virginia board of regents, any county board of education, the state department of education or the teachers retirement board, if such person was formerly employed as a teacher in the public schools; (k) all classroom teachers, principals and educational administrators in schools under the supervision of the state commissioner of public institutions; (l) employees of the state board of school finance
if such person was formerly employed as a teacher in the public schools.

“Members of the administrative staff of the public school” shall include dean of instruction, deans of men, deans of women, and financial and administrative secretaries.

“Members of the extension staff” of the public schools shall include every agricultural agent, boys' and girls' club agent, and every member of the agricultural extension staff whose work is not primarily stenographic, clerical or secretarial.

“Retirement system” shall mean the state teachers retirement system provided for in this article.

“Present teacher” shall mean any person who was a teacher within the twenty-seven years beginning July first, one thousand nine hundred thirty-four, and whose membership in the retirement system has been continuous.

“New entrant” shall mean a teacher who is not a present teacher.

“Present member” shall mean a present teacher who is a member of the retirement system.
“Total service” shall mean all service as a teacher while a member of the retirement system since last becoming a member and, in addition thereto, his credit for prior service, if any.

“Prior service” shall mean all service as a teacher completed prior to July first, one thousand nine hundred forty-one, and all service of a present member who was employed as a teacher, and did not contribute to retirement account because he was legally ineligible for membership during such service.

“Average final salary” shall mean the average annual salary earned as a teacher during the last fifteen years of prior service, including military service, as provided herein, or if prior service is less than fifteen years, the average annual salary for that period. If the records for determining each annual salary need cannot reasonably be established by the retirement board, then the term shall mean the average annual salary of the teacher for years for which records are available.

“Accumulated contributions” shall mean all deposits and all deductions from the earnable compensation of a
contributor minus the total of all supplemental fees deducted from his compensation.

"Regular interest" shall mean interest at three percent compounded annually, or a higher earnable rate if approved by the retirement board.

"Refund interest" shall mean interest compounded annually at a rate of three percent.

"Employer" shall mean the agency of and within the state which has employed or employs a member.

"Contributor" shall mean a member of the retirement system who has an account in the teachers accumulation fund.

"Beneficiary" shall mean the recipient of annuity payments made under the retirement system.

"Refund beneficiary" shall mean the estate of a deceased contributor, or such person as he shall have nominated as beneficiary of his contributions by written designation duly executed and filed with the retirement board.

"Earnable compensation" shall mean the full compensation actually received by members for service as teachers whether or not a part of such compensation is
received from other funds, federal or otherwise, than those provided by the state or its subdivisions. Allowances from employers for maintenance of members shall be deemed a part of earnable compensation of such members.

“Annuities” shall mean the annual retirement payments for life granted beneficiaries in accordance with this article.

“Member” shall mean a member of the retirement system.

“Public schools” shall mean all publicly supported schools, including normal schools, colleges, and universities in this state.

“Deposit” shall mean a voluntary payment to his account by a member. The masculine gender shall be construed so as to include the feminine. Age in excess of seventy years shall be deemed to be seventy years.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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Chairman Senate Committee

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Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

In effect ninety days from passage.

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Clerk of the Senate

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Clerk of the House of Delegates

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President of the Senate

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Speaker House of Delegates

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Governor

The within approved this the 1st day of April, 1971.
PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

Date 3/19/71
Time 11:00 a.m.

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