763 EMPLOYMENT OF RETIRED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Education Code Section

88034. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (c) of Section 88033, a retired classified school employee may be employed by a community college district, but only in accordance with the provisions of Article 5 (commencing with Section 21150) of Chapter 8 of Part 3 of Division 5 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

This section shall apply to districts that have adopted the merit system in the same manner and effect as if it were a part of Article 3 (commencing with Section 88060) of this chapter.

Government Code Sections

20063. (a) "School employer" means a county superintendent of schools, other than the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools and the San Diego County Superintendent of Schools, that has entered into a contract with the board pursuant to Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 20610) and any school district or community college district that was a contracting agency on July 1, 1983, excluding that portion of a contract with the Los Angeles City Unified School District and the Los Angeles Community College District that pertains to local police officers, as defined in Section 20430, on July 1, 1983, and excluding a school district or a community college district, as defined in subdivision (i) of Section 20057, that entered into a contract with the board on or after January 1, 1990, and whose employees are school safety members, as defined in Section 20444.

(b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), "school employer" may not include any county office of education, school district, or community college district that participates in a risk pool.

21229. (a) A retired person may serve without reinstatement from retirement or loss or interruption of benefits provided by this system upon appointment by a school employer or by the Trustees of the California State University either during an emergency to prevent stoppage of public business or because the retired person has specialized skills needed in performing work of limited duration. These appointments shall not exceed a combined total of 960 hours for all employers each fiscal year. The compensation for the appointment shall not exceed the maximum monthly base salary paid to other employees performing comparable duties as listed on a publicly available pay schedule divided by 173.333 to equal an hourly rate. A retired person appointed

pursuant to this section shall not receive any benefits, incentives, compensation in lieu of benefits, or other forms of compensation in addition to the hourly rate. A retired annuitant appointed pursuant to this section shall not work more than 960 hours each fiscal year regardless of whether he or she works for one or more employers.

(b) (1) This section shall not apply to a retired person otherwise eligible to serve without reinstatement from retirement, if during the 12-month period prior to an appointment described in this section, that retired person receives unemployment insurance compensation arising out of prior employment subject to this section with the same employer.

(2) A retired person who accepts an appointment after receiving unemployment insurance compensation as described in this subdivision shall terminate that employment on the last day of the current pay period and shall not be eligible for reappointment subject to this section for a period of 12 months following the last day of employment. The retired person shall not be subject to Section 21202 or subdivision (b) of Section 21220.

21232. On and after January 1, 2013, a person who has retired for disability and has not attained the mandatory age for retirement for persons in the employment in which he or she will be employed, and whom the board finds is not disabled for that employment, may be so employed by any employer without reinstatement from retirement if the position is not the position from which this person retired or a position in the same member classification. The person's disability retirement pension shall be reduced during this employment to an amount that, when added to the compensation received, equals the maximum compensation earnable by a person holding the position that he or she held at the time of retirement. This employment shall terminate upon the person's attainment of the mandatory retirement age for persons in that employment. A person employed under this section shall not be concurrently employed under this article.

21233. (a) A person who has retired for disability shall not be employed, pursuant to this article or Section 7522.56, by any employer without reinstatement from retirement if the position is either of the following:

(1) The position from which the person retired.

(2) A position that includes duties or activities that the person was previously restricted from performing at the time of their retirement.

(b) If a person who has retired for disability is employed by an employer without reinstatement pursuant to this article or Section 7522.56, the employer shall provide the board, in a form and manner determined by the board, the nature of the employment and the duties and activities of the position for which the person retired for disability will be employed.

(c) This section shall not apply to a person employed by an employer pursuant to Section 21232.

7522.56 (a) This section shall apply to any person who is receiving a pension benefit from a public retirement system and shall supersede any other provision in conflict with this section.

(b) A retired person shall not serve, be employed by, or be employed through a contract directly by, a public employer in the same public retirement system from which the retiree receives the benefit without reinstatement from retirement, except as permitted by this section.

(c) A person who retires from a public employer may serve without reinstatement from retirement or loss or interruption of benefits provided by the retirement system upon appointment by the appointing power of a public employer either during an emergency to prevent stoppage of public business or because the retired person has skills needed to perform work of limited duration.

(d) Appointments of the person authorized under this section shall not exceed a total for all employers in that public retirement system of 960 hours or other equivalent limit, in a calendar or fiscal year, depending on the administrator of the system. The rate of pay for the employment shall not be less than the minimum, nor exceed the maximum, paid by the employer to other employees performing comparable duties, divided by 173.333 to equal an hourly rate. A retired person whose employment without reinstatement is authorized by this section shall acquire no service credit or retirement rights under this section with respect to the employment unless he or she reinstates from retirement.

(e) (1) Notwithstanding subdivision (c), any retired person shall not be eligible to serve or be employed by a public employer if, during the 12-month period prior to an appointment described in this section, the retired person received any unemployment insurance compensation arising out of prior employment subject to this section with a public employer. A retiree shall certify in writing to the employer upon accepting an offer of employment that he or she is in compliance with this requirement. (2) A retired person who accepts an appointment after receiving unemployment insurance compensation as described in this subdivision shall terminate that employment on the last day of the current pay period and shall not be eligible for reappointment subject to this section for a period of 12 months following the last day of employment.

(f) A retired person shall not be eligible to be employed pursuant to this section for a period of 180 days following the date of retirement unless he or she meets one of the following conditions:

(1) The employer certifies the nature of the employment and that the appointment is necessary to fill a critically needed position before 180 days have passed and the appointment has been approved by the governing body of the employer in a public meeting. The appointment may not be placed on a consent calendar.

(2) (A) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, for state employees, the state employer certifies the nature of the employment and that the appointment is necessary to fill a critically needed state employment position before 180 days have passed and the appointment has been approved by the Department of Human Resources. The department may establish a process to delegate appointing authority to individual state agencies, but shall audit the process to determine if abuses of the system occur. If necessary, the department may assume an agency's appointing authority for retired workers and may charge the department an appropriate amount for administering that authority.

(B) For legislative employees, the Senate Committee on Rules or the Assembly Rules Committee certifies the nature of the employment and that the appointment is necessary to fill a critically needed position before 180 days have passed and approves the appointment in a public meeting. The appointment may not be placed on a consent calendar.

(C) For employees of the California State University, the Trustees of the California State University certifies the nature of the employment and that the appointment is necessary to fill a critically needed position before 180 days have passed and approves the appointment in a public meeting. The appointment may not be placed on a consent calendar.

(3) The retiree is eligible to participate in the Faculty Early Retirement Program pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement with the California State University that existed prior to January 1, 2013, or has been included in subsequent agreements. (4) The retiree is a public safety officer or firefighter hired to perform a function or functions regularly performed by a public safety officer or firefighter.

(g) A retired person who accepted a retirement incentive upon retirement shall not be eligible to be employed pursuant to this section for a period of 180 days following the date of retirement and subdivision (f) shall not apply.

(h) This section shall not apply to a person who is retired from the State Teachers' Retirement System, and who is subject to Section 24214, 24214.5, or 26812 of the Education Code.

(i) This section shall not apply to (1) a subordinate judicial officer whose position, upon retirement, is converted to a judgeship pursuant to Section 69615, and he or she returns to work in the converted position, and the employer is a trial court, or (2) a retiree of the Judges' Retirement System I or the Judges' Retirement System II who is assigned to serve in a court pursuant to Section 68543.5.

- A. Any employee who retired as a member of the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) may be employed in accordance with Government Code Sections 21229 and 7522.56 provided that:
 - 1. The assignment of the retired person is approved and certified as a critical need by the requesting division head or college president who requests the assignment. For the purpose of this rule, critical need shall be defined as either an emergency situation which would prevent stoppage of District public business or the retired employee possesses specialized knowledges, skills, and abilities essential to the performance of work of a limited duration. Assignments can provide coverage for work of limited duration such as elimination of a backlog, special projects, and work that is in excess of what regular staff can do.
 - 2. Requests for the employment of a retiree shall be submitted on PC Form 763 to the Personnel Director for final approval.
 - 3. The retired person certifies that they understand that employment is limited to a maximum of 120 full-time working days or 960 hours in a fiscal year with the District and any other employer subject to the provisions of Government Code Sections 21229 and 7522.56 and that employment is discretionary with the authority who makes the assignment.
 - 4. The assignment does not commence within 180 days of the retired person's date of retirement unless the District certifies the nature of the employment and that the appointment is necessary

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to fill a critically needed position before 180 days has passed, and the appointment has been approved by the District's governing body in a public meeting.

A retired person who accepts a retirement incentive upon retirement shall not be eligible for employment within the 180-day waiting period.

- Β. Retired persons who are employed by the District shall be compensated as follows:
 - A retired person who is employed in the class from which they last held permanent status shall 1. be placed on:
 - The flat rate of the class, if applicable, or a.

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- The step of the schedule attained at the time of retirement, or b.
- The hiring step for the class, whichever is higher. c.
- 2. A retired person who is employed in a class lower than from which they last held permanent status shall be placed on:
 - The flat rate of the class, if applicable, or a.
 - b. The step of the schedule that provides a rate equal to or next below the rate they would be entitled to if reinstated in the former class, or
 - c. The hiring step for the class, whichever is higher.

Overtime work shall be compensated in accordance with the provisions of Rule 596, OVERTIME.

- C. Retired persons assigned under the provisions of this rule shall not be granted leaves, other than a paid industrial accident leave as provided in Paragraph B. of Rule 804, LEAVE RESULTING FROM INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT OR INDUSTRIAL ILLNESS.
- D. Retired persons shall not receive any benefits, differentials, incentives, compensation in lieu of benefits, or other forms of compensation in addition to their hourly rate.
- E. A retired person shall not be eligible for employment with the District if any unemployment insurance compensation arising out of prior employment with a public employer was received by the retired person during the previous 12-month period. If a retired person accepts an appointment after receiving unemployment insurance compensation, that employment must be terminated by the last day of the current pay period, and the retiree will not be eligible for reappointment thereafter for 12 months.

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- F. A person retired for disability who has not attained the mandatory age for retirement applicable to persons in the position in which they will be employed, and whom the District finds not disabled for that employment, may be employed without reinstatement from retirement in a position other than the classification from which they retired or a position in the same member classification. The person's disability retirement pension will be reduced during this employment so that the total of their pension and compensation equals the maximum compensation for the position that they held at the time of retirement. The employment shall end upon the person meeting the mandatory retirement age for persons in the employed position.
- G. A person retired for disability shall not be employed without reinstatement from retirement if the position in which they would be employed is either of the following:
 - 1. The position from which the person retired.
 - 2. A position that includes duties that the person was previously restricted from performing at the time of retirement.

This provision does not apply to persons employed in a manner as described under paragraph F.

H. Provisions of this rule outlined in paragraph A.3. and A.4. may be suspended under certain conditions by a Governor's executive order.