



General Assembly

February Session, 2006

Raised Bill No. 617

LCO No. 2846



Referred to Committee on

JUDICIARY

Introduced by:

(JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING REGARDING THE PENSIONS OF ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEYS, DEPUTY ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEYS AND JUVENILE PROSECUTORS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

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2 July 1, 2007, if the employee organization representing assistant state's
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4 employed by the Division of Criminal Justice requests the Division of
5 Criminal Justice to bargain collectively concerning the issue of
6 pensions, the Division of Criminal Justice shall agree to such request
7 and such issue shall be so bargained between the parties. Nothing in
8 this section shall be construed to require the state or the Division of
9 Criminal Justice to agree to any provision concerning the issue of
10 pensions of such assistant state's attorneys, deputy assistant state's
11 attorneys or juvenile prosecutors.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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| Section 1 | July 1, 2006 | New section |
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Statement of Purpose:

To allow the employee organization representing assistant state's attorneys, deputy assistant state's attorneys and juvenile prosecutors employed by the Division of Criminal Justice to bargain collectively concerning the issue of pensions.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 532

February Session, 2006

Senate Bill No. 617

Senate, April 18, 2006

The Committee on Appropriations reported through SEN. HARP of the 10th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

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APP *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

| Agency Affected | Fund-Effect | FY 07 \$ | FY 08 \$ |
|-------------------------------------|---|---------------|---------------|
| State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits | State Employees Retirement Fund - Indeterminate | Indeterminate | Indeterminate |

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill allows the employee organization representing assistant state's attorneys, deputy assistant state's attorneys and juvenile prosecutors employed by Division of Criminal Justice employees to bargain collectively concerning the issue of pensions. Any future cost to the State Employees Retirement System (SERS) and the state's contribution to SERS, would be dependent on the result of the collective bargaining process and cannot be determined at this time.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OFA Bill Analysis**SB 617****AN ACT CONCERNING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING REGARDING THE PENSIONS OF ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEYS, DEPUTY ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEYS AND JUVENILE PROSECUTORS.****SUMMARY:**

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EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2006

COMMITTEE ACTION

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 50 Nay 1 (04/04/2006)

REPORT ON BILLS FAVORABLY REPORTED BY COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE: Judiciary Committee

File No.:

Bill No.: SB-617

PH Date: 3/13/2006

Action/Date: JF-C/R 3/17/05

Reference Change: Appropriations

TITLE OF BILL:

AN ACT CONCERNING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING REGARDING THE PENSIONS OF ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEYS, DEPUTY ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEYS AND JUVENILE PROSECUTORS.

SPONSORS OF BILL:

Prosecutors

REASONS FOR BILL:

Employee organizations representing these groups want to be able to bargain the issue of pensions.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Robert L. Curtis, Director of Labor Relations, Office of Policy and Management-The plan is three tiered; however, all state employees are treated uniformly within the tier of the plan. The administration of the plan(s) is less complicated that if each bargaining unit was allowed a separate plan.

The allowance of any single bargaining unit to negotiate outside the coalition on this topic would lead to issues of freezing current employee's benefits under the current plan (those from the Division of Criminal Justice). This could involve questions of vesting whether an employee has requisite years of service in the current plan to be entitled to future pensions. It would involve questions of service credit under any new plan. Generally, the past service under the existing plan would not be applicable under the new plan. Transition, therefore, becomes a significant issue.

The bill segregates only one segment of the Division of Criminal Justice from the current pension plan(s) to allow a single bargaining unit negotiation rights of the subject of pensions.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Connecticut Association of Prosecutors-The proposed bill requires the employer of the prosecutors of the Division of Criminal Justice to agree to collectively bargain the issue of the pensions as part of future contract negotiations, and specifically states that nothing in the bill shall be construed to require the state to grant a different pension benefit to the prosecutors. The bill only grants the ability to have the issue of pensions negotiated by the employees and the employer.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

Nothing Submitted

Sarah Kolb

3/20/06

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