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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 1694**

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**Introduced by Senator Ortiz**

February 22, 2000

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An act to amend Section 22508 of the Education Code and to amend Section 20309 of the Government Code, relating to retirement.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1694, as amended, Ortiz. Public employees' retirement: membership election.

Under existing law, members of the State Teachers' Retirement System or the Public Employees' Retirement System, who become employed by any of a list of other public employers to perform service that requires membership in a different public retirement system, may elect to be excluded from membership in that different system and continue to have their service subject to their existing system.

This bill would make this election available to (1) members of the State Teachers' Retirement System who become employed by the ~~State Department of Education, as specified~~, *state to perform that type of service and who meet specified criteria* and (2) members of the Public Employees' Retirement System employed by the State Department of Education who are subsequently employed to perform service ~~that requires membership in~~ *subject to coverage by* the State Teachers' Retirement System.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 22508 of the Education Code is  
2 amended to read:  
3 22508. (a) A member who becomes employed by the  
4 same or a different school district or community college  
5 district, *or a county superintendent, or ~~the State~~*  
6 ~~Department of Education~~ *who becomes employed by the*  
7 *state in a position described in subdivision (b), to perform*  
8 *service that requires membership in a different public*  
9 *retirement system, and who is not excluded from*  
10 *membership in that public retirement system, may elect*  
11 *to have that service subject to coverage by the Defined*  
12 *Benefit Program of this plan and excluded from coverage*  
13 *by the other public retirement system. The election shall*  
14 *be made in writing on a form prescribed by this system*  
15 *within 60 days from the date of hire in the position*  
16 *requiring membership in the other public retirement*  
17 *system. If that election is made, the service performed for*  
18 *the employer after the date of hire shall be considered*  
19 *creditable service for purposes of this part.*  
20 (b) *Subdivision (a) shall apply to a member who*  
21 *becomes employed by the state only if the member is also*  
22 *one of the following:*  
23 (1) *Represented by a state bargaining unit that*  
24 *represents educational consultants, professional*  
25 *educators, or librarians employed by the state.*  
26 (2) *Excluded from the definition of “state employee”*  
27 *in subdivision (c) of Section 3513 of the Government*  
28 *Code, but performing, supervising, or managing work*  
29 *similar to work performed by employees described in*  
30 *paragraph (1).*  
31 (3) *In a position not covered by civil service and in the*  
32 *executive branch of government, but performing,*  
33 *supervising, or managing work similar to work performed*  
34 *by employees described in paragraph (1).*



1 (c) A member of the Public Employees' Retirement  
2 System who is employed by a school district, community  
3 college district, a county superintendent, or the State  
4 Department of Education and who is subsequently  
5 employed to perform creditable service subject to  
6 coverage by the Defined Benefit Program of this plan  
7 may elect to have that subsequent service subject to  
8 coverage by the Public Employees' Retirement System  
9 and excluded from coverage by the Defined Benefit  
10 Program pursuant to Section 20309 of the Government  
11 Code.

12 ~~(e) If the election is made, creditable service~~  
13 ~~performed for the employer after the date of hire shall be~~  
14 ~~subject to coverage by the Public Employees' Retirement~~  
15 ~~System.~~

16 (d) An election made by a member pursuant to this  
17 section shall be irrevocable.

18 SEC. 2. Section 20309 of the Government Code is  
19 amended to read:

20 20309. (a) A member of the system who is employed  
21 by a school employer, the Board of Governors of the  
22 California Community Colleges, or the State Department  
23 of Education and who subsequently is employed to  
24 perform service ~~that requires membership in~~ subject to  
25 coverage by the Defined Benefit Program of the State  
26 Teachers' Retirement Plan, may elect to retain coverage  
27 by this system for that subsequent service. An election to  
28 retain coverage under this system shall be submitted in  
29 writing by the member to the system on a form  
30 prescribed by the system, and a copy of the election shall  
31 be submitted to the State Teachers' Retirement System,  
32 within 60 days after the member's date of hire to perform  
33 service that requires membership in the Defined Benefit  
34 Program of the State Teachers' Retirement Plan. A  
35 member who elects to retain coverage under this system  
36 pursuant to this section shall be deemed to be a school  
37 member while employed by a school employer.

38 (b) Any election made pursuant to this section shall  
39 become effective ~~as of the date the election is filed with~~  
40 ~~the system.~~ effective as of the first day of employment in



1 *the position that qualified the member to make an*  
2 *election.*

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