

March 12, 2021

To Bill HB 6439 AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE THIRTIETH, 2023, AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR. Please tell the Appropriations Committee.

I am asking for a statutory change to add two retired teacher representatives to the Teachers Retirement Board (TRB). I believe in order to better represent retired teachers, the two additional members should be **nominated by an organization that is exclusively composed of retired teachers not currently represented on the TRB and be enrolled in a TRB healthcare plan.**

Presently, retired teachers are under represented on the Board. The 12 member TRB includes 4 active teachers but only 2 retired teachers. Of the two retired teachers, only one participates in the TRB's health insurance plan. **In 2020 there were approximately 50,000 active teachers and approximately 38,000 retired teachers. In order for the TRB to administer our retirement program in the best interest of our retirees, we believe there is a need for a more balanced and fair representation on the board.**

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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