

Thank you for your service. I truly appreciate the work that each of you does on behalf of CT's citizens. I'm a recently retired teacher and want to give you my thoughts on the 3 bills. This will be short, I'll speak at greater length in front of Appropriations if any of them get that far.

I have a lot of experience regarding all three bills. I was the vice chair of the TRB for a dozen years.

6116- I have no objection to this. I don't think it's necessary and a group of 16 has a harder time understanding and speaking to an issue than the present group of 14, but that's not a deal breaker, it would get cumbersome.

5605- This has an unknown cost. There is no telling how many teachers it might affect. I know of only one. The calculation of what the disability allowance would be is dependent on how much time has past since the retirement and what the financial returns would have been, year by year in the meantime. Currently disability allowances are only offered to active teachers. One must apply for it before the retire.

5605- This is a quagmire of a bill. It includes 5 changes or additions in law regarding the TRB. All 5 are bad. Every one of them ties the hands of the TRB. 3 of them make no sense and the other 2 are impossible to put in place. I can speak in detail to any of the 5.

That's a quick summary of my position regarding the 3 bills.

I'm happy to do so. Expecting that any elected official would understand in detail all of that which is brought before them would be absurd. Thankfully, you don't have to do it alone.

Sincerely,

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