

Testimony in Support of SB 1082  
April 2, 2021

Dear Co-Chairs Senator Osten and Rep. Walker, Vice-Chairs Senator Hartley, Rep. Dathan and Rep. Nolan, and Ranking Members Senator Miner and Rep. France, and Distinguished Members of the Appropriations Committee,

My name is Frances Murphy and I am a resident of Bolton. I am a retired Connecticut teacher. I taught in Hartford Public Schools for 24.5 years.  
I was an active member of the Hartford Federation of Teachers, and now the HFT-retirees chapter.

I am writing in SUPPORT OF SB 1082: **AN ACT CONCERNING A RETIRED TEACHER ADVISORY COUNCIL, THE MEMBERSHIP OF AND TERM LIMITS FOR THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT BOARD, A CAP ON CERTAIN PROFESSIONAL FEES PAID BY THE BOARD, AND MEDICARE SUPPLEMENTAL PLANS FOR RETIRED TEACHERS.**

I am in support of the entire bill especially...

- 1) Always offering an Original Medicare Supplement Plan as a healthcare choice for Teachers in their retirement. - Because it offers the assurances/ protections of Original Medicare.
- 2) Add an additional retired teacher to the Board. -This provides for more retired teacher representation and aligns the number of retired teachers to the 4/3 active to retired ratio in the CT teacher population. It is important that this representative comes from a retired teacher organization that is not currently represented on the Board and is a stakeholder enrollee in a TRB healthcare plan.
- 3) Create an Advisory Council. – This brings relevant experience of those who are part of the teacher retirement system and will assist in understanding members needs and creates a formal process for input
- 4) Cap professional fees paid out of Health Insurance Premium Account. – This is a fiscally responsible way to preserve the fund that all teachers pay into for their healthcare.

I am asking the Committee to vote "Yes" and to support SB 1082 for retired CT teachers.

I would like to thank the committee for all your hard work on behalf of CT retired teachers.

Sincerely,  
Frances D. Murphy  
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