

# CALIFORNIA STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

## BILL ANALYSIS

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### Assembly Bill 816

Assembly PERSS Committee (As Amended 1/3/2000)

### Position:

Sponsor

### Proponents:

None Known

### Opponents:

None Known

## SUMMARY

AB 816 is the annual CalSTRS technical housekeeping bill which makes various technical and conforming changes to the Teachers' Retirement Law (TRL) to facilitate efficient administration of the system. The specific changes:

- Clarify the standard for full-time community college instructors employed in adult education programs.
- Delete references to nonexistent code sections.

## HISTORY

Chapter 678, Statutes of 1998 (AB 1166 – House) modified and clarified minimum standards for determining full-time for purposes of crediting service for CalSTRS members.

Chapter 632, Statutes of 1999 (SB 713-Burton) added Section 24410.5 to the Education Code, which provides for a minimum guaranteed income for teachers who have a career of at least 20 years and have retired on or before January 1, 2000.

## CURRENT PRACTICE

The definition of full time for the purpose of crediting service is subject to specified minimum standards for K-12 and community colleges.

## DISCUSSION

### 1. Clarification of Standards

Different types of instructors are subject to different minimum standards in determining what constitutes full-time membership for purposes of determining credited service. The minimum standard for part-time instructors is 525 hours per year, while the minimum standard for adult

education instructors is 875 hours. It is not clear what the appropriate standard is for a part-time adult education instructor. AB 816 clarifies that the adult education standard for community college instructors is 875 hours, regardless of whether the member is a full-time or part-time instructor. This is consistent with current practice.

***Education Code section affected by amendments: 22138.5***

2. Technical Clean-Up

Chapter 632, Statutes of 1999 (SB 713 – Burton) added Section 24410.5 of the Education Code. That section, among other things, refers to Section 24410.7 of the Education Code, which was proposed to be added in other legislation. The legislation that would have added Section 24410.7 was not enacted, and the reference should be deleted.

***Education Code of the Section affected by amendments: 24410.5.***

This bill also includes supercession language, which states that if other legislation is passed during the current legislative session that amends sections that also are included in this bill, the other legislation prevails.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Benefit program - None.

Administrative – None.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Sponsor – This bill will make technical amendments necessary for continued effective administration of the system. It also deletes superfluous provisions of the law.