

(2) THE DEADLINE IN THIS SUBSECTION MAY BE EXTENDED BY AGREEMENT OF THE PARTIES AND WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE.

(C) A DECISION UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION THAT DISMISSES FEWER THAN ALL OF THE ISSUES IN AN ACTION, OR THAT ADJUDICATES ISSUES CONCERNING FEWER THAN ALL OF THE PARTIES TO AN ACTION IS NOT IMMEDIATELY APPEALABLE UNLESS THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE DETERMINES THAT THERE IS NO JUST REASON FOR DELAY, AND DIRECTS THE ENTRY OF A DECISION AS TO ONE OR MORE, BUT FEWER THAN ALL OF THE ISSUES OR PARTIES.

(D) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, A DECISION BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE ON A MOTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION IS A FINAL AGENCY DECISION AND SHALL BE APPEALABLE IN THE SAME MANNER AS A FINAL DECISION BY THE DEPARTMENT AFTER A CONTESTED CASE HEARING.

(E) THE DEADLINES IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSIDERED MANDATORY AND NOT DIRECTORY.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to be construed to apply prospectively and shall be applied to and interpreted to affect all requests for contested case hearings under Title 1, Subtitle 6 of the Environment Article made on or after July 1, 2002.

~~SECTION 3. 4.~~ AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October~~ July 1, 2002.

Approved May 16, 2002.

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## CHAPTER 565

(House Bill 1255)

AN ACT concerning

~~State Retirement and Pension System - Estimate of Pension Benefits~~  
Teachers' Retirement System - Purchase of Service Credit - Refund

FOR the purpose of ~~providing the Board of Trustees of the State Retirement and Pension System with certain powers if the actual retirement benefit received by a retiree is a certain percent lower than a certain estimate of benefits and the retiree acted in reliance upon the estimate; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to estimates of retirement benefits to retirees of the State retirement and pension systems~~ providing certain retirees with a refund of certain assets used to purchase certain service credit plus interest at a certain rate; requiring the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to make certain adjustments to the retirement allowance of certain retirees; requiring the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension