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## **GOVERNMENT CODE - GOV**

TITLE 2. GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA [8000 - 22980] (Title 2 enacted by Stats. 1943, Ch. 134.) **DIVISION 5. PERSONNEL [18000 - 22980]** ( Division 5 added by Stats. 1945, Ch. 123. )

PART 3. PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM [20000 - 21716] (Part 3 repealed and added by Stats. 1995, Ch. 379, Sec. 2.)

CHAPTER 6. School Employers [20610 - 20618] (Chapter 6 added by Stats. 1995, Ch. 379, Sec. 2.)

20610. (a) Every county superintendent of schools shall enter into a contract with the board for the inclusion in this system of (1) all of the employees of the office of county superintendent whose compensation is paid from the county school service fund other than employees electing pursuant to Section 1313 of the Education Code to continue in membership in a county system; and (2) all of the employees of school districts and community college districts existing on July 1, 1949, or thereafter formed, within his or her jurisdiction, other than school districts that are contracting agencies or that maintain a district, joint district, or other local retirement system, with respect to service rendered in a status in which they are not eligible for membership in the State Teachers' Retirement Plan. The effective date of each contract shall not be later than July 1, 1949. For the purposes of this part, those school district employees shall be considered employees of the county superintendent of schools having jurisdiction over the school district by which they are employed and service to the district shall be considered service to the county superintendent of schools.

(b) If a charter school chooses to participate in the system, all employees of the charter school who qualify for membership in the system shall be covered under the system and all provisions of this part shall apply in the same manner as if the charter school were a public school in the school district that granted the charter.

(Amended by Stats. 2005, Ch. 22, Sec. 84. Effective January 1, 2006.)

20611. A regional occupational center established pursuant to Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 52300) of Division 4 of the Education Code by two or more school districts by a joint powers agreement shall be deemed a school district for purposes of this part. The board and the county superintendent of schools, upon the request of the governing body of any center in the county, shall amend the contract entered into under this chapter to include the employees of the center who are not eligible to membership in the State Teachers' Retirement Plan. Credit shall not be granted for any service in that employment prior to the effective date of the amendment. However, on the request of the governing body of the center, the amendment may provide that the membership of any person becoming a member in that employment on the effective date of the amendment shall be retroactive to the date of that person's entry into that employment. If the amendment provides for the retroactive membership, both the member and the center shall contribute to the retirement fund for the period the amounts they would have contributed had the amendment been in effect on the date of the entry into employment.

(Amended by Stats. 2003, Ch. 519, Sec. 8. Effective January 1, 2004.)

20612. The board and the county superintendent of schools, upon the request of any school district in the county that is a contracting agency, shall amend the contract entered into under this chapter to include the employees of the district. The request for the amendment shall be made in the manner provided for approval of contracts except that an election among employees shall not be required. Any amendments under this section shall be effective on the first day of the fiscal year next succeeding that in which the contract is executed.

(Repealed and added by Stats. 1995, Ch. 379, Sec. 2. Effective January 1, 1996.)

20613. An amendment executed under Section 20612 shall be deemed a continuation and an amendment, to the extent of any variation in the two contracts, of the district's contract with respect to rights of all employees of the district under this system. Accumulated contributions held for or as having been made by the district and its employees and the assets derived from those contributions shall be transferred to the credit of the county superintendent of schools as a contracting agency. The liability of the district after the effective date of the amendment shall be as provided in former Section 20584, as amended by Chapter 857 of the Statutes of 1965.

(Repealed and added by Stats. 1995, Ch. 379, Sec. 2. Effective January 1, 1996.)

**20615.** Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, all of the provisions of Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 20460) apply to contracts made pursuant to this chapter.

(Repealed and added by Stats. 1995, Ch. 379, Sec. 2. Effective January 1, 1996.)

**20616.** Sections 20469, 20470, 20502, 20512, 20570, 20571, and 20572 do not apply to contracts made pursuant to this chapter. The county superintendent of schools shall have no authority to exercise any election under any provision of this part, other than Section 21623.6, that applies to a contracting agency only on its election to be subject to it.

(Amended by Stats. 2000, Ch. 947, Sec. 1. Effective January 1, 2001.)

**20617.** The county superintendent of schools at the close of each month shall draw requisitions against the county school service fund and the funds of the respective school districts for amounts equal to the total of the employers' contributions required to be paid from the county school service fund and from the funds of the districts, and the contributions deducted from the compensation of employees paid from those funds. The amounts shall be deposited in the county treasury to the credit of the contract retirement fund. The employers of persons paid from other funds, at the close of each month, shall pay into the contract retirement fund the amounts required to be paid by those employers together with the contributions deducted from the compensation of those employees.

Thereafter the county superintendent of schools shall draw his or her requisitions against the contract retirement fund and in favor of the board which, when allowed by the county auditor, shall constitute warrants against the fund for the amount of the employees' contributions transferred to or otherwise paid into the fund during that month and for the amount of employers' contributions transferred to or otherwise paid into the fund. The county superintendent of schools shall forward the warrants to the board.

(Amended by Stats. 1996, Ch. 906, Sec. 72. Effective January 1, 1997.)

- **20618.** (a) The assets and liabilities arising out of contracts with school employers, as defined in Section 20063, shall be merged, excluding that portion of a contract that provides benefits pursuant to Section 21623.6, that portion of a contract with respect to local police officers, as defined in Section 20430, and those contracts with school districts or community college districts, as defined in subdivision (i) of Section 20057, that employ school safety members, as defined in Section 20444. Employer accumulated contributions credited to those entities on June 30, 1982, and all the contributions paid by a school employer after June 30, 1982, shall be held exclusively for the benefit of school members, retired school members, and their beneficiaries.
- (b) Effective December 31, 1999, any service previously credited as local miscellaneous service with the Los Angeles Unified School District or the Los Angeles Community College District shall be considered service credit with a school employer. A person who is a member under a contract between the board and school districts or community college districts prior to July 1, 1983, shall not be denied any right extended to him or her by reason of that membership.

(Amended by Stats. 2001, Ch. 21, Sec. 4. Effective June 25, 2001. Applicable from January 1, 2000, by Sec. 37 of Ch. 21.)