

Compromises of the 1941 Bill

Another change was made in the form of a compromise to meet certain facts presented by the Legislative Council. A statistical study revealed that around \$700,000 a year would be needed from the state to finance the 1940 bill. The Council representatives thought this figure prohibitive, and a pro-rated figure of \$400,000 was agreed upon. This pro-rated plan was agreed upon rather than a proposal to reduce the basic benefits provided in the bill. Section 23 of the 1941 bill appropriates \$400,000 a year as the state's part and section 24 provides for pro-rating this sum as far as it will go among the eligible annuities. This compromise applies only to service annuities which are paid with state money; it does not affect the teacher's individual savings account or savings annuities purchased by her payments. After a year or two of operation accurate cost of the retirement measure to the state will be available. The best estimated figures indicate that the \$400,000 will pay approximately four-sevenths of the annuities due the first year under the formula of the bill. It is doubtful if reliable data can be obtained except by experience in operating the plan. The compromise gives the state time to feel its way through the first experimental years. Meanwhile the standards set by the bill for annuity benefits remain and should be met in future years by larger state appropriations.

The Legislative Council's Committee on Education suggested the use of sales tax money for the state's appropriation of \$400,000, and made a provision for this in the 1940 bill. The Legislative Council at its meeting on November 16, 1940, by a motion from the floor, altered this provision of the original Beatty bill and provided for the appropriation of the \$400,000 for the first year of operation from the general fund of the state.

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