




TO: Representative Mary Murphy  
FROM: Lawrence A. Martin, Executive Director   
RE: Requested Amendment Derived From S.F. 1445 (Solon); H.F. 1532 (Murphy)  
DATE: April 4, 2001

This is in response to your electronic mail request of April 3, 2001, that I prepare an amendment derived from sections 2 and 3 of S.F. 1445 (Solon); H.F. 1532 (Murphy).

The requested amendment, drafted blind for incorporation into any appropriate vehicle, is attached, Amendment LCPR01-167.

Amendment LCPR01-167 permits members of the Duluth Teachers Retirement Fund Association (DTRFA) to make full salary contributions to the pension plan during periods of receipt of Workers Compensation. It also provides partial DTRFA post-retirement adjustments to retirees who have been retired for less than 12 months.

If you have any questions about the amendment, please contact me (651-296-2750).

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Larry Martin - Fwd: Friday LCPR Agenda

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**Date:** Tue, Apr 3, 2001 12:10 PM  
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can you prepare an amendment for me that would take care of the two items J Stoeffle is asking for?  
Thanks. mary

**From:** "J Michael Stoffel" <jstoffel@dtfpa.org>  
**To:** "Mary Murphy" <rep.Mary.Murphy@house.leg.state.mn....>  
**Date:** Tue, Apr 3, 2001 11:06 AM  
**Subject:** Friday LCPR Agenda

Hi Mary -

I just received a copy of the agenda for the LCPR meeting, and we are not on it.

I know there is reluctance to pass any benefit improvements this year, but we are really hoping to get two small items in our bill - the partial COLA, and the authority to allow members to pay while on workers comp. Granted, these are benefit improvements, but they are minor ones, and ones that the other funds have, not really too controversial.

We are willing to strip out the formula improvements in the bill and just go for those two small items. Any chance of talking to Dean to get us on Friday's agenda with that approach in mind?

I will try to call him about the idea, but I don't know if I will get thru. Anything you can do is appreciated.

Jay Stoffel

1 M ..... moves to amend S.F. No. ...., H.F. No.  
2 ....., as follows:

3 Page ....., after line ....., insert:

4 "Sec. .... . [354A.108] [PAYMENT BY TEACHERS COLLECTING  
5 WORKERS' COMPENSATION.]

6 (a) A member of the Duluth teachers retirement fund  
7 association who is receiving temporary workers' compensation  
8 payments related to the member's teaching service and who either  
9 is receiving a reduced salary from the employer or is receiving  
10 no salary from the employer is entitled to purchase allowable  
11 service credit for the period of time that the member is  
12 receiving the workers' compensation payments.

13 (b) The required amount payable by the member must be  
14 calculated first by determining the differential salary amount,  
15 which is the difference between the salary received, if any,  
16 during the period of time that the member is collecting workers'  
17 compensation payments, and the salary that the member received  
18 for an identical length period immediately before collecting the  
19 workers' compensation payments. The member shall pay an amount  
20 equal to the employee contribution rate under section 354A.12,  
21 subdivision 1, multiplied by the differential salary amount.

22 (c) If the member makes the employee payment under this  
23 section, the employing unit shall make an employer payment to  
24 the Duluth teachers retirement fund association equal to the

1 employer contribution rate under section 354A.12, subdivision  
2 2a, multiplied by the differential salary amount.

3 (d) Payments made under this subdivision are payable  
4 without interest if paid by June 30 of the year during which the  
5 workers' compensation payments are received by the member. If  
6 paid after June 30, payments made under this subdivision must  
7 include interest at the rate of 8.5 percent per year. Payment  
8 under this section must be completed within one year of the  
9 termination of the workers' compensation payments to the member."

10 Page ....., after line ....., insert:

11 "Sec. .... . Minnesota Statutes 2000, section 354A.27, is  
12 amended by adding a subdivision to read:

13 Subd. 7. [PARTIAL POSTRETIREMENT ADJUSTMENT.] (a) An  
14 annuitant or benefit recipient who has been receiving an annuity  
15 or benefit for at least one full month, but less than 12 full  
16 months, as of the current June 30, is eligible to receive a  
17 partial increase of the total postretirement adjustment  
18 determined in subdivisions 5 and 6.

19 (b) The board shall determine those annuitants and benefit  
20 recipients who are eligible to receive a partial postretirement  
21 adjustment.

22 (c) The percentage increase of the partial postretirement  
23 adjustment payable to each annuitant or benefit recipient  
24 eligible for a partial adjustment must be calculated by first  
25 determining a partial percentage that bears the same ratio to  
26 the full adjustment percentage determined in subdivisions 5 and  
27 6 as the number of full months of annuity or benefit receipt as  
28 of the current June 30 bears to 12 full months.

29 (d) The partial percentage thus determined must then be  
30 applied to the amount of the monthly annuity or benefit payable  
31 to each annuitant or benefit recipient eligible to receive a  
32 partial postretirement adjustment. The partial postretirement  
33 increase is payable to all eligible annuitants or benefit  
34 recipients on the following January 1."

35 Page ....., line ....., after "..... " insert "Sections  
36 and .... are effective on May 1, 2001."