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Introduced by M. of A. ABBATE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to the mandated payment of unclaimed funds in the amount of one thousand dollars or less

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 531 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 5 to read as follows:

5. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS SECTION TO THE CONTRARY AND IN LIEU OF ANY OTHER PROCEDURE PROVIDED FOR IN THIS SECTION, THE RETIREMENT BOARD IS AUTHORIZED TO MANDATE THE DISTRIBUTION OF UNCLAIMED AMOUNTS NOT TO EXCEED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN EACH CASE TO FORMER MEMBERS OR CONTRIBUTORS, OR PERSONS ENTITLED TO A BENEFIT FROM THE SYSTEM, IN CASES IN WHICH AT LEAST SEVEN YEARS HAVE ELAPSED SINCE THE MEMBER OR CONTRIBUTOR WITHDREW FROM SERVICE OR CEASED TO BE A TEACHER FOR ANY CAUSE OTHER THAN DEATH OR RETIREMENT OR AT LEAST SEVEN YEARS HAVE ELAPSED FROM THE DATE ANY OTHER PERSON BECAME ENTITLED TO A BENEFIT FROM THE SYSTEM PURSUANT TO ANY PROVISION OF THIS CHAPTER OR OF THE RETIREMENT AND SOCIAL SECURITY LAW.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

FISCAL NOTE.--Pursuant to Legislative Law, Section 50:

This bill would amend Section 531 of the Education Law to authorize the Retirement Board of the New York State Teachers' Retirement System to promulgate rules and regulations allowing for the mandated distribution of unclaimed funds in the amount of $1,000 or less.

The annual cost to the employers of members of the New York State Teachers' Retirement System is estimated to be negligible if this bill is enacted.

The source of this estimate is Fiscal Note 2009-6 dated October 15, 2008 prepared by the Actuary of the New York State Teachers' Retirement System and is intended for use only during the 2009 Legislative Session.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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