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Ch. 10, Sec 58 of Acts 2015	6-2-15	Authorizes cities and towns to amortize their FY2015 snow and ice removal account deficits over the next three fiscal years in equal installments or more rapidly.
Ch. 11 of the Acts of 2010	1-19-10	Attleboro Retirement Board shall pay to Aquinnah Sarah Burgess, daughter of Jeffrey Burgess, who died in the performance of his duties as an employee of the Water Department of the City of Attleboro, a survivor's accidental death benefit from the date of his death which will consist of a yearly allowance equal to the annual rate of regular compensation which would have been payable to Jeffrey Burgess had he continued in the service of the City of Attleboro at a grade held by him at the time of his death. The accidental death benefit allowance shall terminate when Aquinnah Sarah Burgess reaches the age of 23 or the date of her death whichever occurs sooner. Aquinnah Sarah Burgess shall be eligible for individual health and dental insurance available to employees of the City of Attleboro under Chapter 32B of the MGL. provided payments on her behalf are received in the amount of one-half of the premium for such insurance. Both health and dental coverage ceases when Aguinnah Sarah Burgess reaches age 23 or the date of her death whichever comes first.
Ch. 17 of the Acts of 1997	5-19-98	An Act relative to the Cost-of-Living COLA for retirees before the start of the next fiscal year.
Ch 31, Sec. 47	4-19-49	Include all laborers and mechanics
Ch. 32 Sec. 83A as amended.	12-4-51	Establishes amount of pensions for Police Officers (See also Acts of 1965, Ch. 277 9-7-65)
Ch. 32, Sec. 20A	3-2-99	In the case of a civil action suit, Retirement Board Members would be indemnified for all expenses incurred in the defense thereof and shall be indemnified for damages to the same extent as provided for public employees in chapter two hundred and fifty-eight; provided that claim arose while member was acting within the scope of official duties.
Ch. 32, Sec 20 (d 1/2) and h.	7-15-86	(d-1\2) Auditor being compensated for services for no less than \$200.00 nor more

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		than \$3,000.00 per annum payable from the expense fund.
		(h) Board shall annually, on or before May 1st, file financial statement of the system in the office of the commissioner of public employee retirement. Investments carried at values determined by deputy commissioner.
Ch. 32, Sec. 20 (6)	10-3-95	Provides for an annual stipend of \$3,000.00 to elected and appointed members of the Retirement Board.
Ch. 32, Sec.22D	12-18-90	Repeals the \$30,000 Cap for employees hired after 1/1/79. (Pension Reform Act) (Acts & Resolves Ch. 697) (acceptance of this mandates establishment of retirement system funding schedule subject to approval of actuary w/I Div of Public Emp. Retirement; identification of all enterprise operations with independent revenue sources from which pension costs may be recovered through fees, rates or charges; transmittal to each active and retired member and to any other person receiving any benefit pursuant to MGL Ch 32; acceptance of ten-year vesting provision provided for in subsection (1) of section (6); acceptance of supplemental dependent allowance provided for in clause (iii) of paragraph (a) of subdivision (2) of section 7; acceptance of provisions of section 90G ½ authorizing continued deductions for those employees working beyond the age of seventy (70) who so elect; acceptance of the fitness and wellness provisions of section sixty-one A of MGL Ch 31 and section sixty-one B of MGL Ch 31 and of paragraph (e) of subdivision (3) of section 5 and section 5A.
Ch. 32, Sec. 81A-B	12-4-51	Establishes amounts of pensions for Retired Firefighters (See also Acts of 1965, Ch. 278 (9-7-65))
Ch. 32, Sec. 83A	12-4-51	Establishes amount of pensions for Retired Police Officers (See also Acts of 1965, Ch. 277 (9-7-65))
Ch. 32, Sec. 851	6-18-63	Defines creditable service for the purpose of computing pensions for Retired Police Officers and Firefighters.

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Ch. 32, Sec. 85J	1-6-59	Provides for pensions for surviving spouse of Retired Police Officers and Firefighters.
Ch. 32, Sec. 95A	12-6-60	Provides for annuity to surviving spouse of certain Municipal Officials or employees.
Ch. 32, Sec. 103 (h)	5-18-99	Allows for cost-of-living adjustments for non-contributory retirees.
Ch. 32B,12-17-57		Provides Group Medical and Life Insurance for Municipal Employees (Excluding Ch. 32B Secs. 7A, 8A, 9A, 9C, 9D, 9E, 9F, 11A, 11B, 11D, 11E, 11F and 16). Ch. 32B, Sec. 7A
Ch. 32B, Sec. 7A	6-3-69	Authorizes payments in excess of 50% of premium for Municipal Employee's Group Medical and Life Insurance.
Ch. 32B, Sec. 9A	12-3-63	Authorizes payment of one-half of premium for Retired Municipal Employee's Group Medical and Life Insurance.
Ch. 32B, Sec. 9D	12-3-98	Authorizes the City to pay, in the case of the surviving spouse of an employee Or retired employee, one-half of the Premium costs of health insurance.
Ch 32B, Sec 9E <b>Again 6/20/95 Again 1999</b>	9-19-89	Allows Cities to pay a subsidiary or additional amount of money for Retired Municipal Employee's Group Medical and Life Insurance.
Ch. 32B, Sec. 11A	2-2-88	Allows employees to be insured for more than the minimum amount of group life insurance, group accidental death and dismemberment insurance based on gross annual salary, wages or compensation with certain limitations listed in this section.
Ch. 32B, Sec. 16	12-21-82	Describes contract for Services of Health Care Organization on Optional Basis, Conditions, Term, etc., Premium Cost; Accounting; Dividends, Rules and Regulations; Acceptance of section.
Ch. 32B, Sec. 20	6/24/14	Authorizes the establishment of an "Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund (OPEB Trust Fund).

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Ch. 33, Sec. 59	7-6-54	Provides for Municipal Employee's pay when on duty in Armed Forces.
Ch.40, Sec. 4G	2-5-87	Increases amount of a contract or purchase which must be put out to bid from \$2,000 to \$4,000.
Ch.40, Sec 5B Paragraph 4	3-6-18	To establish an E-Rate Funds Special Purpose Stabilization fund
Ch. 40, Sec. 6G	9-16-69	Authorizes City to make temporary repairs on certain private ways.
Ch. 40, Sec. 8A	5-7-57	Establishes Development and Industrial Commission
Ch. 40, Sec. 8C	12-4-62	Establishes Conservation Commission.
Ch. 40, Sec. 8D	2-20-68	Establishes Historical Commission.
Ch. 40 Sec. 8E	3-15-05	Establishes a Youth Commission
Ch. 40, Sec. 8G	9-2-75	Authorizes City to make agreements for Mutual Police Aid Programs with other cities and towns.
Ch. 40, Sec. 8J	3-5-19	Establishes a Disability Commission (effective FY20)
Ch. 40, Sec. 13E	5-21-19	Establishes a Special Education Stabilization Fund
Ch. 40, Sec. 21	6-19-84	That designated parking spaces for vehicles owned and operated by disabled Paragraph 23 veterans or by handicapped persons and bearing the distinctive number plates authorized by section two of chapter ninety be provided in public and private off-street parking areas.Ch. 40, Sec. 22D
Ch. 40, Sec. 21D	10-20-92	Non-criminal disposition of fines. as amended
Ch. 40, Sec. 22D	12-30-75	Authorizes towing of illegally parked vehicles on public ways.
Ch. 40, Sec. 22F (Eff. 7/1/91)	4-16-96	Giving authority to establish fees for licenses, permits and the like.
Ch. 40, Sec 23	6-7-84	Relative to handicapped parking in private lots.
Ch. 40, Sec. 32A	6-29-76	Described procedures for advertising hearings on Zoning Amendments and limits time to claim invalidity due to procedural error.

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Ch. 40, Sec. 39J	4-28-98	Pertains to pricing of services for water and sewer systems which would allow priority consideration for future applications for state revolving fund loans.
Ch. 40, Sec. 42A-F	4-2-63	Provides for liens upon Real Estate for unpaid water bills.
Ch. 40, Sec. 42J	3-1-22	Authority to defer water and rubbish liens
Ch. 40, Sec. 57	12-8-88	Denies licenses and permits for delinquent taxpayers.
Ch. 41. Sec 81-A, B,C,D,E, I and J	3-19-40	Planning Board
Ch. 41, Sec. 81F-81J	11-16-37	Pertains to municipal powers over public ways
Ch. 41, Sec. 100A	6-5-62	Indemnifies City Employees for liability for damages arising out of operation of publicly owned vehicles.
Ch. 41, Sec. 108L	9-30-71	Authorizes career incentive pay programs for regular full-time Police Officers.
Ch. 43D (Sec 11 of Chapter 205 of Acts of 2007)	12-19-07	Expedited Permitting for Priority Development Sites.
Ch. 44, Sec. 53D	2-13-78	Permits the establishment of recreational and park self-supporting service revolving funds.
Ch. 44, Sec.53E 1/2	10-15-91	Allows City to reestablish revolving accounts on a yearly basis.
Ch. 44, Sec. 53F 1/2	6-18-91	Permits the City to establish a separate account classified as an "Enterprise Fund", applied to Capron Park Zoo fees.
Ch. 44 Sec. 53F 1/2	12-3-91	Allows for establishing of "Enterprise Fund" applied to sewer and water. (rescinded 1996)
Ch. 44 Sec. 53F ½	12/5/00	Allows for establishing of "Enterprise Fund" for water. To be effective July 1, 2001.
Ch. 44 Sec. 53F ½	2/8/01	Allows for establishing of "Enterprise Fund" for wastewater. To be effective July 1, 2001.

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Ch. 44, Sec. 64	1-6-78	Authorizes appropriations for certain unpaid bills of previous years.
Ch. 46, Sec. 116 Acts of 2003	9-02-03	Extending early retirement to all eligible City of Attleboro employees in Groups 1 (General Government) and 4 (Public Safety).
Ch 46, Sec. 128 of the Acts of 2003	12/2/2003	Allows a City or town to defer a portion of its F/Y04 and/or F/Y05 retirement appropriation.
Ch. 48, Sec. 58D	2-26-73	Establishes forty-two-hour week for firefighters.
Ch. 48, Secs. 59B, 59C, 59D, 59E	12-18-79	Permits Reserve Fire Force.
Ch 48, Sec 133 of Acts of 1992		Establish Early Retirement Incentive Program for City of Attleboro and school non-teaching employees.
Ch. 51, Sec. 16A	12-18-62	Establishes Board of Election Commissioners.
Ch. 51 Sec 17	02-01-27	City Clerk shall cease to be a member of the Board of Registrars on April 1.
Ch. 53 Sec 18B	02-20-18	To provide voters with information concerning the debt exclusion
Ch. 54, Sec 24 added by Ch 142 of Acts of 2018	07-10-18	An act authorizing polling locations in any adjacent or non-adjacent precinct of the City
Ch. 54 Sec. 103A	5-16-44	Absentee voting for City Election
Ch. 54 Sec 55, 56 & 57	11-18-30	An act authorizing payment of salaries to members of Municipal Council.
Ch. 55 Section 3 of Chapter 64 of the Acts of 2006	9-5-06	An Act Increasing The Accidental Death Benefit to Surviving Children of Retirees
Ch 59 Section 5(41A)	12-17-19	Increase gross receipts that seniors may have in prior calendar year for eligibility to defer property taxes from \$20,000 to (100% of the amount established annually by The Commissioner of Revenue as the income limit for Seniors who are not heads to qualify for the “circuit breaker” state income tax credit for the preceding state tax year), effective for deferrals granted for taxes accessed for fiscal year beginning after July 1, 2020.
Ch 59, Sec 5(54) added by Chapter 159 of the Acts of 2000	10-31-13	Establish a minimum value of \$2,000.00 for personal property accounts to be taxed, and to modify that value beginning for Fiscal Year 2014

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Ch 59, Sec 5(54)	5-17-16	Increase personal property tax exemption to \$7,000.00 effective beginning Fiscal Year 2017
Ch 59, Sec 5(54)	6-26-18	Increase personal property tax exemption to \$10,000.00 effective beginning Fiscal Year 2019
Ch 59, Sec 5K	6-20-00	Allows for Senior Citizen property Tax Work-Off Abatement to be effective FY2001.
Ch. 59, Sec 5K	12-17-19	Allows for increase of participants from 120 to 150 for Senior Citizen property Tax Work-Off Abatement
Ch. 59, Sec 5 Clause 41A	12-17-19	Reduces rate of interest that accrues on deferred property taxes by eligible seniors from 8% to 2.5% to start FY21
Ch. 59 Clause 41C	10-18-05	Increase income limit for single person from \$13,000 to \$14,000 for a couple from \$15,000 to \$16,000
Ch. 59 Clause 41C	10-2-07	Increase income limit for single person to \$20,000 and \$30,000 for married persons and increasing the amount of exemption from \$500 to \$600.
Ch. 59, Sec. 5, Clause 41D	6/15/21	Increase annually the amounts of the gross receipts and whole estate, real and personal, as set forth in clauses 41 <sup>st</sup> , 41 <sup>st</sup> B and 41 <sup>st</sup> C, by an amount equal to the increase in the Consumer Price Index published by the US Dept of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, for such year.
Ch. 59, Sec. 57C	3-19-91	Allows for quarterly tax payments.
Ch. 60, Sec 3D	4-19-22	Establishes aid to elderly and disabled through a Taxation fund via voluntary check off donations
Ch. 64G, Sec. 3A	5-20-14	Local Option Room Occupancy Excise and to establish the full allowable levy amount of 6%
Ch. 64L, Sec. 2(a)	5-20-14	Local Option Meals Excise and to establish the full allowable levy amount of .75%
Ch. 64N, Sec 3 as amended by the Acts of 2017 Ch 55, Sec 13, Sec 3(a)	6-26-18	Local Option Marijuana Excise and to establish the allowable levy amount of 3%
Ch. 71/Acts 1996	10-15-96	Authorizes certain public employees to purchase up to four years creditable retirement time for active service in the armed services.
Ch. 71, Sec 37M	2-15-05	Consolidation of Administration Functions with City or Town relative to consolidating administrative functions, including but not

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		limited to financial, personnel, and maintenance functions, of the School Committee with those of the City.
Ch. 71, Sec. 40	6-24-86	Provides that the compensation of each teacher for the school years commencing after July 1, 1985 shall be at a rate of not less than \$18,000.00.
Ch. 71, Sec. 71E	3-16-82	Permits revolving funds for School Department -Adult Education Programs.
Ch. 71, Sec. 71F	6-20-95	Allows tuition for state wards to be expended for the education of foster care children without further appropriation.
Ch. 73, Sec. 4 As amended by Ch. 126 of the Acts of 1988	1-02-01 (7-01-01) effective	Provides for granting additional real estate tax exemptions to persons who qualify for property tax exemptions under clauses 17, 17C, 17C1/2, 22, 22A, 22B, 22C, 22D, 22E, 37, 37A, 41, 41B and 41C of Sec. 5 of Ch. 59 of the MGL. Acceptance to take effect for fiscal year 2002.
Ch 73, Clause 41C of Acts of 1986		Real estate tax exemption for elderly to provide financial relief for property owners over the age of 70
Ch. 80 Sec. 13B	2-16-99	Permits the City to enter into a deferral and recovery agreement with a person, who is sixty-five (65) years of age or older, for the payment of a sewer betterment assessment.
Ch. 82. Sec 37 of Acts of 1925 Ch. 130	05-03-27	
Sec. 83 of Ed Reform Act of 1993	6-22-93	Early Retirement Incentive Program
Ch. 83 Sec 16 A-F	11-21-06	Relates to unpaid sewer bills.
Ch. 83, Sec 16G	3-1-22	Authority to defer wastewater liens.
Ch 85 11-A	10-5-43	Bicycle Regulations
Ch. 85, Sec. 35	4-16-85	Permits the police to ticket vehicles using the Olive Street River Bridge exceeding the two-ton weight limit.
Ch. 90, Sec. 18A	10-15-63	Authorizes pedestrian control regulations.
Ch. 90, Sec. 20A	12-15-81	Non-criminal Disposition of Charges for Violation of Motor Vehicle Parking Rules, Regulations, etc.



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Ch. 90, Sec 20 A ½	2-15-05	Included in Sec 31 of Chapter 291, allows cities and towns to amend their parking violation fines and change the “Total Fine Limit” from \$55.00 to \$75.00.
Ch. 90, Sec. 20C	12-15-81	Violations of Parking Regulations, etc., in certain cities and towns; notice, appearances; schedule of fines; proceedings not criminal.
Ch. 90, Sec. 20D	12-15-81	Penalty for removing, changing, etc. parking violation notice affixed to motor vehicles.
Ch. 90, Sec. 20E	12-15-81	Responsibility of lessors of motor vehicles, etc., for parking violations incurred by lessees or operators.
Ch 107 of Acts of 1930	5-27-30	Relative to ABC Street Railway
Ch 111 of Acts of 2021	12-20-21	Act providing for a gender-neutral charter
Ch. 116 Sec 6/Acts 2002	9-03-02	Allows veterans who did not elect to purchase military service credit in 1996 another opportunity to do so.
Ch. 116 Sec 1-2/Acts of 2006	6-21-06	Act Increasing the expenditure limit on revolving funds to 5%
by the Acts of 2018, Ch. 127	7-3-18	Act to repeal increasing the expenditure limit on revolving funds
Ch. 121B, Sec. 3	4-20-48	Establishes Housing Authority.
Ch. 121B, Sec. 4	9-7-65	Establishes Redevelopment Authority.
Ch. 121 of Ch 574, Sec 26K	4-20-48	Section of Housing Authority Law.
Ch. 127, Sec. 51 of the Acts of 1999	12-21-99	Enables the local Retirement Board to elect annually to pay cost-of-living increases greater than the CPI to a maximum of 3%
Ch. 133 Section 48 of the Acts of 1992	6-22-93	
Ch. 137 Acts of 2003	6-21-05	An act relative to public employees serving in the Armed Forces of the United States
Ch. 136 Sec 21-25	12-18-28	
Ch. 138, Sec 12B	11-16-93	Prohibits public nudity as part of a performance in any establishment serving alcoholic beverages.

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Ch 138, Sec 33B	11-16-10	Authorizing local licensing authorities To permit § 12 licensees to sell alcoholic Beverages at 10 A.M on Sundays.
Ch. 139, Sec. 1-3	7-5-39	Provides for disposal of burnt or dangerous buildings.
Ch 139, Sec 63, 64 & 65 of the Acts of 2012	4-2-13	Relative to increasing the annual benefit paid to a survivor in accordance with G.L. Ch 32, Sec 101 from \$9,000.00 to \$12,000.00.
Ch. 140, Sec. 147A	3-18-97	Empowers the City to enact ordinances relative to the regulation of dogs and to so notify the County Commissioners of Bristol County.
Ch 147 Acts 1965	6-15-65	Regulating the Election of School Committee Members in City of Attleboro
Ch. 147, Sec. 16-B	4-19-49	One day off with pay for Policemen
Ch. 148, Sec. 26C	2-17-76	Requires automatic smoke or heat detectors in multiple dwellings.
Ch. 148, Sec. 26E	2-21-84	Dealing with the required installation of approved smoke detectors in buildings occupied in whole or in part for residential purpose and containing two to five dwelling units.
Ch. 148, Sec. 26 H	12-16-03	Requires sprinklers in every lodging house or boarding house.
Ch. 148, Sec. 261	3-18-03	Requires sprinklers in new or substantially rehabilitated residential occupancies of four or more units.
Ch. 152, Sec. 69	5-7-40	Provides Workmen's Compensation Benefits for Municipal Employees.
Ch. 152, Sec. 69	12-7-71	Provides Workmen's Compensation Benefits for Municipal Employees including School Department Employee
Ch 157 Sec 1 of the Acts of 2005	3-07-07	Relative to providing accidental disability retirees with a veteran's benefit
Ch. 157 Sec 2 of the Acts of 2005	3-21-06	Relative to providing accidental disability retiree with a veteran's benefit that would be retroactive to a retiree's d retirement.
Ch. 159, Sec 45 to 49	08-05-24	"Jitney Act"

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Ch. 166, Sec. 32A	7-18-89	Allows City to hire local Inspector of Wires even if they have their own business.
Ch 176, Sec 29 & 30 of the Acts of 2011	4-2-13	Relative to increasing the minimum monthly allowance Contained in G.L. Ch 32, Sec 12(2) (d) from \$250.00 to \$500.00
Ch. 180, Sec. 17A	6-20-67	Authorizes payroll deductions for Union Dues.
Ch. 180, Sec. 17B	11-20-56	Authorizes payroll deductions for contributions to United Fund.
Ch. 194 Sec 288/Acts 1988	3-2-99	Regarding the application of the “pop-up” provision to members who retire prior to 1988.
Ch. 200A, Sec 9A	6/24/14	Continue with the legal tailing requirements as the City Treasurer’s Office has initiated the required statement “void after one year from the date of issue” on all City checks
Ch. 207 Acts of 1946 Sec. 4B	10-15-46	Bowling on Lord's Day
Ch. 207 Acts of 1946 Sec. 4B	9-17-46	Bowling on Sunday in Attleboro
Ch. 225 of the acts of 1960 and Ch 647 of acts of 1960 and Ch 646 of the acts 1962	4-2-63	Provides for increases in pension
Ch. 254/Acts of 1990	3-19-91	Allows employees over age 70 to have deductions made to accrue creditable service for time worked beyond age 70 and for regular compensation earned beyond age 70, retroactive to January 1, 1988
Ch. 258, Sec. 13	10-29-85	Provides that the City shall indemnify and save harmless municipal officers, elected or appointed from personal financial loss and expense including reasonable legal fees and costs, if any, in an amount not to exceed one million dollars arising out of any claim, demand, suit or judgment by reason of any act or omission, except an international violation of civil rights of any person, if the official at the time of such act or omission was acting within the scope of his official duties or employment.
Ch. 277 of the Acts		

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of 1965	9-7-65	Provides for increases in the amount of pensions granted in accordance with MGL
Ch 281 Acts of 1927	05-03-27	Fill certain vacancies in Municipal Council
Ch. 286 Acts of General Court of 1924	08-05-24	Employees of Electrical Branch Fire Dept. eligible for pension
Ch. 291/Acts 1990	10-1-91	Allows Enhanced 911 services in City.
Ch. 324 Acts of 1983	9-20-83	An Act further regulating the rights of certain Firefighters and Police Officers who were laid off in the years 1981-82
Ch. 329 Acts of 1987		<b>Motion failed 5/17/16</b> – Municipal Council, by 2/3 vote, could increase amount appropriated to school over that requested by Mayor
Ch. 391 Sects 42A, 42B, 42C, 42D, 42E and 42F	02-07-28	Collections of water rates
Ch. 481 Acts of 1993	9-7-04	An act relative to the sale of liquors or cordials by Common Victualers.
Ch. 486 Acts of 1964	9-7-65	Provides for pension increases for certain retired persons.
Ch 576 of Acts of 1946	07-05-51	Act concerning retirement of Policemen and firemen.
Ch. 592 Sec. 2 of Acts of 1946	9-03-46	Facilitate/encourage homes during present emergency.
Ch. 615 of Acts of 1947	10-21-47	Increases pensions of former public employees. etc.
Ch 639 Acts of 1977	11-20-78	Providing for the expenditure by School Committees of Receipts from Certain Programs
Ch. 653 Sec. 40/Acts 1989	10-02-02	Amended MGL Chapter 59, Section 2A to advance cut-off date for property tax assessment on construction from January 1 to June 30 prior to the pertinent fiscal year.
Ch. 670 of Acts of 1956	12-04-56	Increases the amount of pensions.
Ch. 820 of Acts of 1950	11-07-51	Increase amount of certain pensions, retirement
Acts of 1991	10-8-91	Authorizes deferral of teachers' summer pay in Fiscal year 1992.

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