

**5128/2024 (A' 118) "Provisions on the Digital Education Portal and the Digital Tutoring Platform, career guidance in secondary education, measures to support the education system in remote areas, and other provisions of the Ministry of Education, Religious Affairs and Sports"**

**Article 58**

**Transfers of Parish Priests, Deacons, and Preachers of the Holy Metropolises of the Dodecanese and the Patriarchal Exarchate of Patmos – Amendment of paragraph 8 of article 336 of Law 4957/2022**

In paragraph 8 of article 336 of law 4957/2022 (A' 141), concerning parish priests and deacons, the following amendments are introduced: (a) in the first sentence: (aa) the words "Permanent Parish Priest" are replaced by the words "Parish Priest, Preacher, and Deacon", (ab) in case (b), the word "of" is inserted before the word "imposed" (b) in the second sentence: (ba) the words "permanent Parish Priest" are replaced by the words "Parish Priest, Preacher, and Deacon", (bb) the phrase "provided that there is a vacant permanent position of Parish Priest therein" is replaced by the phrase "provided that there are corresponding vacant permanent positions and paragraph 8 is amended as follows:

"8. A Parish Priest, Preacher, and Deacon may be transferred to another vacant permanent position within the respective Metropolis or the Patriarchal Exarchate of Patmos: (a) upon his application, (b) by decision of the Metropolitan, and (c) due to a final sentence imposed on him by an ecclesiastical court under article 342. The transfer of a Parish Priest, Preacher, or Deacon to another Holy Metropolis of the Dodecanese, or to the Patriarchal Exarchate of Patmos, or to the Church of Greece, or the Church of Crete, shall be permitted, provided that there are corresponding vacant permanent positions"

**Article 59**

**Transfers of Parish Priests, Deacons and Preachers of the Church of Greece and the Church of Crete – Addition of paragraph 21 to articles 347 and 348 of Law 4957/2022**

1. In article 347 of Law 4957/2022 (A' 141), concerning permanent clerical positions in the Church of Greece, paragraph 21 is added as follows: "21. The transfer of a Parish Priest, Preacher or Deacon from the Church of Greece to the Church of Crete or to the Holy Metropolises of the Dodecanese shall be permitted, provided that corresponding vacant permanent positions exist therein."
2. In article 348 of Law 4957/2022, concerning permanent clerical positions in the Church of Crete, paragraph 21 is added as follows: "21. The transfer of a Parish Priest, Preacher or Deacon from the Church of Crete to the Church of Greece or to the Holy Metropolises of the Dodecanese shall be permitted, provided that corresponding vacant permanent positions exist therein."

**Article 68**

**Secondment of employees of Religious Legal Entities under Public Law**

1. The secondment of permanent or indefinite-term employees belonging to entities of the General Government to the legal entities under public law referred to in article 11 of Law

590/1977 (A' 146), article 17 of Law 4149/1961 (A' 41), article 1 of Law 349/1976 (A' 149), articles 319 and 320 of Law 4957/2022 (A' 141), article 1 of Law 2456/1920 (A' 173) and article 1 of Legislative Decree 301/1969 (A' 195) shall be permitted, up to two (2) employees per legal entity. The secondment shall be effected by way of derogation from Law 4440/2016 (A' 224) and paragraph 7 of article 11 of Law 3833/2010 (A' 40), upon request by the employee submitted within a strict deadline of two (2) months from the entry into force of the present law, and with the consent of both the sending and the receiving entity, by joint decision of the competent body of the Ministry of Education, Religious Affairs and Sports and the competent Minister, as the case may be, for a duration of one (1) year, with the possibility of extension up to five (5) years. The salaries of seconded employees shall be covered by the sending entity.

2. The secondment shall automatically terminate upon the expiration of the time limit set out in paragraph 1, and upon the expiration of the secondment, the employee shall be required to return to his or her position without further notice. The period of secondment shall be counted, for all legal purposes, as actual service in the position to which the employee is originally assigned.
3. Upon the expiration of the secondment or its extension, these employees shall be entitled, upon their request, to be transferred to the legal entities to which they were seconded and shall receive the remuneration corresponding to their new position. Such transfer shall be effected, subject to the consent of both the receiving entity and the sending entity, by joint decision of the competent bodies of the Ministries of Education, Religious Affairs and Sports, National Economy and Finance, Interior, and the competent Minister, a summary of which shall be published in the Government Gazette, to a vacant permanent position of the receiving entity. The application for transfer shall be submitted within an exclusive period of six (6) months from the expiration of the secondment or its extension.
4. For the secondment or transfer under this provision, the opinion of the competent personnel council of the sending entity shall not be required.
5. For permanent or indefinite-term employees who have been ordained prior to the publication of the present law, or who are ordained as Deacons or Presbyters and belong to entities of the General Government, paragraph 9 of article 336, paragraph 19 of article 347 and paragraph 19 of article 348 of Law 4957/2022 shall apply.