

HB0630/643622/1

BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 630
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “**Transfers of**”; in the same line, after “**Service**” insert “**Credit**”; in line 5, after “System;” insert “providing for eligibility and service credit in the Employees’ Pension System for certain contractual employment by certain members;”; in line 6, strike “the transfer of”; in the same line, after “service” insert “credit”; and in line 9, after “37–203.1(a)” insert “and (g)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 36, insert:

“(g) **[(1)]** Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, after an individual transfers service credit to a new system under this title, the individual:

[(i)] (1) shall pay the rate of contribution applicable to a member of the new system; and

[(ii)] (2) is eligible for a pension and annuity as provided under the new system, determined by taking into account the transferred service credit.

[(2)] If an individual retires within 5 years after transferring into a new system, the benefits payable with respect to the transferred service credit may not be greater than the benefits that would have been payable by the previous system with respect to that service if the individual had remained in the previous system.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

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(2) “Board of Trustees” means the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System.

(3) “Department” means the Department of Legislative Services.

(b) This section applies to a member of the Employees’ Pension System:

(1) who is an employee of the Department on July 1, 2024;

(2) who was employed by the Department prior to July 1, 2024 as a contractual employee;

(3) whose employment as a contractual employee exceeded 5 years; and

(4) who has not been employed by another unit of State government after first being employed by the Department.

(c) (1) Subject to paragraphs (2) through (4) of this subsection, a member described under subsection (b) of this section is entitled to eligibility and service credit for periods of employment with the Department as a contractual employee.

(2) Eligibility and service credit provided under this section may not exceed 10 years.

(3) A member shall receive eligibility and service credit under this section by completing a claim for the credit on a form that the Board of Trustees provides and filing it with the Board of Trustees by December 31, 2024.

(4) (i) Except as provided under subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, a member receiving credit under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall, prior to retirement, deposit into the annuity savings fund the member contributions that would have been due for the period of employment for which the member receives credit under this section if the member had been enrolled in the Employees’ Pension System, plus regular interest on those contributions.

(ii) If a member does not deposit the amounts required under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, the member’s retirement allowance shall be reduced

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by the actuarial equivalent of the accumulated contributions not paid under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, with regular interest to the date of retirement.”.

On page 3, strike in their entirety lines 1 and 2, and substitute:

“SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2024. Section 2 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 6 months and, at the end of December 31, 2024, Section 2 of this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.