

BY: Appropriations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 199

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 11, after “employers;” insert “allowing certain employees who are separated from employment under certain circumstances to be eligible for certain retirement benefits; requiring the University Medical System to pay for a certain period the entire cost of health insurance premiums for certain employees who are separated from employment under certain circumstances;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 5, in line 5, strike “paragraph (i)” and substitute “paragraphs (i) and (iii)”; in lines 3, 8, and 27, strike “creditable” and substitute “eligibility”; strike beginning with the comma in line 8 down through “section,” in line 9; and strike beginning with “, not” in line 27 down through “section,” in line 28.

On page 6, in line 12, strike “creditable” and substitute “eligibility”.

On page 9, in line 25, strike “State” and substitute “participating employer”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, in line 29, strike “A” and substitute “Except as provided under subsection (2) of this section, a”.

On page 4, in line 6, after “(2)” insert “A member of the Employees’ Retirement System or the Employees’ Pension System who is deemed a State employee for retirement purposes and who was an employee of the Medical System, as defined in § 13-301(k) of the Education Article, on January 1, 1997 and is separated from employment as a result of the elimination of the employee’s position by the Medical System after January 1, 1998 and before July 1, 1998 may retire if the member:”

(Over)

(i) Submits a written application to the Board of Trustees from June 1, 1998 through August 31, 1998, both inclusive;

(ii) Is a member of the respective system on January 1, 1998; and

(iii) On or before June 30, 1998 has at least 20 years of creditable service.

(3)".

On page 4, in line 14, strike "(3)" and substitute "(4)"; in line 24, strike "(4)" and substitute "(5)"; in line 32, strike "(5)" and substitute "(6)".

On page 5, in lines 1, 9, and 21, in each instance, strike "(4)" and substitute "(5)"; in line 17, strike "(6)" and substitute "(7)"; and in line 18, strike "(6)" and substitute "(7)".

On page 6, in line 3, strike "(4)" and substitute "(5)"; in line 18, strike "(7)" and substitute "(8)"; in line 26, strike "(8)" and substitute "(9)"; in line 28, strike "(9)" and substitute "(10)"; in the same line, strike "(10)" and substitute "(11)"; and in line 33, strike "(10)" and substitute "(11)".

On page 7, in line 5, strike "(11)" and substitute "(12)".

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 9, after line 37, insert:

"SECTION 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That for those employees who have been separated from employment because their positions have been eliminated by the Medical System at any time after January 1, 1998 and before July 1, 1998, and who do not retire under this Act, the Medical System shall pay the entire cost of health insurance premiums for those employees to continue the health insurance the employees received while employed by the Medical System, for a period of 12 months following the month of termination, or until those former employees are covered by another employer subsidized health insurance plan through another employer, whichever comes first."; and in line 38, strike "10." and substitute "11.".

On page 10, before line 1, insert:

“SECTION 12. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that the retirement incentive under this Act that is applicable to employees of the Medical System who are separated from employment does not represent an ongoing policy of the State and is a one-time offer only.”;

in line 1, strike “11.” and substitute “13.”; and in line 11, strike “12.” and substitute “14.”.