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AS RE-REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, NOVEMBER 14, 1983

AN ACT

- 1 Amending Title 24 (Education) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
- 2 Statutes, providing an additional limitation on creditable
- 3 nonschool service.
- 4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 5 hereby enacts as follows:
- 6 Section 1. Section 8304(a) of Title 24 of the Pennsylvania
- 7 Consolidated Statutes is amended and subsection (b) is amended
- 8 by adding a paragraph to read:
- 9 § 8304. Creditable nonschool service.
- 10 (a) Eligibility.--An active member or a multiple service
- 11 member who is an active member of the State Employees'
- 12 Retirement System shall be eligible to receive Class T-C service
- 13 credit for creditable nonschool service as set forth in
- 14 subsection (b) provided that he is not [entitled to receive, <--
- 15 eligible to receive now or in the future, or is] <u>CURRENTLY</u>
- 16 <u>VESTED OR</u> receiving retirement benefits for such service under a
- 17 retirement system administered and wholly or partially paid for

- 1 by any other governmental agency or by any private employer, or
- 2 a retirement program approved by the employer in accordance with
- 3 section 8301(a)(1) (relating to mandatory and optional
- 4 membership), and further provided that such service is certified
- 5 by the previous employer and the manner of payment of the amount
- 6 due is agreed upon by the member, the employer, and the board.
- 7 However, an active member who is not actually receiving benefits
- 8 from a retirement system of another state may divest himself of
- 9 <u>his entitlement or eligibility for future benefits in that</u>
- 10 system in order to receive creditable nonschool service credit
- 11 under subsection (b)(3). The divestiture shall be certified to
- 12 the board by the out-of-state system before the member applies
- 13 <u>for the creditable nonschool service credit.</u>
- 14 (b) Limitations on nonschool service.--Creditable nonschool
- 15 service credit shall be limited to:
- 16 * * *
- 17 (6) Previous service in an accredited Pennsylvania
- 18 nonpublic elementary or secondary school or institution of
- 19 higher education if the member was entitled to a provisional
- or permanent professional certificate to teach in the public
- 21 <u>schools of this Commonwealth at the time the service was</u>
- 22 rendered. For every three years or major fraction thereof in
- 23 previous work experience, an individual can buy one year of
- 24 <u>creditable service, not to exceed a total of five years. The</u>
- 25 purchase of this service shall begin within three years of
- 26 <u>the employee's eliqibility to purchase this creditable</u>
- 27 service. The Department of Education may charge an applicant
- 28 <u>a fee necessary to cover administrative costs incurred in</u>
- 29 <u>verifying the applicant's eligibility for certification.</u>
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- 1 Section 2. Section 8324 of Title 24 is amended by adding a
- 2 subsection to read:
- 3 § 8324. Contributions for purchase of credit for creditable
- 4 nonschool service.
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- 6 (e) Creditable work experience. -- Contributions on account of
- 7 T-C credit for creditable work experience DESCRIBED IN SECTION

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- 8 8304(B)(6) (RELATING TO CREDITABLE NONSCHOOL SERVICE) shall be
- 9 the present value of the full actuarial cost of the increase in
- 10 the projected superannuation annuity caused by the additional
- 11 <u>service credited on account of the purchase of creditable work</u>
- 12 <u>experience</u>. The amount paid for the purchase of credit for
- 13 <u>creditable work experience UNDER SECTION 8304(B)(6) shall not be</u> <---
- 14 payable as a lump sum under section 8345(a)(4)(iii) (relating to
- 15 member's options). Any individual eligible to receive an
- 16 <u>annuity, excluding an annuity received under the Federal Social</u>
- 17 Security Act of 1936, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 301 et. seq.), in
- 18 another pension system, other than a military pension system,
- 19 shall not be eligible to purchase this service.
- 20 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.