

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 315 Session of
2001

INTRODUCED BY GERLACH, TARTAGLIONE, COSTA, CONTI, TOMLINSON,
DENT AND SCHWARTZ, FEBRUARY 6, 2001

REFERRED TO FINANCE, FEBRUARY 6, 2001

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for retention and
3 reinstatement of service credits.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 5303 of Title 71 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:
8 § 5303. Retention and reinstatement of service credits.

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10 (g) Purchase of certain service credit; Delaware River Joint
11 Free Bridge Commission.--

12 (1) An active member who is an employee of the Delaware
13 River Joint Toll Bridge Commission on the effective date of
14 this subsection shall be eligible to obtain State service
15 credit for the other one-half of the member's service as an
16 employee of the former Delaware River Joint Free Bridge
17 Commission after April 11, 1976, and before July 1, 1987, for
18 which the member has received one-half year of State service

1 credit for each year of service upon payment of the required
2 contribution by the member.

3 (2) In order to elect the service credit, an active
4 member shall file an application with the board no later than
5 three years after the effective date of this subsection.

6 (3) The contribution to be paid by a member for the
7 service credit shall be determined by the board to be equal
8 to the amount paid as employee contributions to the fund by
9 the member as an employee of the former Delaware River Joint
10 Free Bridge Commission during the time period for which
11 service credit is being purchased together with statutory
12 interest to date of purchase.

13 (4) Upon application for the service credit, the member
14 shall pay the contribution to the board in a lump sum within
15 30 days or the contribution may be amortized with statutory
16 interest through salary deductions over a period not to
17 exceed three years as agreed upon by the member and the
18 board.

19 (5) In no event shall the service be creditable if the
20 member has received, is entitled to receive, eligible to
21 receive now or in the future or is receiving retirement
22 benefits for such service or has retirement credit or has now
23 or acquires in the future retirement credit under a
24 retirement system administered and wholly or partially paid
25 for by any other governmental agency or by any private
26 employer or a retirement program approved by the employer in
27 accordance with section 5301(a)(12) (relating to mandatory
28 and optional membership). In the event that State service
29 credit is granted for the service and the member subsequently
30 receives credit for the service that is prohibited by this

paragraph, the State service credited shall be canceled and
any member contributions and interest paid by the member
under paragraphs (3) and (4) shall be refunded to the member
by the board.

Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.