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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, APRIL 18, 2007

AN ACT

Amending Titles 24 (Education) and 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for creditable nonschool service, for contributions for purchase of credit for creditable nonschool service, for creditable nonstate service and for contributions for the purchase of credit for creditable nonstate service.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Sections 8304(a) and 8324(b) of Title 24 of the

10 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

11 § 8304. Creditable nonschool service.

12 (a) Eligibility.--An active member or a multiple service

13 member who is an active member of the State Employees'

14 Retirement System shall be eligible to receive Class T-C service

15 credit for creditable nonschool service [and], Class T-D service

16 for intervening military service and military service described

in subsection(b)(2), provided the member becomes a Class T-D 1 member pursuant to section 8305.1 (relating to election to 2 become a Class T-D member) or 8305 (relating to classes of 3 service), as set forth in subsection (b) provided that he is not 4 5 entitled to receive, eligible to receive now or in the future, or is receiving retirement benefits for such service under a 6 retirement system administered and wholly or partially paid for 7 by any other governmental agency or by any private employer, or 8 9 a retirement program approved by the employer in accordance with 10 section 8301(a)(1) (relating to mandatory and optional 11 membership), and further provided that such service is certified by the previous employer and the manner of payment of the amount 12 13 due is agreed upon by the member, the employer, and the board. * * * 14

15 § 8324. Contributions for purchase of credit for creditable 16 nonschool service.

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18 (b) Nonintervening military service. -- The amount due for the purchase of credit for military service other than intervening 19 20 military service shall be determined by applying the member's 21 basic contribution rate plus the normal contribution rate as 22 provided in section 8328 (relating to actuarial cost method) at the time of entry of the member into school service subsequent 23 24 to such military service to one-third of his total compensation 25 received during the first three years of such subsequent 26 credited school service and multiplying the product by the number of years and fractional part of a year of creditable 27 nonintervening military service being purchased together with 28 29 statutory interest during all periods of subsequent school and 30 State service to date of purchase. Upon certification of the - 2 -20070H1103B1333

amount due, payment may be made in a lump sum within 90 days or 1 2 in the case of an active member or an eligible State employee who is an active member of the State Employees' Retirement 3 4 System it may be amortized with statutory interest through 5 salary deductions in amounts agreed upon by the member and the board. The salary deduction amortization plans agreed to by 6 members and the board may include a deferral of payment amounts 7 and statutory interest until the termination of school service 8 or State service as the board in its sole discretion decides to 9 10 allow. The board may limit salary deduction amortization plans 11 to such terms as the board in its sole discretion determines. In 12 the case of an eligible State employee who is an active member 13 of the State Employees' Retirement System, the agreed upon 14 salary deductions shall be remitted to the State Employees' 15 Retirement Board, which shall certify and transfer to the board 16 the amounts paid. Application may be filed for all such military 17 service credit upon completion of three years of subsequent 18 credited school service and shall be credited as Class [T-C] T-D 19 service.

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21 Section 2. Sections 5304(a) and 5505(b)(1) of Title 71 are
22 amended to read:

23 § 5304. Creditable nonstate service.

24 (a) Eligibility.--An active member or a multiple service 25 member who is a school employee and an active member of the 26 Public School Employees' Retirement System shall be eligible for Class A service credit for creditable nonstate service as set 27 28 forth in subsections (b) and (c) except that intervening military service and military service as set forth in subsection 29 30 (c)(2) shall be credited [in the class of service for which the 20070H1103B1333 - 3 -

1 member was eligible at the time of entering into military
2 service and for which he] <u>as Class AA service, provided that the</u>
3 <u>member</u> makes the required contributions and except that a
4 multiple service member who is a school employee and an active
5 member of the Public School Employees' Retirement System shall
6 not be eligible to purchase service credit for creditable
7 nonstate service set forth in subsection (c)(5).

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9 § 5505. Contributions for the purchase of credit for creditable10 nonstate service.

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12 (b) Nonintervening military service.--

13 (1) The amount due for the purchase of credit for military service other than intervening military service 14 15 shall be determined by applying the member's basic contribution rate, the additional contribution rate plus the 16 17 Commonwealth normal contribution rate for active members at 18 the time of entry, subsequent to such military service, of 19 the member into State service to his average annual rate of 20 compensation over the first three years of such subsequent 21 State service and multiplying the result by the number of 22 years and fractional part of a year of creditable 23 nonintervening military service being purchased together with 24 statutory interest during all periods of subsequent State and 25 school service to date of purchase. Upon application for 26 credit for such service, payment shall be made in a lump sum 27 within 30 days or in the case of an active member or eligible 28 school employee who is an active member of the Public School 29 Employees' Retirement System it may be amortized with 30 statutory interest through salary deductions in amounts 20070H1103B1333 - 4 -

1 agreed upon by the member and the board. The salary deduction 2 amortization plans agreed to by members and the board may 3 include a deferral of payment amounts and statutory interest until the termination of school service or State service as 4 5 the board in its sole discretion decides to allow. The board may limit salary deduction amortization plans to such terms 6 as the board in its sole discretion determines. In the case 7 8 of an eligible school employee who is an active member of the 9 Public School Employees' Retirement System, the agreed upon 10 salary deductions shall be remitted to the Public School Employees' Retirement Board, which shall certify and transfer 11 12 to the board the amounts paid. Application may be filed for 13 all such military service credit upon completion of three years of subsequent State service and shall be credited as 14 Class [A] <u>AA</u> service. 15

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17 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

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