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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MAY 22, 2001

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for creditable nonstate
3 service for certain former county employees.

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

6 Section 1. Section 5304(c) of Title 71 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 5304. Creditable nonstate service.

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10 (c) Limitations on nonstate service.--Creditable nonstate
11 service credit shall be limited to:

12 (1) intervening military service;

13 (2) military service other than intervening military
14 service and military service purchasable under section
15 5302(d) (relating to credited State service) not exceeding
16 five years, provided that a member with multiple service may

1 not purchase more than a total of five years of military
2 service in both the system and the Public School Employees'
3 Retirement System;

4 (3) in the case of an academic administrator, teacher or
5 instructor employed in the Department of Education, the State
6 System of Higher Education, any State-owned educational
7 institution or The Pennsylvania State University, provided
8 that the total amount of service creditable under this
9 paragraph shall not exceed the lesser of ten years or the
10 number of years of active membership in the system as an
11 academic administrator, teacher or instructor in the
12 Department of Education, State System of Higher Education,
13 any State-owned educational institution or The Pennsylvania
14 State University:

15 (i) nonstudent service as an academic administrator,
16 teacher or instructor in any public school or public
17 educational institution in any state other than this
18 Commonwealth; or

19 (ii) nonstudent service as an academic
20 administrator, teacher or instructor in the field of
21 education for any agency or department of the Federal
22 Government, whether or not such area was under the
23 jurisdiction of the United States;

24 (4) previous service with a governmental agency other
25 than the Commonwealth which employment with said agency was
26 terminated because of the transfer by statute of the
27 administration of such service or of the entire agency to the
28 Commonwealth;

29 (5) service as a temporary Federal employee assigned to
30 an air quality control complement for the Pennsylvania

1 Department of Environmental Resources at any time during the
2 period of 1970 through 1975. This service time may be
3 purchased only if the member makes an election to purchase
4 within one year of the effective date of this paragraph, and
5 the member shall pay an amount which is equal to the full
6 actuarial cost of the increased benefit obtained by virtue of
7 the purchase as provided in section 5505(f);

8 (6) service in the Cadet Nurse Corps with respect to any
9 period of training as a student or graduate nurse under a
10 plan approved under section 2 of the act of June 15, 1943
11 (Public Law 78-73, 57 Stat. 153), if the total period of
12 training under such plan was at least two years, the credit
13 for such service not to exceed three years;

14 (7) service prior to July 1, 1971, at a community
15 college established under the act of August 24, 1963
16 (P.L.1132, No.484), known as the Community College Act of
17 1963; [or]

18 (8) service as a justice of the peace prior to January
19 1970[.]; or

20 (9) service as an officer or employee of any county in
21 this Commonwealth which shall be limited to members of the
22 system who are defined as members of the judiciary. The
23 credit shall not exceed ten years or one-half of the
24 employee's State service at the time of application for this
25 credit, whichever is less. The employee must have been a
26 member of the county pension system or otherwise have been
27 eligible to join as a member of the county retirement system
28 had the employee been afforded an opportunity to join or
29 participate. The employee could not, upon leaving county
30 government, have drawn any type of employer-vested benefit.

1 including any retirement benefit, excluding the contribution
2 share and interest of the employee. The election under this
3 paragraph shall be available for a period of 180 days after
4 the effective date of this paragraph or 180 days after the
5 beginning of State employment, whichever is later.

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7 Section 2. Section 5505 of Title 71 is amended by adding a
8 subsection to read:

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

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12 (i) Additional county service.--Contributions on account of
13 credit for county service shall be determined in the same manner
14 as nonintervening military service, as provided for in
15 subsection (b).

16 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 30 days.