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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, APRIL 27, 1995

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 24 (Education) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, further providing for creditable nonschool service.

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

5 Section 1. Sections 8304(b) and 8324(e) of Title 24 of the  
6 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

7 § 8304. Creditable nonschool service.

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9 (b) Limitations on nonschool service.--Creditable nonschool  
10 service credit shall be limited to:

11 (1) Intervening military service.

12 (2) Military service other than intervening military  
13 service and activated military service not exceeding five  
14 years provided that a member with multiple service may not  
15 purchase more than a total of five years of military service  
16 in both the system and the State Employees' Retirement  
17 System.

1           (3) Service in any public school or public educational  
2 institution in any state other than this Commonwealth or in  
3 any territory or area under the jurisdiction of the United  
4 States. This paragraph includes service, prior to July 1,  
5 1965, at a community college established under the act of  
6 August 24, 1963 (P.L.1132, No.484), known as the Community  
7 College Act of 1963.

8           (4) Service as an administrator, teacher, or instructor  
9 in the field of public school education for any agency or  
10 department of the government of the United States whether or  
11 not such area was under the jurisdiction of the United  
12 States.

13           (5) Previous service as an employee of a county board of  
14 school directors which employment was terminated because of  
15 the transfer of the administration of such service or of the  
16 entire agency to a governmental entity.

17           (6) Previous service as a county employee as a nurse.  
18 For every three years or major fraction thereof in previous  
19 work experience, an individual may buy one year of creditable  
20 service, not to exceed a total of five years. The purchase of  
21 this service shall begin within three years of the employee's  
22 eligibility to purchase this creditable service.

23           (7) Service for the period of time spent on a maternity  
24 leave of absence required by the employer, which creditable  
25 service shall not exceed two years per leave and shall be  
26 applicable only to a maternity leave which was mandatory  
27 prior to May 17, 1975. The purchase of this service shall  
28 begin within one year of the employee's eligibility to  
29 purchase this creditable service.

30           (8) Service in the Cadet Nurse Corps with respect to any

1 period of training as a student or graduate nurse under a  
2 plan approved under section 2 of the act of June 15, 1943  
3 (Public Law 78-73, 57 Stat. 153), if the total period of  
4 training under the plan was at least two years, the credit  
5 for such service not to exceed three years.

6 (9) Previous work experience of the type required for  
7 permanent certification as a vocational teacher. For every  
8 two years or major fraction thereof, an individual can buy  
9 one year of creditable service, not to exceed a total of  
10 three years. Previous work experience shall not include time  
11 served in an apprenticeship. The purchase of this service  
12 shall begin within three years of the employee's eligibility  
13 to purchase this creditable service.

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

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18 (e) Creditable work experience.--

19 (1) Contributions on account of T-C credit for  
20 creditable work experience pursuant to section 8304(b)(6)  
21 shall be the present value of the full actuarial cost of the  
22 increase in the projected superannuation annuity caused by  
23 the additional service credited on account of the purchase of  
24 creditable work experience. [The amount paid for the purchase  
25 of credit for creditable work experience shall not be payable  
26 as a lump sum under section 8345(a)(4)(iii) (relating to  
27 member's options).] Any individual eligible to receive an  
28 annuity, excluding an annuity received under the Federal  
29 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 301 et seq.), in another  
30 pension system, other than a military pension system, shall

1 not be eligible to purchase this service.

2 (2) Contributions on account of T-C credit for  
3 creditable work experience pursuant to section 8304(b)(9)  
4 shall be the increase in the present value at the time of  
5 purchase attributable to the additional service credited on  
6 account of the purchase of such creditable work experience,  
7 calculated on the basis of the average annual compensation  
8 received during the first three years of credited school  
9 service subsequent to such creditable work experience.

10 (3) The amount paid for the purchase of service under  
11 this subsection shall not be payable as a lump sum under  
12 section 8345(a)(4)(iii) (relating to member's options).

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