

House Bill 608

By: Representative Jenkins of the 110th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 17 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund, so as to provide that certain persons employed
3 as county jail officers shall be eligible for membership in such fund; to provide for creditable
4 service for prior service as a county jail officer; to provide for the payment of employer
5 contributions with interest thereon; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for
6 an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Chapter 17 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Peace
10 Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund, is amended by striking the symbol and word "; and" at
11 the end of subparagraph (J) of paragraph (5) of Code Section 47-17-1, relating to definitions;
12 by striking the symbol "." at the end of subparagraph (K) of such paragraph and inserting in
13 lieu thereof the symbol and word "; and"; and by inserting at the end of such paragraph the
14 following:

15 "(L) Persons employed as county jail officers who are certified or registered jail
16 officers as provided in Code Section 35-8-24."

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 Said chapter is further amended by striking in its entirety subsection (a) of Code Section
19 47-17-70, relating to prior service credit in such fund, and inserting in lieu thereof the
20 following:

21 "(a) No peace officer who first makes application for membership in the fund on or after
22 May 1, 1968, shall be given credit for any prior service, and such peace officer shall
23 receive credit only from the date he or she becomes a member of the fund; provided,
24 however, a member may claim a maximum of five years for service as a peace officer prior
25 to such member's joining the fund if such member complies with subsection (c) of Code

1 Section 47-17-44 and remains an active member of the fund for a period of time at least
2 equal to the number of years claimed for prior service; provided, further, that any member
3 defined in ~~subparagraph~~ subparagraphs (J) and (L) of paragraph (5) of Code Section
4 47-17-1 may claim service as a peace officer prior to such member's joining the fund
5 without regard to such five-year limitation if such member complies with subsection (c)
6 of Code Section 47-17-44."

7 **SECTION 3.**

8 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2002, only if it is determined to have been
9 concurrently funded as provided in Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia
10 Annotated, the "Public Retirement Systems Standards Law"; otherwise, this Act shall not
11 become effective and shall be automatically repealed in its entirety on July 1, 2002, as
12 required by subsection (a) of Code Section 47-20-50.

13 **SECTION 4.**

14 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.