

Senate Bill 218

By: Senators Smith of the 25th, Cable of the 27th, Jackson of the 50th and Thomas of the 2nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 5 of Chapter 3 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to service creditable toward retirement benefits under the Teachers Retirement
3 System of Georgia, so as to authorize creditable service for service as a teacher in certain
4 private schools; to provide for definitions; to provide requirements and limitations relative
5 to obtaining such creditable service; to provide for other matters relative to the foregoing;
6 to provide conditions for an effective date and for automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting
7 laws; and for other purposes.

8 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Article 5 of Chapter 3 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
11 service creditable toward retirement benefits under the Teachers Retirement System of
12 Georgia, is amended by adding immediately following Code Section 47-3-89 a new Code
13 Section 47-3-89.1 to read as follows:

14 "47-3-89.1.

15 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

16 (1) 'Member' means any member of the retirement system who has completed at least
17 five consecutive years of membership service immediately prior to applying for
18 creditable service pursuant to the provisions of this Code section.

19 (2) 'Private school' means any private elementary or secondary school or any private
20 college or university which:

21 (A) Is located within the State of Georgia; and

22 (B) Is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools or by the
23 Georgia Accrediting Association or by a nationally recognized accrediting agency
24 accepted and approved by the State Board of Education.

25 (b) A member may obtain creditable service under this Code section for a maximum of
26 ten years of service as a teacher in a private school. A member wishing to obtain such

1 creditable service shall pay to the board of trustees the employer and employee
2 contributions which would have been paid if the member had been a member during the
3 period for which creditable service is sought, together with regular interest thereon.

4 (c) The board of trustees shall require such documentation and information as may be
5 necessary to verify service as a teacher in a private school and the compensation received
6 therefor in order to grant creditable service pursuant to the provisions of this Code section."

7 **SECTION 2.**

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 3.**

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