

House Bill 765

By: Representative James of the 140th

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 provide that any member of the Teachers Retirement System of
4 Georgia may obtain creditable service for prior service with certain programs relating to
5 early childhood development; to provide conditions relative to obtaining such creditable
6 service; to provide conditions for an effective date and 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 inserting at the end thereof the following:

13 "47-3-93.

14 (a) Any member may, subject to the requirements of subsection (b) of this Code section,
15 obtain creditable service under the retirement system for any period between January 1,
16 1977, and December 31, 1980, during which the member was employed by a county
17 governing authority in a program wholly or partially funded by a state or federal grant and
18 which had as its purpose facilitating early childhood development and during which period
19 the member held a four-year degree from an accredited college or university.

20 (b) A member who desires to establish creditable service under this Code section must:

21 (1) Submit to the board not later than July 1, 2003, satisfactory evidence of the period
22 of absence from employment which qualifies for creditable service under this Code
23 section; and

1 (2) Pay to the board the employee contributions the member would have made had he
2 or she been a member of the retirement system together with interest thereon at the rate
3 of 5 percent per annum to the date of payment."

4 **SECTION 2.**

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8 become effective and shall be automatically repealed in its entirety on July 1, 2002, as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

10 **SECTION 3.**

11 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.