

Senate Bill 293

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 47-17-80 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 retirement benefit options under the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund, payment to
3 surviving spouse, requirements, the effect of reemployment, the effect of changes in
4 retirement benefits, and payment on the death of member, so as to provide that persons who
5 retired with at least ten years of actual service as an officer of the Uniform Division of
6 Department of Public Safety may return to service in certain capacities and continue to
7 receive a full retirement benefit; to provide for conditions for an effective date and automatic
8 repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

11 Code Section 47-17-80 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to retirement
12 benefit options under the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund, payment to surviving
13 spouse, requirements, the effect of reemployment, the effect of changes in retirement
14 benefits, and payment on the death of member, is amended by striking in its entirety
15 subsection (g) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

16 "(g)(1) Except as provided in ~~paragraph~~ paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, any
17 member who again becomes employed as a peace officer after having been placed on
18 retirement under this Code section shall immediately notify the secretary-treasurer of
19 such reemployment. Retirement benefits being paid to such member shall be terminated
20 as of the date of such reemployment and shall remain terminated for the duration of such
21 reemployment. During such period of reemployment, said member shall pay regular
22 monthly dues into this fund. Upon meeting the requirements provided by law, such
23 member shall be entitled to all benefits provided for in Code Sections 47-17-81 and
24 47-17-82; but such member shall not be entitled to any increase in retirement benefits by
25 virtue of service during the period of reemployment unless such reemployment is for a
26 term of three years or more, in which instance such member may again apply for

1 retirement as if he or she had not previously been retired; and he or she shall be entitled
2 to such benefits as may be provided by law at that time, if he or she so chooses.

3 (2) The provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection shall not apply to a retired member
4 employed in any capacity for 1,040 hours or less in any calendar year.

5 (3) The provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection shall not apply to a retired member
6 who retired with at least ten years of actual service as an officer or trooper of the Uniform
7 Division of the Department of Public safety and who accepts full time employment with
8 the Department of Public Safety or Department of Motor Vehicle Safety as a radio
9 operator or a driver's license examiner. No such member shall be required to pay a
10 membership dues. No such member shall receive creditable service for such service."

11 SECTION 2.

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

17 SECTION 3.

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