

House Bill 749

By: Representative Cummings of the 16th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 7 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 Georgia Firefighters' Pension Fund, so as to provide for creditable service in the fund for
3 certain active military duty; to provide for the calculation of creditable service on a monthly
4 basis; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting
5 laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 7 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Georgia
9 Firefighters' Pension Fund, is amended by inserting at the end of Article 5, relating to service
10 creditable toward retirement, two new Code sections to read as follows:

11 "47-7-88.

12 (a) The provisions of this Code section apply solely to any member of the fund who left
13 active employment as a firefighter as a result of being called to active duty as a member
14 of the Army or Air Force National Guard or the Army, Air Force, Navy, or Marine Corps
15 Reserve on or after September 14, 2001, and who returned to employment as a firefighter
16 upon being released from such active duty.

17 (b) Any member of the fund shall be entitled to receive creditable service for a period of
18 break in service due to being called to active military duty. To receive such creditable
19 service, a member must make application to the board and pay the normal monthly dues
20 for each month of such period of break in service not later than one year following the
21 member's release from active duty and return to employment.

22 47-7-89.

23 The board is authorized to calculate creditable service on a monthly basis, expressed as a
24 fraction of a year, for periods of time less than a year."

