

House Bill 318

By: Representatives Benton of the 31st, Coleman of the 97th, Bridges of the 10th, Meadows of the 5th, and Maxwell of the 17th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 7 of Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the
2 "Public Retirement Systems Investment Authority Law," so as to provide that certain foreign
3 corporations shall be deemed to be United States corporations for purposes of investment by
4 public retirement systems; to allow the investment of public retirement system assets in
5 certain real estate trusts; to increase the percentage of the assets of certain public retirement
6 systems that may be invested in foreign corporations; to provide that certain public
7 retirement systems may enter into certain contracts, agreements, and other obligations; to
8 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 Article 7 of Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Public
12 Retirement Systems Investment Authority Law," is amended by revising paragraph (1) of
13 subsection (a) of Code Section 47-20-83, relating to certificated or uncertificated forms of
14 investment and real estate investments, as follows:

15 "(1) Corporations or obligations of corporations organized under the laws of this state or
16 any other state or under the laws of Canada, but only if the corporation has a market
17 capitalization equivalent to \$100 million; provided, however, that except as provided in
18 Code Section 47-20-84, no fund shall invest in corporations or in obligations of
19 corporations organized in a country other than the United States or Canada; provided,
20 further, that such obligation shall be listed as investment grade by a nationally recognized
21 rating agency. For purposes of this paragraph, a corporation organized under the laws of
22 a country other than the United States or Canada shall be deemed to be organized under
23 the laws of this state or another state unless it is a private foreign issuer within the
24 meaning of United States Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 3b-4, 17 C.F.R.
25 Section 240.3b-4, as such appears on July 1, 2007;"

