

House Bill 842

By: Representative Sims of the 169<sup>th</sup>

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 under the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia, so as to  
3 provide for creditable service for prior service as a member of the Trial Judges and Solicitors  
4 Retirement Fund; to provide for the payment of an employee contribution; to provide for  
5 application; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and  
6 automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Article 5 of Chapter 3 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
10 service creditable under the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia, is amended by adding  
11 a new Code section to read as follows:

12 "47-3-96.

13 Any member of the retirement system shall be entitled to receive up to ten years of  
14 creditable service for prior service as a member of the Trial Judges and Solicitors  
15 Retirement Fund as such retirement fund existed prior to July 1, 1998. A member desiring  
16 to establish credit for such service must pay employee contributions which would have  
17 been paid to the retirement system on a salary comparable to his or her salary at the time  
18 of application, plus regular interest thereon, in accordance with regulations adopted by the  
19 board of trustees. No member who receives or who is entitled to receive a pension or  
20 annuity from any other public retirement system, excluding social security, based upon  
21 such prior service shall receive creditable service for such service. Any member desiring  
22 to obtain creditable service pursuant to the provisions of this Code section shall make  
23 application to the board of trustees and pay all amounts required not later than December  
24 31, 2008, and provide such proof of prior employment as the board deems appropriate. The  
25 board of trustees shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to carry out the  
26 provisions of this Code section."

1 **SECTION 2.**

2 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2008, only if it is determined to have been  
3 concurrently funded as provided in Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia  
4 Annotated, the "Public Retirement Systems Standards Law"; otherwise, this Act shall not  
5 become effective and shall be automatically repealed in its entirety on July 1, 2008, as  
6 required by subsection (a) of Code Section 47-20-50.

7 **SECTION 3.**

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