

House Bill 865

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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 in the Teachers Retirement System
3 of Georgia, so as to provide that a member shall be entitled to receive creditable service for
4 a prior period of employment while participating in the Regents Retirement Plan; to provide
5 for application and payment of employee contributions; to provide conditions for an effective
6 date and 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 toward retirement benefits in the Teachers Retirement System of Georgia,
11 is amended by inserting at the end thereof a new Code section to read as follows:

12 "47-3-96.

13 Any member of this retirement system may obtain creditable service for prior service as
14 an employee of the Board of Regents during which time such member participated in the
15 Regents Retirement Plan created by Chapter 21 of this title. In order to obtain such
16 additional creditable service, the member must:

- 17 (1) Make application to the board of trustees in such manner as the board deems
18 appropriate; and
19 (2) Pay to the board of trustees the employee contribution which he or she would have
20 made if he or she had been a member of this retirement system during the period
21 requested, together with regular interest thereon."

22 **SECTION 2.**

23 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2008, only if it is determined to have been
24 concurrently funded as provided in Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia
25 Annotated, the "Public Retirement Systems Standards Law"; otherwise, this Act shall not

1 become effective and shall be automatically repealed in its entirety on July 1, 2008, as
2 required by subsection (a) of Code Section 47-20-50.

3 **SECTION 3.**

4 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.