

Senate Bill 98

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**AS PASSED SENATE**

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT**

1 To amend Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to retirement and  
2 pensions, so as to change certain references to the State Merit System of Personnel  
3 Administration to the State Personnel Administration; to repeal conflicting laws; and for  
4 other purposes.

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:**

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to retirement and pensions, is  
8 amended by replacing the term "State Merit System of Personnel Administration" with "State  
9 Personnel Administration" and by replacing the term "state merit system of personnel  
10 administration" with "State Personnel Administration" whenever such term appears in:

- 11 (1) Code Section 47-2-1, relating to definitions;
- 12 (2) Code Section 47-2-2, relating to involuntary separation from employment and  
13 grounds and procedures for discharge of employees;
- 14 (3) Code Section 47-2-22, relating to the election of a chairman and director, actuarial  
15 services, application of the State Merit System of Personnel Administration, and payment  
16 of costs of the State Merit System of Personnel Administration;
- 17 (4) Code Section 47-2-91, relating to credit for accumulations of forfeited annual and  
18 sick leave;
- 19 (5) Code Section 47-2-110, relating to retirement ages, application and eligibility for a  
20 retirement allowance, suspension of retirement allowance upon reemployment, and health  
21 benefits;
- 22 (6) Code Section 47-2-123, relating to allowance payable upon death, disability, or  
23 involuntary separation from employment, restrictions on separation for disability, and  
24 restrictions on entitlement to involuntary separation benefits;

- 25 (7) Code Section 47-2-142, relating to credit for prior service rendered by persons  
26 transferred under loan to a federal agency but ineligible for federal service retirement  
27 membership or who served overseas with the Red Cross during World War II;
- 28 (8) Code Section 47-3-1, relating to definitions;
- 29 (9) Code Section 47-3-60, relating to eligibility, termination, leaves of absence, service  
30 credit for postgraduate study, and transfer of service credit;
- 31 (10) Code Section 47-6-84, relating to termination of retirement allowance upon return  
32 to service and retirement benefits for retired members returning to service in the General  
33 Assembly;
- 34 (11) Code Section 47-19-9, relating to application of the State Merit System of Personnel  
35 Administration to employees of the department and payment of pro rata share of costs;  
36 and
- 37 (12) Code Section 47-23-109, relating to cessation of retirement allowance for resuming  
38 state service.

39 **SECTION 2.**

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