

House Bill 625

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 17 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
2 Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund, so as to provide for membership in such fund for  
3 communications officers; to provide for creditable service for prior service; to provide for  
4 contributions; to provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and  
5 automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 17 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Peace  
9 Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund, is amended by revising paragraph (5) of Code Section  
10 47-17-1, relating to definitions relative to the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund, by  
11 striking the word "and" at the end of subparagraph (J), by striking the period and inserting  
12 in its place "; and" at the end of subparagraph (K), and by adding a new subparagraph to read  
13 as follows:

14 "(L) Any communications officer employed by a local governmental agency to receive,  
15 process, or transmit public safety information and dispatch law enforcement officers,  
16 firefighters, medical personnel, or emergency management personnel who is certified  
17 pursuant to Code Section 35-8-23."

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 Said chapter is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

20 "47-17-72.

21 Any communications officer who becomes a member of this fund between July 1, 2012,  
22 and December, 2012, may obtain up to five years of creditable service for prior service as  
23 a communications officer. Such person shall make application and provide proof of such  
24 period of prior service as the board deems appropriate and shall pay to the board the dues

25 which he or she would have paid if he or she had been a member of the fund during such  
26 period of prior service."

27 **SECTION 3.**

28 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2012, only if it is determined to have been  
29 concurrently funded as provided in Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia  
30 Annotated, the "Public Retirement Systems Standards Law"; otherwise, this Act shall not  
31 become effective and shall be automatically repealed in its entirety on July 1, 2012, as  
32 required by subsection (a) of Code Section 47-20-50.

33 **SECTION 4.**

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