

Senate Bill 101

By: Senators Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Watson of the 1st, Jones of the 25th, Ginn of the 47th,  
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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 5 of Chapter 2 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to service creditable toward retirement under the Employees' Retirement System of  
3 Georgia, so as to provide for creditable service for prior service as a full-time hourly  
4 employee with the Department of Natural Resources; to provide for application and payment  
5 of the full actuarial cost; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to  
6 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 2 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
10 service creditable toward retirement under the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia,  
11 is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

12 "47-2-101.

13 (a) A member who was employed in a full-time hourly position with the Department of  
14 Natural Resources immediately prior to becoming a member of the retirement system shall  
15 be entitled to obtain creditable service for all such service with the department rendered  
16 prior to November 1, 2016.

17 (b) To obtain the creditable service established by subsection (a) of this Code section, a  
18 member shall:

19 (1) Apply to the board on or before December 31, 2018, in a manner to be prescribed by  
20 the board;

21 (2) Provide proof of such prior service with the Department of Natural Resources; and

22 (3) Pay to the board of trustees an amount determined by the board of trustees to be  
23 sufficient to cover the full actuarial cost of granting the creditable service allowed by this  
24 Code section."

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**SECTION 2.**

26 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2018, only if it is determined to have been  
27 concurrently funded as provided in Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia  
28 Annotated, the "Public Retirement Systems Standards Law"; otherwise, this Act shall not  
29 become effective and shall be automatically repealed in its entirety on July 1, 2018, as  
30 required by subsection (a) of Code Section 47-20-50.

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**SECTION 3.**

32 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.