

House Bill 418

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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 for the Teachers Retirement System
3 of Georgia, so as to provide that certain members of the Teachers Retirement System shall
4 be eligible to obtain creditable service for international teaching service by paying the full
5 actuarial cost of obtaining such creditable service; to provide for rules and regulations; to
6 provide for related matters; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal;
7 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 SECTION 1.

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

13 "47-3-89.1

14 (a) As used in this Code section, 'international teaching service' means service as an
15 educator for at least 30 hours per week at a school located in a foreign country, provided
16 that such school is accredited by a recognized regional, national, or international body of
17 accreditation.

18 (b) A member shall be entitled to receive up to 24 months of creditable service on a
19 month-for-month basis for international teaching service conducted after he or she first
20 became a member.

21 (c) To obtain such creditable service, a member shall, within ten years of completing such
22 international teaching service:

23 (1) Have established five years of membership service;

24 (2) Apply in a method or manner to be prescribed by the board of trustees;

25 (3) Submit proof of international teaching service as the board shall deem necessary; and

- 26 (4) Pay to the board of trustees an amount determined by the board of trustees to be equal
27 to the full actuarial cost of granting such creditable service.
- 28 (d) A member shall only be entitled to apply once to obtain creditable service pursuant to
29 this Code section.
- 30 (e) No member shall be entitled to creditable service for international teaching service if
31 such international teaching service has been or will be used in the determination of
32 eligibility for retirement benefits or allowances from any other source, excluding social
33 security.
- 34 (f) The board of trustees shall promulgate rules and regulations to carry out this Code
35 section."

36 **SECTION 2.**

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

42 **SECTION 3.**

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