
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5225

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By Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Franklin, Winsley, Bauer, Long, Fraser and Loveland; by request of Joint Committee on Pension Policy)

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1 AN ACT Relating to retirement credit for leave for legislative
2 service; adding a new section to chapter 43.43 RCW; and adding a new
3 section to chapter 28B.10 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.43 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 Any member of the retirement system who, on or after January 1,
8 1995, is on leave of absence for the purpose of serving as a state
9 legislator, may elect to continue to be a member of this retirement
10 system. The member shall continue to receive service credit subject to
11 the following:

12 (1) The member will not receive more than one month's service
13 credit in a calendar month;

14 (2) Employer contributions shall be paid by the legislature;

15 (3) Contributions shall be based on the regular compensation which
16 the member would have received had such a member not served in the
17 legislature;

1 (4) The service and compensation credit under this section shall be
2 granted only for periods during which the legislature is in session;
3 and

4 (5) No service credit for service as a legislator will be allowed
5 after a member separates from employment with the Washington state
6 patrol.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28B.10 RCW
8 to read as follows:

9 (1) On or after January 1, 1997, any employee who is on leave of
10 absence from an institution in order to serve as a state legislator may
11 elect to continue to participate in any annuity or retirement plan
12 authorized under RCW 28B.10.400 during the period of such leave.

13 (2) The institution shall pay the employee's salary attributable to
14 legislative service and shall match the employee's retirement plan
15 contributions based on the salary for the leave period. The state
16 legislature shall reimburse the institution for the salary and employer
17 contributions covering the leave period.

18 (3) "Institution" for purposes of this section means any
19 institution or entity authorized to provide retirement benefits under
20 RCW 28B.10.400.

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