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By Senators Carlson, Winsley, Jacobsen, Fraser, Regala, Rasmussen, McAuliffe and Hale; by request of Joint Committee on Pension Policy

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1 AN ACT Relating to transferring service credit and contributions
2 into the Washington state patrol retirement system by members who
3 served as commercial vehicle enforcement officers and who became
4 commissioned officers in the Washington state patrol after July 1,
5 2000, and prior to June 30, 2001; and adding a new section to chapter
6 41.40 RCW.

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

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 41.40 RCW
9 to read as follows:

10 (1) Active members of the Washington state patrol retirement system
11 who have previously established service credit in the public employees'
12 retirement system plan 2 while employed in the state patrol as a
13 commercial vehicle enforcement officer, and who became a commissioned
14 officer after July 1, 2000, and prior to June 30, 2001, have the
15 following options:

16 (a) Remain a member of the public employees' retirement system; or

17 (b) Transfer service credit earned under the retirement system as
18 a commercial vehicle enforcement officer to the Washington state patrol
19 retirement system by making an irrevocable choice filed in writing with

1 the department of retirement systems within one year of the
2 department's announcement of the ability to make such a transfer.

3 (2)(a) Any commissioned officer choosing to transfer under this
4 section shall have transferred from the retirement system to the
5 Washington state patrol retirement system:

6 (i) All the employee's applicable accumulated contributions plus
7 interest, and an equal amount of employer contributions attributed to
8 such employee; and

9 (ii) All applicable months of service as a commercial vehicle
10 enforcement officer credited to the employee under this chapter as
11 though that service was rendered as a member of the Washington state
12 patrol retirement system.

13 (b) For the applicable period of service, the employee shall pay:

14 (i) The difference between the contributions the employee paid to
15 the retirement system, and the contributions which would have been paid
16 by the employee had the employee been a member of the Washington state
17 patrol retirement system, plus interest as determined by the director.
18 This payment shall be made no later than December 31, 2010, or the date
19 of retirement, whichever comes first;

20 (ii) The difference between the employer contributions paid to the
21 public employees' retirement system, and the employer contributions
22 which would have been payable to the Washington state patrol retirement
23 system; and

24 (iii) An amount sufficient to ensure that the funding status of the
25 Washington state patrol retirement system will not change due to this
26 transfer.

27 (c) If the payment required by this subsection is not paid in full
28 by the deadline, the transferred service credit shall not be used to
29 determine eligibility for benefits nor to calculate benefits under the
30 Washington state patrol retirement system. In such case, the
31 additional employee and employer contributions transferred under this
32 subsection, and any payments made under this subsection, shall be
33 refunded to the employee, and the employer shall be entitled to a
34 credit for the payments made under (a) of this subsection.

35 (d) An individual who transfers service credit and contributions
36 under this subsection is permanently excluded from the public

- 1 employees' retirement system for all service as a commercial vehicle
- 2 enforcement officer.

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