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Committee on Governmental Employees

AN ACT to amend the retirement and social security law, in relation to
credit for public service rendered in the state of New York under the
federal Emergency Jobs Appropriation Act prior to becoming a member of
a retirement system

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Subdivision b of section 41 of the retirement and social
2 security law is amended by adding a new paragraph 5-a to read as
3 follows:

4 5-A. PUBLIC SERVICE RENDERED IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK IN NINETEEN
5 HUNDRED EIGHTY-THREE AND/OR NINETEEN HUNDRED EIGHTY-FOUR IN A POSITION
6 CREATED OR FILLED PURSUANT TO FEDERAL PUBLIC LAW 98-8, THE EMERGENCY
7 JOBS APPROPRIATION ACT OF 1983, WITHOUT REGARD TO THE LENGTH OF SUCH
8 SERVICE, PROVIDED SUCH SERVICE IS OTHERWISE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE
9 PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER.

10 S 2. Subdivision b of section 446 of the retirement and social securi-
11 ty law, as amended by chapter 552 of the laws of 2000, is amended to
12 read as follows:

13 b. Previous service.

14 A member of a retirement system who is subject to the provisions of
15 this article shall be eligible to obtain retirement credit for previous
16 service if retirement credit had previously been granted for such
17 service or if such service that would have been creditable in one of the
18 public retirement systems of the state, as defined in subdivision twen-
19 ty-three of section five hundred one of this chapter, at the time such
20 service was rendered, if the individual had been a member of such
21 retirement system and the member has rendered a minimum of two years of
22 credited service after July first, nineteen hundred seventy-three;
23 provided, however, retirement credit may be granted for service which
24 predates the date of entry into the retirement system if such service is
25 otherwise creditable and was rendered by an employee during which
26 employment he was ineligible to join a public retirement system.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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1 NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING IN THIS CHAPTER TO THE CONTRARY, A MEMBER SHALL
2 BE ELIGIBLE TO OBTAIN RETIREMENT CREDIT FOR PUBLIC SERVICE RENDERED IN
3 THE STATE OF NEW YORK IN NINETEEN HUNDRED EIGHTY-THREE AND/OR NINETEEN
4 HUNDRED EIGHTY-FOUR IN A POSITION CREATED OR FILLED PURSUANT TO FEDERAL
5 PUBLIC LAW 98-8, THE EMERGENCY JOBS APPROPRIATION ACT OF 1983, WITHOUT
6 REGARD TO THE LENGTH OF SUCH SERVICE, PROVIDED SUCH SERVICE IS OTHERWISE
7 IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER.

8 S 3. Paragraph 1 of subdivision b of section 609 of the retirement and
9 social security law, as amended by chapter 552 of the laws of 2000, is
10 amended to read as follows:

11 1. A member shall be eligible to obtain retirement credit hereunder
12 for previous service with a public employer if retirement credit had
13 previously been granted for such service or if such service which would
14 have been creditable in one of the public retirement systems of the
15 state, as defined in subdivision twenty-three of section five hundred
16 one of this chapter, at the time such service was rendered, if the indi-
17 vidual had been a member of such retirement system and the member has
18 rendered a minimum of two years of credited service after July first,
19 nineteen hundred seventy-six or after last rejoining a public retirement
20 system, if later; provided, however, retirement credit may be granted
21 for service which predates the date of entry into the retirement system
22 if such service is otherwise creditable and the member satisfied the
23 minimum service requirements set forth in this subdivision and was
24 rendered by an employee of a public employer during which employment he
25 was ineligible to join a public retirement system provided that such
26 public employer was participating in a public retirement system of the
27 state at the time of such employment, or is so participating at the time
28 that such credit for such previous service is being sought. NOTWITH-
29 STANDING ANYTHING IN THIS CHAPTER TO THE CONTRARY, A MEMBER SHALL BE
30 ELIGIBLE TO OBTAIN RETIREMENT CREDIT FOR PUBLIC SERVICE RENDERED IN THE
31 STATE OF NEW YORK IN NINETEEN HUNDRED EIGHTY-THREE AND/OR NINETEEN
32 HUNDRED EIGHTY-FOUR IN A POSITION CREATED OR FILLED PURSUANT TO FEDERAL
33 PUBLIC LAW 98-8, THE EMERGENCY JOBS APPROPRIATION ACT OF 1983, WITHOUT
34 REGARD TO THE LENGTH OF SUCH SERVICE, PROVIDED SUCH SERVICE IS OTHERWISE
35 IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER.

36 S 4. This act shall take effect immediately; provided that the amend-
37 ments to section 609 of the retirement and social security law made by
38 section three of this act shall expire on the same date as such section
39 expires pursuant to section 615 of such law.

FISCAL NOTE.--This bill would amend sections 446 and 609 of the Retirement and Social Security Law to permit members to receive service credit for public service rendered in the state of New York in 1983 and/or 1984 in a position created or filled under the Emergency Jobs Appropriation Act of 1983 regardless of the length of such service. To claim this credit, members must pay the amount they would have had to contribute during this period with regular interest.

It is not possible to determine the total annual cost to the employers of members of the New York State Teachers' Retirement System since the total amount of service credit which would be claimed under this bill cannot be estimated. However, the cost to the employers of members of the New York State Teachers' Retirement System is estimated to be \$18,700 per year of service credited if this bill is enacted.

The source of this estimate is Fiscal Note 2009-34 dated March 20, 2009 prepared by the Actuary of the New York State Teachers' Retirement System and is intended for use only during the 2009 Legislative Session.