



H.B. 186

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(As Introduced)

Reps. Jolivette, Coughlin, Grendell, Pringle

BILL SUMMARY

- Changes the method of computing a Public Employees Retirement System member's payment for military service credit.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Purchase of PERS military service credit

(sec. 145.301)

Under current law, a Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) member can purchase PERS service credit for service as a member of the armed forces of the United States. This military service credit may not exceed the lesser of five years or the number of years equal to the member's Ohio service. "Ohio service" means service rendered to the state or any of its political subdivisions or to a public employer.

To purchase military service credit, a PERS member must pay an amount determined by the member rate of contribution in effect at the time military service began multiplied by the member's salary, earnable salary, or compensation for full-time employment during the first year of service covered by a state retirement system or the Cincinnati Retirement System after military service ended.¹ Compound interest is added to this amount at a rate established by the Public Employees Retirement Board from the date active military service terminated to the date of payment.

¹ *Ohio's state retirement systems are PERS, the Police and Firemen's Disability and Pension Fund, School Employees Retirement System, State Highway Patrol Retirement System, and State Teachers Retirement System.*

Under the bill, the cost to purchase the credit is based on the member rate of contribution in effect at the time the member's Ohio service began multiplied by the member's salary, earnable salary, or compensation for full-time employment during the first year of service covered by a state retirement system or the Cincinnati Retirement System. Compound interest is determined from the date service covered by a state retirement system or the Cincinnati Retirement System began to the date of payment.

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