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BILL SUMMARY

- Permits a Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) member who resigned due to the adoption of a child and later returned to covered employment to purchase up to one year of service credit for the period of absence.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Service credit for leaves of absence and resignations due to pregnancy

(sec. 145.291)

Current law

A Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) member who took a leave of absence or resigned due to pregnancy and later returned to employment covered by PERS for at least 12 months may purchase up to one year of service credit for the period of absence. In the case of resignation, the member is required to submit to the PERS Board satisfactory evidence documenting that the resignation was due to pregnancy.

The cost of the credit is determined by multiplying the contribution rate in effect at the time of payment by the member's earnable salary at the time service was interrupted, with compound interest at a rate determined by the Board.¹ A member may purchase only part of the credit in any one payment, subject to Board

¹ With some exceptions, "earnable salary" means all salary, wages, and other earnings paid to a member by reason of employment in a position covered by PERS (Revised Code section 145.01, not in bill).

rules. In the event of death or withdrawal from service, the payment, including any interest, is considered the accumulated contributions of the member.

The bill

The bill permits a PERS member who resigned due to adoption of a child and returned to PERS covered employment for at least 12 months to purchase up to one year of service credit for the period of absence. The member is required to pay the amount charged for the credit, calculated as described above, and submit to the Board satisfactory evidence that the resignation was due to adoption of a child.

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