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House Bill No. 4575

(By Delegates H. White, Mezzatesta,
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AN ACT to amend and reenact article seven-a, chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated section fourteen-b, relating to the state teachers retirement system; permitting members the option to purchase service credit for time periods they were absent from work and receiving temporary total disability payments; setting forth cost to purchase such service credit; establishing applicable time periods; and setting forth a window of time during which such purchase must occur.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

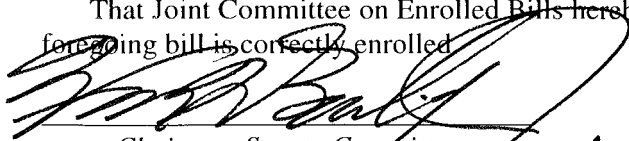
That article seven-a, chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated section fourteen-b, to read as follows:

ARTICLE 7A. STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

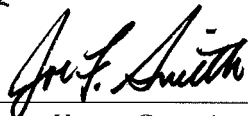
§18-7A-14b. Members' option to make contributions for periods of temporary total disability.

1 Any member who was absent from work while receiving
2 temporary total disability benefits pursuant to the provisions of
3 chapter twenty-three of this code as a result of a compensable
4 injury received in the course of and as a result of his or her
5 employment with the covered employer during the time period
6 beginning the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred
7 eighty-eight and the thirty-first day of December, one thousand
8 nine hundred ninety-eight may purchase credited service for
9 that time period or those time periods the member was absent
10 from work as a result of a compensable injury and receiving
11 temporary total disability benefits: *Provided*, That the member
12 returned to work with his or her covered employer within one
13 year following the cessation of temporary total disability
14 benefits. The member desiring to purchase such credited service
15 may do so only by lump sum payment from personal funds:
16 *Provided, however*, That the purchase of service credit pursuant
17 to the provisions of this section shall be completed between the
18 time period beginning the first day of July, two thousand and
19 ending the thirtieth day of June, two thousand one: *Provided*
20 *further*, That in order to purchase such service credit, the
21 member shall pay to the board his or her regular contribution
22 and an equal amount that represents the employer's contribu-
23 tion, based on the salary the member was receiving immediately
24 prior to having sustained such compensable injury: *And*
25 *provided further*, That the member purchasing service credit
26 under the provisions of this section may not be charged interest.
27 The maximum number of years of service credit that may be
28 purchased under this section shall not exceed two.

That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled



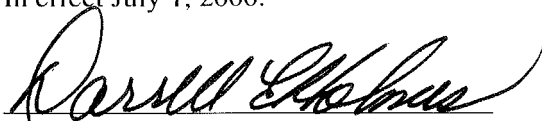
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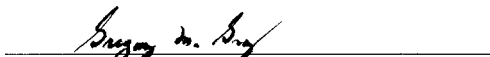
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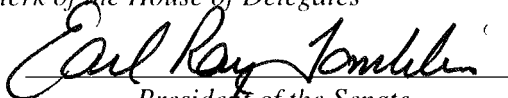
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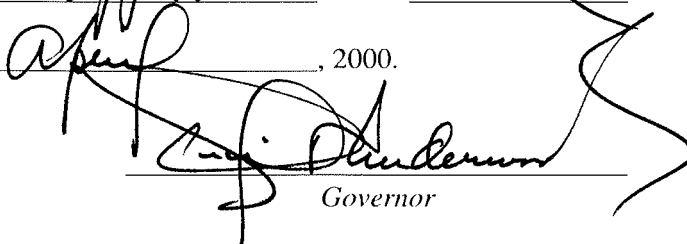


President of the Senate



Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within approved this the 5th day of April, 2000.



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