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## **House Bill No. 2984**

(By Delegates H. White)



Passed March 8, 2003

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section fourteen-b, article seven-a, chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to state teachers retirement system; increasing the amount of service credit a teacher off work on workers' compensation may purchase; setting forth a window for the purchase and providing that a teacher receive increment credit for each year purchased.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

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

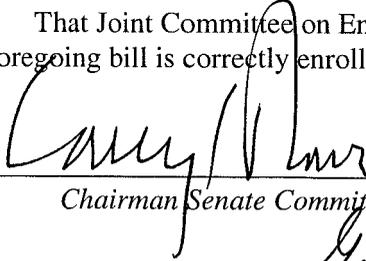
**ARTICLE 7A. STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM.**

**§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 three  
19 and ending the thirtieth day of June, two thousand four:  
20 *Provided further*, That in order to purchase such service credit,  
21 the member shall pay to the board his or her regular contribu-  
22 tion and an equal amount that represents the employer's  
23 contribution, based on the salary the member was receiving  
24 immediately prior to having sustained such compensable injury:  
25 *And provided further*, That the member purchasing service  
26 credit under the provisions of this section may not be charged  
27 interest. The maximum number of years of service credit that  
28 may be purchased under this section shall not exceed five: *And*  
29 *provided further*, That each year purchased under this section  
30 shall count as a year of experience for purposes of the incre-  
31 ment set forth in section two, article four, chapter eighteen-a of  
32 this code.

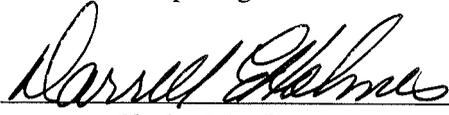
That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

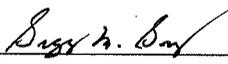
  
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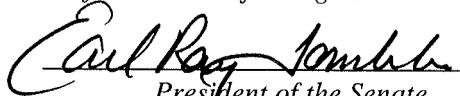
  
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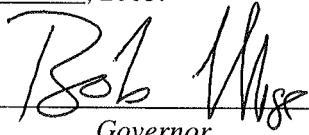
  
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President of the Senate

  
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Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 27<sup>th</sup>  
day of March, 2003.

  
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Governor

PRESENTED TO THE  
GOVERNOR

Date 3/24/03

Time 10:45 am