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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.

Carly Murr
Chairman Senate Committee

Greg Butcher
Chairman House Committee

Originating in the House.

In effect from passage

Darrell Gohmes
Clerk of the Senate

Suzanne D. Dow
Clerk of the House of Delegates

Carl Ray Tomblin
President of the Senate

Arthur B. Biss
Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within *is approved* this the *27th*
day of *March*, 2003.

Bob Wise
Governor

PRESENTED TO THE
GOVERNOR

Date 3/24/03

Time 10:45 am