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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to retirement; amending 70 O.S. 2021, Section 17-116.2, which relates to the Teachers' Retirement System; providing that certain members may receive credit for certain teaching service; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2021, Section 17-116.2, is amended to read as follows:

Section 17-116.2 A. 1. Beginning July 1, 1987, and prior to July 1, 1995, a member who retires on or after the member's normal retirement age or whose retirement is because of disability shall receive an annual allowance for life, payable monthly, in an amount equal to two percent (2%) of the member's highest three-year average salary upon which member contributions were made, multiplied by the number of the member's years of creditable service.

1 A classified member who retired prior to July 1, 1986, shall
2 have the member's retirement allowance calculated on a minimum
3 average salary of Eleven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$11,500.00)
4 or on the member's current minimum average salary plus Two Thousand
5 Dollars (\$2,000.00), whichever is greater. Beginning July 1, 1994,
6 a classified member who retired prior to July 1, 1993, shall have
7 the member's retirement allowance calculated on the member's current
8 minimum average salary plus Five Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$550.00).
9 An unclassified member who retired prior to July 1, 1986, shall have
10 the member's retirement allowance calculated on a minimum average
11 salary of Nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$9,500.00) or on the
12 member's current minimum average salary plus One Thousand Dollars
13 (\$1,000.00), whichever is greater. Beginning July 1, 1994, an
14 unclassified member who retired prior to July 1, 1993, shall have
15 the member's retirement allowance calculated on the member's current
16 minimum average salary plus Two Hundred Seventy-five Dollars
17 (\$275.00). Those individuals receiving benefits pursuant to
18 subsection (3) of Section 17-105 of this title whose benefits
19 commenced prior to July 1, 1993, shall receive an increase in
20 benefits of two and one-half percent (2 1/2%). No retirement
21 benefit payments shall be made retroactively.

22 For those members retiring before normal retirement age, except
23 for those members retiring because of a disability, the retirement
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1 allowance shall be subject to adjustment in accordance with the
2 actuarial equivalent factors adopted by the Board of Trustees.

3 2. Beginning July 1, 1995, a member, who has no service
4 performed on or after July 1, 1995, for an entity or institution
5 within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, who retires on
6 or after the member's normal retirement age or whose retirement is
7 because of disability shall receive an annual allowance for life,
8 payable monthly as follows:

- 9 a. if the member becomes a member after June 30, 1995,
10 and was not eligible to become a member prior to July
11 1, 1995, in an amount equal to two percent (2%) of the
12 member's average salary upon which member
13 contributions were made, multiplied by the number of
14 the member's years of creditable service, or
- 15 b. if the member became a member or is eligible to become
16 a member prior to July 1, 1995, and elected to have a
17 maximum compensation level in excess of Twenty-five
18 Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) pursuant to paragraph 1
19 of subsection C of this section or pursuant to
20 subsection E of this section, or if the member's
21 salary has never exceeded Twenty-five Thousand Dollars
22 (\$25,000.00) prior to July 1, 1995, in an amount equal
23 to:

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1 (1) two percent (2%) of the member's average salary
2 upon which member contributions were made not to
3 exceed Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00),
4 multiplied by the number of the member's years of
5 credited service authorized and performed prior
6 to July 1, 1995, plus any years of prior service
7 authorized under this title, plus

8 (2) two percent (2%) of the member's average salary
9 upon which member contributions were made,
10 multiplied by the number of the member's years of
11 credited service authorized and performed after
12 June 30, 1995, or

13 c. if the member became a member or is eligible to become
14 a member prior to July 1, 1995, and was eligible to
15 elect to have a maximum compensation level in excess
16 of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) and did
17 not elect or elected not to have a maximum
18 compensation level of Forty Thousand Dollars
19 (\$40,000.00) pursuant to paragraph 1 of subsection C
20 of this section or pursuant to subsection E of this
21 section, in an amount equal to:

22 (1) two percent (2%) of the member's average salary
23 upon which member contributions were made not to
24 exceed Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00),

1 multiplied by the number of the member's years of
2 credited service authorized and performed prior
3 to July 1, 1995, plus any years of prior service
4 authorized under this title, plus

5 (2) two percent (2%) of the member's average salary
6 upon which member contributions were made,
7 multiplied by the number of the member's years of
8 credited service authorized and performed after
9 June 30, 1995.

10 B. Except as otherwise provided for in this section, the amount
11 contributed by each member to the retirement system shall be:

12 1. Beginning July 1, 1992, through June 30, 1996, six percent
13 (6%) of the regular annual compensation of such member not in excess
14 of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) and beginning July 1,
15 1995, through June 30, 1996, six percent (6%) of the maximum
16 compensation level;

17 2. Beginning July 1, 1996, through June 30, 1997, six and one-
18 half percent (6 1/2%) of the regular annual compensation of members,
19 who are not employed by an entity or institution within The Oklahoma
20 State System of Higher Education not in excess of Twenty-five
21 Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) and beginning July 1, 1996, through
22 June 30, 1997, six and one-half percent (6 1/2%) of the regular
23 annual compensation of members, who are employed by an entity or
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1 institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education,
2 not in excess of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00);

3 3. Beginning July 1, 1997, seven percent (7%) of the regular
4 annual compensation of the member not in excess of any applicable
5 maximum compensation level of the member; and

6 4. All public schools in this state shall treat the employee
7 contributions as being picked up under the provisions of Section 414
8 (h) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 in determining tax
9 treatment.

10 Subject to Internal Revenue Service approval, paragraph 4 of this
11 subsection shall not apply to a comprehensive university group
12 established on or before July 1, 1998, whose employee contributions
13 were consistently treated as not picked up as of July 1, 1998, and
14 at all times thereafter.

15 C. 1. Prior to July 1, 1995, an active member of the System
16 may elect to have a maximum compensation level of Forty Thousand
17 Dollars (\$40,000.00). Such an election shall be made in writing and
18 filed with the System. Members whose salaries are in excess of
19 Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) on July 20, 1987, shall
20 file the election with the System prior to January 1, 1988. Members
21 whose salaries exceed Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00)
22 after July 20, 1987, shall file the election when the salary exceeds
23 Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00). If a member makes such
24 an election, the member shall contribute the following amounts:

- 1 a. beginning July 1, 1992, through June 30, 1993, eleven
2 percent (11%) of the regular annual compensation of
3 such member that is in excess of Twenty-five Thousand
4 Dollars (\$25,000.00) and is not in excess of Forty
5 Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00),
- 6 b. beginning July 1, 1993, through June 30, 1994, nine
7 percent (9%) of the regular annual compensation of
8 such member that is in excess of Twenty-five Thousand
9 Dollars (\$25,000.00) and is not in excess of Forty
10 Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00), and
- 11 c. beginning July 1, 1994, through June 30, 1995, eight
12 percent (8%) of the regular annual compensation of
13 such member that is in excess of Twenty-five Thousand
14 Dollars (\$25,000.00) and is not in excess of Forty
15 Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00). Except as provided in
16 subsection E of this section, any such election shall
17 be irrevocable.

18 2. After June 30, 1995, in addition to the amount contributed
19 by each member to the retirement system pursuant to subsection B of
20 this section, the total amount contributed by each member to the
21 retirement system shall include, beginning July 1, 1995, through
22 June 30, 1997, seven percent (7%) of the regular annual compensation
23 of each member, who is not employed by an entity or institution
24 within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, that is in

1 excess of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) and beginning
2 July 1, 1996, through June 30, 1997, seven percent (7%) of the
3 regular annual compensation of each member who is employed by an
4 entity or institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher
5 Education in excess of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00),
6 but not in excess of any applicable maximum compensation level of
7 the member.

8 D. 1. Any member who was a contributing member of the
9 Retirement System between July 1, 1987, and June 30, 1995, who at
10 the time the member was eligible to make an election to increase the
11 maximum compensation level of the member, failed to make an election
12 or chose not to increase the maximum compensation level of the
13 member to Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00), may elect to make
14 back contributions to the Retirement System. The member shall
15 complete a new election form and file with the Board of Trustees,
16 the form and a payment equaling the difference between the amount
17 contributed at the twenty-five-thousand-dollar level and the
18 appropriate contribution on compensation in excess of Twenty-five
19 Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) up to a maximum of Forty Thousand
20 Dollars (\$40,000.00) shall be made prior to the official retirement
21 date of the member. The required payment shall include any
22 contribution required by the employing school district, and shall
23 include interest compounded annually at ten percent (10%) per annum
24 of both employer and employee contributions.

1 2. Any changes made pursuant to this subsection shall be
2 irrevocable.

3 E. 1. An individual who withdrew from the Teachers' Retirement
4 System and whose salary was in excess of Seven Thousand Eight
5 Hundred Dollars (\$7,800.00) and had elected to contribute only on
6 Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$7,800.00) before his or her
7 withdrawal shall contribute on the earning ceiling as provided for
8 in this section on his or her reentry into membership in the
9 Teachers' Retirement System.

10 2. An individual who elected to contribute on a maximum of
11 Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$7,800.00) per annum shall,
12 beginning July 1, 1979, contribute on his or her earning ceiling as
13 provided for in this section.

14 3. Any member who elected to contribute on Seven Thousand Eight
15 Hundred Dollars (\$7,800.00) prior to January 1, 1978, and whose
16 salary was more than Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars
17 (\$7,800.00) during the school years 1974-75 through 1978-79 may
18 elect to make back contributions to the retirement system by paying
19 the five percent (5%) contributions on the difference between Seven
20 Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$7,800.00) and the actual salary of
21 the member, not to exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for each
22 applicable school year, plus interest compounded annually at ten
23 percent (10%) per annum. Such payment shall be made prior to the
24 official retirement date of the member.

1 F. Each employer shall cause to be deducted from the salary of
2 each member on each and every payroll of such employer for each and
3 every payroll period, the proper percentage of his or her earnable
4 compensation as provided for in subsection B or subsection C of this
5 section.

6 1. Deductions shall begin with the first payroll period of the
7 school year. In determining the amount earnable by a member in a
8 payroll period, the Board of Trustees shall consider the rate of
9 annual compensation payable to such member on the first day of the
10 payroll period as continuing throughout such payroll period, and it
11 may omit deductions from compensation for any period less than a
12 full period, and to facilitate the making of deductions, it may
13 modify the deduction required of any member by such an amount as
14 shall not exceed one-tenth of one percent (1/10 of 1%) of the annual
15 compensation upon the basis of which such deduction is to be made.
16 Prior to January 1, 1991, any active contributing member who joined
17 the System subsequent to July 1, 1943, may pay the normal cost,
18 which shall mean the single sum which would have been paid under
19 existing statutes at the time the service was performed, plus
20 interest, for years of teaching service in Oklahoma from the date of
21 establishment of the System in 1943 to date of membership, in a lump
22 sum, or in installments equal to establishing one (1) year of
23 creditable service. Effective January 1, 1991, any active
24 contributing member who joined the System subsequent to July 1,

1 1943, may pay the amount determined by the Board of Trustees
2 pursuant to Section 17-116.8 of this title for years of teaching
3 service in Oklahoma from the date of establishment of the System in
4 1943 to date of membership, in a lump sum, or in installments equal
5 to establishing one (1) year of creditable service. For purposes of
6 this option, teaching service in Oklahoma shall include the teaching
7 of vocational agricultural courses within Oklahoma for the federal
8 government. Years for which contributions are paid shall count as
9 membership service under this plan. A member may receive credit for
10 not more than five (5) years of teaching service rendered while in
11 the Peace Corps, AmeriCorps Volunteers in Service to America, or in
12 the public schools of a territory of the United States or the public
13 schools, American Military Dependent Schools or state colleges or
14 state universities outside this state by paying his or her
15 contributions, plus interest, and membership fees to the retirement
16 system, subject to the regulations of the Board of Trustees,
17 providing he or she is not receiving and is not eligible to receive
18 retirement credit or benefits from said service in any other public
19 retirement system of this state, or any other state or territory of
20 the United States subject to the following provisions:

- 21 a. the member is required to have two (2) years of
22 employed service teaching earned in Oklahoma for each
23 year of Peace Corps, AmeriCorps Volunteers in Service
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1 to America, territorial, out-of-state, noncovered in-
2 state or military membership credit granted.

3 b. prior to January 1, 1991, the out-of-state or
4 noncovered in-state payment shall be the normal cost,
5 which means the single sum which would have been paid
6 under existing law at the time the service was
7 performed, plus interest, on the basis of what his or
8 her annual salary would have been in Oklahoma or out
9 of state, whichever is greater, had he or she been
10 employed as a teacher. ~~Effective January 1, 1991, the~~
11 The Peace Corps, AmeriCorps Volunteers in Service to
12 America, territorial, out-of-state or noncovered in-
13 state payment shall be the amount determined by the
14 Board of Trustees pursuant to Section 17-116.8 of this
15 title.

16 2. In addition to the deductions hereinabove provided for, any
17 member who becomes a member of the Armed Forces of the United States
18 of America during any period of national emergency, including World
19 War II, the Korean conflict, the Vietnam conflict or others as may
20 be determined by the Board of Trustees, or whose entrance into or
21 training for the teaching profession was interrupted by his or her
22 entrance into the Armed Forces, and who was or shall have become a
23 member of the Teachers' Retirement System shall be granted the
24 privilege of making up his or her five percent (5%) contributions as

1 provided for in this section until January 1, 1991, for not to
2 exceed five (5) years of service in the Armed Forces by electing to
3 pay said contributions on the basis of the rate of pay in his or her
4 contract as a teacher at the time his or her service in the Armed
5 Forces commenced or in the case of a teacher who was not teaching
6 prior to entering the Armed Forces, on the basis of the salary of
7 the first year of teaching after being honorably discharged from the
8 Armed Forces. Effective January 1, 1991, the member will receive
9 such service upon payment of the amount determined by the Board of
10 Trustees pursuant to Section 17-116.8 of this title. Such
11 contributions shall be credited in the regular manner, and the
12 period for which said contributions were paid shall be counted as
13 creditable years of service and allocated to the period during which
14 the military service was rendered, except that the period for which
15 contributions were paid must have been continuous and shall be
16 credited in the aggregate, regardless of fiscal year limitations.
17 Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, contributions,
18 benefits and service credit with respect to qualified military
19 service as defined by Section 414(u) of the Internal Revenue Code of
20 1986 shall be provided in accordance with Section 414(u) of the
21 Internal Revenue Code.

22 3. Retirement benefits for all service credits purchased
23 pursuant to this subsection shall be determined in accordance with
24 the provisions of paragraph 2 of this subsection.

1 G. Effective July 1, 2004, the total creditable service of a
2 member who retires or terminates employment and elects a vested
3 benefit shall include not to exceed one hundred twenty (120) days of
4 unused sick leave accumulated subsequent to August 1, 1959. Twenty
5 (20) days of unused sick leave shall equal one (1) month for
6 purposes of creditable service credit. If the member becomes a
7 member or was eligible to become a member prior to July 1, 1995, the
8 year of credit received in this section shall be treated as service
9 earned prior to July 1, 1995. This subsection shall apply to
10 members retiring or vesting on or after the effective date of this
11 act and shall not be retroactive.

12 H. Any member who:

13 1. Shall be absent from the teaching service because of
14 election to the State Legislature or appointment to the executive
15 branch in an education-related capacity shall be allowed thirty (30)
16 days from the date as of which the person is officially elected or
17 appointed to file an election with the Teachers' Retirement System
18 to retain his or her membership in the Teachers' Retirement System
19 upon payment of the contribution required of other members and
20 employers of said members as provided for in this section and his or
21 her service credits shall continue to be accumulated during such
22 absence, provided he or she is not receiving retirement credits or
23 benefits from said service beginning after July 1, 1992, in other
24 public retirement systems; or

1 2. Became an employee of the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher
2 Preparation on or subsequent to June 1, 2001, but prior to July 1,
3 2002, who was previously employed by a participating employer within
4 the Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma, may elect to cancel any
5 accumulated service credit accrued within the Oklahoma Public
6 Employees Retirement System on or after June 1, 2001, but prior to
7 July 1, 2002, by filing an election with the Oklahoma Public
8 Employees Retirement System for the cancellation of such service
9 credit. The election shall be irrevocable and shall require the
10 Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System to transfer all
11 accumulated employer and employee contributions made on behalf of or
12 by the person making such election to the Teachers' Retirement
13 System for such period of time. The Teachers' Retirement System
14 shall compute the employee contributions that would have been made
15 to the System by such employee if the contributions had been
16 computed pursuant to this section. In order to receive the full
17 amount of creditable service for the period of time on or after June
18 1, 2001, but not later than June 30, 2002, the employee shall be
19 required to pay any difference between the transferred employee
20 contributions and the amount computed by the Teachers' Retirement
21 System. The employee may make payment of any required amount in the
22 manner provided by and subject to the requirements of Section 17-
23 116.8 of this title. After payment of all required employee
24 contributions, the Teachers' Retirement System shall credit the

1 period of time represented by the transferred employee contributions
2 as creditable service within the meaning of Section 17-101 of this
3 title. After the transfer of the employee contributions, the
4 Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System shall cancel any service
5 credit previously accumulated for the period of time represented by
6 such transferred employee contributions. Any person who makes the
7 election provided for by this paragraph, and who continues
8 employment with the Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation on
9 or after July 1, 2002, shall continue to accrue service credit in
10 the Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma. The employer shall
11 make employer contributions according to the requirements of Section
12 17-108.1 of this title and shall provide for the deduction of
13 employee contributions as required by this section.

14 I. Any member who shall be absent from the teaching service
15 because of election or appointment as a local, state or national
16 education association officer, prior to January 1, 2011, shall be
17 allowed to retain his or her membership in the Teachers' Retirement
18 System upon payment of the contribution required of other members
19 and employers of said members as provided for in this section and
20 his or her service credits shall continue to be accumulated during
21 such absence. Provided, however, any one such absence shall not
22 exceed twelve (12) continuous years. No member who has less than
23 ten (10) years of contributory service on July 1, 1994, may make
24 this election after June 30, 1994. Members contributing to the

1 System on July 1, 1994, may continue to contribute under this
2 subsection until they have completed eight (8) years allowed by this
3 subsection. The member may file for retirement when otherwise
4 eligible for retirement as provided by Section 17-105 of this title.

5 J. A member may receive credit for those years of service
6 accumulated by the member while employed by an entity which is a
7 participating employer in the Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and
8 Retirement System, the Oklahoma Police Pension and Retirement
9 System, the Uniform Retirement System for Justices and Judges, the
10 Oklahoma Law Enforcement Retirement System, or the Oklahoma Public
11 Employees Retirement System, if the member is not receiving or
12 eligible to receive retirement credit or benefits from said service
13 in any other public retirement system. A member also may receive
14 credit for those years of service with the Department of Wildlife
15 Conservation or with an employer that is a participating employer
16 within one of the state retirement systems specifically referred to
17 in this section when at the time of such service by the member the
18 employer was not such a participating employer, if the member is not
19 receiving or eligible to receive retirement credit or benefits from
20 said service in any other public retirement system. To receive the
21 service credit provided in this subsection, the member shall pay the
22 amount determined by the Board of Trustees pursuant to Section 17-
23 116.8 of this title. For purposes of this subsection, creditable
24 service transferred from the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement

1 System shall include service authorized under paragraph (f) of
2 subsection (2) of Section 913 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes
3 as amended from time to time. Members who retire prior to July 1,
4 1993, shall have their monthly benefit adjusted to include all
5 services accrued under paragraph (f) of subsection (2) of Section
6 913 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Provided however, any
7 adjustment of existing retirement benefits caused by reason of
8 inclusion of such service authorized under paragraph (f) of
9 subsection (2) of Section 913 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes
10 shall not affect any retirement benefit paid prior to July 1, 1993.

11 K. 1. An active member of the Teachers' Retirement System of
12 Oklahoma may receive credit for those years of service accumulated
13 by the member while a member of the Oklahoma Public Employees
14 Retirement System if:

- 15 a. the member is an active member of the Teachers'
16 Retirement System of Oklahoma, and
- 17 b. the member provides notice to the Oklahoma Public
18 Employees Retirement System and the Teachers'
19 Retirement System of Oklahoma of the member's election
20 to transfer said service credit. The notice shall
21 include a list of the years to be transferred, and
- 22 c. the member is not receiving or eligible to receive
23 retirement credit or benefits from said service in any
24 other public retirement system, notwithstanding the

1 years of service sought to be transferred under this
2 subsection.

3 Members electing to take advantage of the transfer authorized by
4 this subsection who are receiving or eligible to receive retirement
5 credit or benefits from said service in any other public retirement
6 system shall have all service credit with the Oklahoma Public
7 Employees Retirement System canceled which is not transferred to the
8 Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma or used as a cash offset in
9 such a transfer pursuant to subparagraph d of paragraph 2 of this
10 subsection. Service credit transferred to the Teachers' Retirement
11 System of Oklahoma under this subsection shall also be canceled with
12 the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System.

13 2. For purposes of this subsection, the "sending system" shall
14 mean the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System. The
15 "receiving system" shall mean the Teachers' Retirement System of
16 Oklahoma.

17 a. Within thirty (30) days notification of an intent to
18 transfer is received by the sending system, the
19 sending system shall, according to its own rules and
20 regulations:

21 (1) for members who have accrued at least eight (8)
22 years of credited service with the sending
23 system, determine the present value of the
24 member's earned benefits attributable to the

1 years of service sought to be transferred,
2 discounted according to the member's age at the
3 time of transfer and computed as of the earliest
4 age at which the member would be able to retire.
5 Said computation shall assume an unreduced
6 benefit and be computed using interest and
7 mortality assumptions consistent with the
8 actuarial assumptions adopted by the Board of
9 Trustees for purposes of preparing the annual
10 actuarial evaluation, but shall not make any
11 projections regarding future salary. For
12 employees who have accrued at least eight (8)
13 years of credited service, the sending system
14 shall use the product of this calculation for
15 purposes of determining the transfer fee to be
16 paid by the employee under subparagraph c of this
17 paragraph so long as it is greater than the
18 product of the calculation in division (2) of
19 this subparagraph, and

- 20 (2) determine the sum of the employee and employer
21 contributions applicable to the years of service
22 sought to be transferred plus interest consistent
23 with the actuarial assumptions adopted by the
24 Board of Trustees for purposes of preparing the

1 annual actuarial evaluation. For all nonvested
2 members, and for members who have accrued at
3 least eight (8) years of credited service, if the
4 product of this calculation is greater than the
5 product of the calculation in division (1) of
6 this subparagraph, the sending system shall use
7 the product of this calculation for purposes of
8 determining the amount to be transferred by the
9 sending system under subparagraph c of this
10 paragraph and any transfer fee to be paid by the
11 member under subparagraph d of this paragraph.

- 12 b. Within thirty (30) days notification of an intent to
13 transfer is received by the receiving system, the
14 receiving system shall determine, according to the
15 system's own rules and regulations, the present value
16 of the member's incremental projected benefits
17 discounted according to the member's age at the time
18 of the transfer. Incremental projected benefits shall
19 be the difference between the projected benefit said
20 member would receive without transferring the service
21 credit and the projected benefit after transfer of
22 service credit computed as of the earliest age at
23 which the member would be able to retire. Said
24 computation shall assume an unreduced benefit and be

1 computed using interest, salary projections and
2 mortality assumptions consistent with the actuarial
3 assumptions adopted by the Board of Trustees for
4 purposes of preparing the annual actuarial evaluation.

5 c. The sending system shall, within sixty (60) days from
6 the date notification of an intent to transfer is
7 received by the sending system, transfer to the
8 receiving system the amount determined in subparagraph
9 a of this paragraph. Except if the cost as calculated
10 under subparagraph a of this paragraph is greater than
11 the actuarial value of the incremental benefit in the
12 receiving system, as established in subparagraph b of
13 this paragraph, the sending system shall send the
14 receiving system an amount equal to the actuarial
15 value of the incremental projected benefit in the
16 receiving system.

17 d. In order to receive the credit provided for in
18 paragraph 1 of this subsection, if the cost of the
19 actuarial value of the incremental benefit to the
20 receiving system is greater than the cost as
21 calculated under subparagraph a of this paragraph for
22 the same years of service to the sending system as
23 established in subparagraphs a and b of this
24 paragraph, the employee shall elect to:

- 1 (1) pay any difference to receive full credit for the
2 years sought to be transferred, or
3 (2) receive prorated service credit for only the
4 amount received from the Oklahoma Public
5 Employees Retirement System pursuant to this
6 subsection.

7 Such an election shall be made in writing, filed with
8 the System prior to receiving the credit provided for
9 in paragraph 1 of this subsection, and shall be
10 irrevocable.

11 3. Within sixty (60) days of successfully completing all of the
12 requirements for transfer under this subsection, the sending system
13 shall pay the receiving system any amount due under this subsection.
14 Within sixty (60) days of successfully completing all of the
15 requirements for transfer under this subsection, the member shall
16 pay the receiving system any amount due under this subsection. In
17 the event that the member is unable to pay the transfer fee provided
18 for in this subsection by the due date, the Board of Trustees of the
19 receiving system shall permit the member to amortize the transfer
20 fee over a period not to exceed sixty (60) months. Said payments
21 shall be made by payroll deductions unless the Board of Trustees
22 permits an alternate payment source. The amortization shall include
23 interest in an amount not to exceed the actuarially assumed interest
24 rate adopted by the Board of Trustees for investment earnings each

1 year. Any member who ceases to make payment, terminates, retires or
2 dies before completing the payments provided for in this section
3 shall receive prorated service credit for only those payments made,
4 unless the unpaid balance is paid by said member, his or her estate
5 or successor in interest within six (6) months after said member's
6 death, termination of employment or retirement, provided no
7 retirement benefits shall be payable until the unpaid balance is
8 paid, unless said member or beneficiary affirmatively waives the
9 additional six-month period in which to pay the unpaid balance.

10 4. Years of service transferred pursuant to this subsection
11 shall be used both in determining the member's retirement benefit
12 and in determining the years of service for retirement and/or
13 vesting purposes. Years of service rendered as a member of the
14 Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System prior to July 1, 1992,
15 if any, shall be deemed to be years of service rendered as a member
16 of the Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma prior to July 1,
17 1992, and shall qualify such person as a member of the Teachers'
18 Retirement System of Oklahoma before July 1, 1992.

19 5. Notwithstanding the requirements of subsection (5) of
20 Section 917 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes, members electing
21 to take advantage of the transfer authorized by this subsection who
22 have withdrawn their contributions from the sending system shall
23 remit to the sending system the amount of the accumulated
24 contributions the member has withdrawn plus simple interest of ten

1 percent (10%) per annum prior to making said election or the
2 election shall be deemed invalid and the transfer shall be canceled.
3 If such an election is deemed invalid and the transfer is canceled,
4 the accumulated contribution remitted to the sending system by the
5 member who originally withdrew their contributions shall be returned
6 to the member. The member's rights and obligations regarding any
7 service credit reestablished in the sending system due to a failure
8 to satisfy the requirements of this subsection shall be determined
9 by the sending system in accordance with Section 901 et seq. of
10 Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

11 6. If any member fails for any reason to satisfy the
12 requirements of this subsection, the election to transfer service
13 credit shall be void and of no effect, and any service credited as a
14 result of this transfer shall be canceled. If such service is
15 canceled, the years of canceled service credit which were
16 unsuccessfully transferred to the receiving system from the sending
17 system shall be reestablished in the sending system. The member's
18 rights and obligations regarding any service credit reestablished in
19 the sending system due to a failure to satisfy the requirements of
20 this subsection shall be determined by the sending system in
21 accordance with Section 901 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma
22 Statutes.

23 7. The Board of Trustees shall promulgate such rules as are
24 necessary to implement the provisions of this subsection.

1 L. Any member whose regular annual compensation was not
2 determined as provided for by law may pay the member contribution
3 required pursuant to subsection B of this section on such amount not
4 included in the member's regular annual compensation and receive
5 credit for such amount in the calculation of the member's benefit.
6 The employees must pay the employer contributions required pursuant
7 to Section 17-108.1 of this title. Interest at the rate of ten
8 percent (10%) per annum shall be charged to both employee and
9 employer contributions. Provided that the employing district may
10 pay all or any portion of the contributions and interest the member
11 is required to pay. Any payment by the employing district for a
12 prior year obligation shall be considered a current obligation of
13 the employer.

14 M. Any active member who elected during the 1978-79 school year
15 to pay the difference between five percent (5%) on actual salary not
16 exceeding Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) and six percent (6%) on
17 actual salary not exceeding Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00)
18 shall receive credit for one (1) year of credited service upon
19 receipt and approval of a proper request by the Board of Trustees.

20 N. Effective July 1, 1988, any member who is employed by the
21 Governor, the State Senate, the House of Representatives or the
22 Legislative Service Bureau shall be allowed to elect to retain
23 membership in the Retirement System upon payment of the accrued and
24 current member contributions and employer contributions as provided

1 in subsection B of this section and Section 17-108.1 of this title.
2 Such contributions may be paid on behalf of the member by the
3 employing entity. Upon payment of such contributions, service
4 credits shall continue to be accumulated during such employment.
5 Accrued contributions shall be paid to the Retirement System by
6 August 1, 1989. Current contributions shall be paid to the
7 Retirement System by the tenth of the following month beginning with
8 the month of July 1989.

9 O. Notwithstanding any requirements of this title to restrict
10 the payment of service purchases, the Board of Trustees shall
11 promulgate such rules as necessary to allow active members of the
12 System to make installment payments for the redeposit of withdrawn
13 accounts or other payments due under the provisions of this title.
14 The rules shall permit the member to amortize the balance due over a
15 period not to exceed sixty (60) months, and shall include interest
16 consistent with the actuarial assumptions adopted by the Board of
17 Trustees for purposes of preparing the annual actuarial evaluation.
18 Further, the rules shall provide that all payments must be completed
19 prior to the effective retirement date of the member.

20 P. 1. A member of the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement
21 System who becomes a member of the Teachers' Retirement System of
22 Oklahoma because the member has become employed by an entity or
23 institution within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education,
24 State Board of Education, State Board of Career and Technology

1 Education, Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education,
2 Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics, Oklahoma Center for the
3 Advancement of Science and Technology, State Department of
4 Rehabilitation Services, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher
5 Education, Department of Corrections, State Department of Education,
6 Oklahoma Board of Private Vocational Schools, Board of Regents of
7 Oklahoma Colleges, Oklahoma Student Loan Authority, or the Teachers'
8 Retirement System of Oklahoma, may elect to receive credit in the
9 Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma for those years of service
10 accumulated by the member in the Oklahoma Public Employees
11 Retirement System pursuant to this subsection. A member shall be
12 eligible to elect to receive credit for such years of service if:

- 13 a. the member is an active member of the Teachers'
14 Retirement System of Oklahoma,
- 15 b. the member provides notice to the Teachers' Retirement
16 System of Oklahoma and the Oklahoma Public Employees
17 Retirement System of the member's election to transfer
18 such retirement credit. The notice shall include a
19 list of the years to be transferred, and
- 20 c. the member is not receiving or eligible to receive
21 retirement credit or benefits from such service in any
22 other public retirement system, notwithstanding the
23 years of service sought to be transferred under this
24 subsection.

1 Members electing to take advantage of the transfer authorized by
2 this subsection shall have all service credit with the Oklahoma
3 Public Employees Retirement System canceled which is transferred to
4 the Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma.

5 2. For purposes of this subsection, the "sending system" shall
6 mean the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System. The
7 "receiving system" shall mean the Teachers' Retirement System of
8 Oklahoma. Within thirty (30) days after notification of an intent
9 to transfer is received by the sending system, the sending system
10 shall, according to its own rules, send to the receiving system all
11 employer and employee contributions made on behalf of the member
12 which were made to the sending system plus an additional amount of
13 earnings based on the actuarial assumed rate of the sending system.
14 Upon receipt of these contributions by the receiving system, the
15 receiving system shall give credit to the transferring member in an
16 amount equal to the years of service accrued in the sending system.

17 3. If the transferring member's normal retirement date
18 calculation is based upon the sum of the member's age and number of
19 years of credited service totaling eighty (80) in the sending
20 system, then the member shall retain such calculation in the
21 receiving system.

22 4. The Board of Trustees shall promulgate such rules as are
23 necessary to implement the provisions of this subsection.

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1 Q. A former member of the Teachers' Retirement System of
2 Oklahoma who withdrew his or her contributions from the System prior
3 to January 1, 1983, and who had at least ten (10) years of service
4 in the System and purchased that service in the Oklahoma Public
5 Employees Retirement System, may elect to revoke that purchase from
6 the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System and to repay the
7 withdrawn contributions to the System in order to be eligible, once
8 such member reaches the normal retirement age, to receive a
9 retirement benefit that is based upon years of service and
10 compensation at the time such member terminated employment. In
11 addition, such former member may elect to transfer service credit
12 accrued in the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System to the
13 Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma pursuant to subsection K of
14 this section. The election, pursuant to this subsection, shall be
15 made prior to September 1, 2000. The election and the repayment
16 shall be made according to rules promulgated by the Board.

17 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.
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Re: RHB No. 5900

RBH No. 5900 adds service with Americorp Volunteers in Service to America that is eligible to be purchased as service in OTRS.

RBH No. 5900 is a fiscal bill as defined by OPLAAA. If service is purchased, the accrued actuarial liability will increase.

I am a member of the American Academy of Actuaries and meet the Qualification Standards of the American Academy of Actuaries to render the actuarial opinion herein.

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