

SENATE BILL 1951

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-34-605, relative to military service credit in the Tennessee consolidated retirement system.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-34-605(e), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead:

Subsections (b)-(e) are optional to political subdivisions in accordance with § 8-35-217.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-34-605(g), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead:

In no case shall the total amount of retirement credit granted for military service under subsections (b)-(e) exceed four (4) years.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-34-605, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (d) and redesignating the existing subsections accordingly:

(d)

(1) Any member who has performed active duty military service in the armed forces of the United States during any period of armed conflict, as defined in subdivision (d)(2), may establish retirement credit for that military service under the following conditions:

(A) Creditable service must be calculated on the basis of one (1) day of creditable service for each day of military service rendered. To establish such military service, the member must pay employee

contributions for the service claimed based on a contribution rate of nine percent (9%). The rate is applied to the member's earnable compensation at the time of the claim;

(B) The establishment of creditable service for military service in accordance with this subsection (d) is a benefit improvement. Payment of the liability to establish this creditable service is paid in accordance with § 8-35-206(i); and

(C) The member is subject to the conditions set forth in subdivisions (b)(1)(A)-(C).

(2) As used in this subsection (d), "period of armed conflict" means:

Multinational Force in Lebanon	8/21/82 – 2/26/84
Invasion of Grenada/Operation Urgent Fury	10/25/83 – 12/15/83
Invasion of Panama/Operation Just Cause	12/20/89 – 1/31/90
Persian Gulf War	8/2/90 – 4/6/91
Operation Enduring Freedom	10/7/01 – 12/28/14
Operation Iraqi Freedom	3/19/03 – 8/31/10

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.