
SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based only on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

Date: April 3, 1998

Revised: _____

Subject: Retirement

	<u>Analyst</u>	<u>Staff Director</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Action</u>
1.	<u>Lombardi</u>	<u>Wilson</u>	<u>GO</u>	<u>Favorable</u>
2.	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>WM</u>	<u> </u>
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I. Summary:

The bill will allow Florida Retirement System (FRS) members to purchase retirement credit for in-state service with an accredited nonpublic school or college, whether the school or college is sectarian or nonsectarian. In addition, the bill provides additional portability of retirement benefits for those members who have previously worked in accredited sectarian schools.

This act takes effect upon becoming law.

This bill amends section 121.1122, Florida Statutes.

II. Present Situation:

Pursuant to s. 121.1122, F.S., FRS members are allowed to purchase retirement credit for in-state public service and in-state service in accredited nonpublic, nonsectarian schools and colleges that the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools has accredited. FRS members are also allowed to purchase retirement credit for service in chartered schools. A member may purchase for each completed year of creditable service one year of credit provided the member has completed 10 years of creditable service under the FRS.

Other conditions and limitations include that: a member may not purchase more than 5 years of service in total; the service credit purchased will only be of the Regular Service Class of membership; members who leave the FRS must return and serve at least one year of creditable service before being eligible to purchase service credit; and the service claimed must have been service covered by a retirement or pension plan provided by the employer.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

The bill will allow FRS members to purchase retirement credit for in-state service with an accredited nonpublic school or college, whether the school or college is sectarian or nonsectarian. In addition, the bill provides additional portability of retirement benefits for those members who have previously worked in accredited sectarian schools.

IV. Constitutional Issues:**A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:**

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:**A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

The full actuarial cost is borne by the member.

C. Government Sector Impact:

There is no fiscal impact on the Florida Retirement System Trust Fund.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

The language in this bill is also contained in HB 3131 which passed the Senate on April 2, 1998.

VIII. Amendments:

None.

This Senate staff analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's sponsor or the Florida Senate.
