## Florida Senate - 2005

By Senator Posey

24-627-05 1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to the Florida Retirement 3 System; amending s. 121.091, F.S.; prescribing 4 conditions for the reemployment of a retired 5 member of the system as a law enforcement б officer, correctional officer, or correctional 7 probation officer; providing an effective date. 8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 9 10 Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (9) of section 11 12 121.091, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 13 121.091 Benefits payable under the system.--Benefits may not be paid under this section unless the member has 14 terminated employment as provided in s. 121.021(39)(a) or 15 begun participation in the Deferred Retirement Option Program 16 17 as provided in subsection (13), and a proper application has been filed in the manner prescribed by the department. The 18 department may cancel an application for retirement benefits 19 when the member or beneficiary fails to timely provide the 20 21 information and documents required by this chapter and the 22 department's rules. The department shall adopt rules 23 establishing procedures for application for retirement benefits and for the cancellation of such application when the 2.4 required information or documents are not received. 25 (9) EMPLOYMENT AFTER RETIREMENT; LIMITATION.--26 27 (b)1. Any person who is retired under this chapter, 2.8 except under the disability retirement provisions of subsection (4), may be reemployed by any private or public 29 employer after retirement and receive retirement benefits and 30 compensation from his or her employer without any limitations, 31 1

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except that a person may not receive both a salary from reemployment with any agency participating in the Florida Retirement System and retirement benefits under this chapter for a period of 12 months immediately subsequent to the date

5 of retirement. However, a DROP participant shall continue 6 employment and receive a salary during the period of 7 participation in the Deferred Retirement Option Program, as 8 provided in subsection (13).

9 2. Any person to whom the limitation in subparagraph 1. applies who violates such reemployment limitation and who 10 is reemployed with any agency participating in the Florida 11 12 Retirement System before completion of the 12-month limitation 13 period shall give timely notice of this fact in writing to the employer and to the division and shall have his or her 14 retirement benefits suspended for the balance of the 12-month 15 limitation period. Any person employed in violation of this 16 17 paragraph and any employing agency which knowingly employs or appoints such person without notifying the Division of 18 Retirement to suspend retirement benefits shall be jointly and 19 severally liable for reimbursement to the retirement trust 20 21 fund of any benefits paid during the reemployment limitation 22 period. To avoid liability, such employing agency shall have 23 a written statement from the retiree that he or she is not retired from a state-administered retirement system. Any 2.4 retirement benefits received while reemployed during this 25 26 reemployment limitation period shall be repaid to the 27 retirement trust fund, and retirement benefits shall remain 2.8 suspended until such repayment has been made. Benefits 29 suspended beyond the reemployment limitation shall apply 30 toward repayment of benefits received in violation of the reemployment limitation. 31

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1	3. A district school board may reemploy a retired
2	member as a substitute or hourly teacher, education
3	paraprofessional, transportation assistant, bus driver, or
4	food service worker on a noncontractual basis after he or she
5	has been retired for 1 calendar month, in accordance with s.
6	121.021(39). A district school board may reemploy a retired
7	member as instructional personnel, as defined in s.
8	1012.01(2)(a), on an annual contractual basis after he or she
9	has been retired for 1 calendar month, in accordance with s.
10	121.021(39). Any other retired member who is reemployed within
11	1 calendar month after retirement shall void his or her
12	application for retirement benefits. District school boards
13	reemploying such teachers, education paraprofessionals,
14	transportation assistants, bus drivers, or food service
15	workers are subject to the retirement contribution required by
16	subparagraph 7.
17	4. A community college board of trustees may reemploy
18	a retired member as an adjunct instructor, that is, an
19	instructor who is noncontractual and part-time, or as a
20	participant in a phased retirement program within the Florida
21	Community College System, after he or she has been retired for
22	1 calendar month, in accordance with s. 121.021(39). Any
23	retired member who is reemployed within 1 calendar month after
24	retirement shall void his or her application for retirement
25	benefits. Boards of trustees reemploying such instructors are
26	subject to the retirement contribution required in
27	subparagraph 7. A retired member may be reemployed as an
28	adjunct instructor for no more than 780 hours during the first
29	12 months of retirement. Any retired member reemployed for
30	more than 780 hours during the first 12 months of retirement
31	shall give timely notice in writing to the employer and to the

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division of the date he or she will exceed the limitation. The division shall suspend his or her retirement benefits for the remainder of the first 12 months of retirement. Any person employed in violation of this subparagraph and any

person employed in violation of this subparagraph and any 4 5 employing agency which knowingly employs or appoints such 6 person without notifying the Division of Retirement to suspend 7 retirement benefits shall be jointly and severally liable for 8 reimbursement to the retirement trust fund of any benefits paid during the reemployment limitation period. To avoid 9 liability, such employing agency shall have a written 10 statement from the retiree that he or she is not retired from 11 12 a state-administered retirement system. Any retirement 13 benefits received by a retired member while reemployed in excess of 780 hours during the first 12 months of retirement 14 shall be repaid to the Retirement System Trust Fund, and 15 retirement benefits shall remain suspended until repayment is 16 17 made. Benefits suspended beyond the end of the retired 18 member's first 12 months of retirement shall apply toward repayment of benefits received in violation of the 780-hour 19 reemployment limitation. 20

21 5. The State University System may reemploy a retired 22 member as an adjunct faculty member or as a participant in a 23 phased retirement program within the State University System after the retired member has been retired for 1 calendar 2.4 month, in accordance with s. 121.021(39). Any retired member 25 who is reemployed within 1 calendar month after retirement 26 27 shall void his or her application for retirement benefits. 2.8 The State University System is subject to the retired 29 contribution required in subparagraph 7., as appropriate. A retired member may be reemployed as an adjunct faculty member 30 or a participant in a phased retirement program for no more 31

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6. The Board of Trustees of the Florida School for the
Deaf and the Blind may reemploy a retired member as a
substitute teacher, substitute residential instructor, or
substitute nurse on a noncontractual basis after he or she has
been retired for 1 calendar month, in accordance with s.
121.021(39). Any retired member who is reemployed within 1
calendar month after retirement shall void his or her

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1 application for retirement benefits. The Board of Trustees of 2 the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind reemploying such teachers, residential instructors, or nurses is subject to the 3 retirement contribution required by subparagraph 7. 4 Reemployment of a retired member as a substitute teacher, 5 6 substitute residential instructor, or substitute nurse is 7 limited to 780 hours during the first 12 months of his or her 8 retirement. Any retired member reemployed for more than 780 hours during the first 12 months of retirement shall give 9 timely notice in writing to the employer and to the division 10 of the date he or she will exceed the limitation. The division 11 12 shall suspend his or her retirement benefits for the remainder 13 of the first 12 months of retirement. Any person employed in violation of this subparagraph and any employing agency which 14 knowingly employs or appoints such person without notifying 15 the Division of Retirement to suspend retirement benefits 16 17 shall be jointly and severally liable for reimbursement to the retirement trust fund of any benefits paid during the 18 reemployment limitation period. To avoid liability, such 19 employing agency shall have a written statement from the 20 21 retiree that he or she is not retired from a 22 state-administered retirement system. Any retirement benefits 23 received by a retired member while reemployed in excess of 780 hours during the first 12 months of retirement shall be repaid 2.4 to the Retirement System Trust Fund, and his or her retirement 25 26 benefits shall remain suspended until payment is made. 27 Benefits suspended beyond the end of the retired member's 2.8 first 12 months of retirement shall apply toward repayment of benefits received in violation of the 780-hour reemployment 29 30 limitation.

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1	7. The employment by an employer of any retiree or
2	DROP participant of any state-administered retirement system
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4	years of creditable service of the retiree or DROP
5	participant. Prior to July 1, 1991, upon employment of any
б	person, other than an elected officer as provided in s.
7	121.053, who has been retired under any state-administered
8	retirement program, the employer shall pay retirement
9	contributions in an amount equal to the unfunded actuarial
10	liability portion of the employer contribution which would be
11	required for regular members of the Florida Retirement System.
12	Effective July 1, 1991, contributions shall be made as
13	provided in s. 121.122 for retirees with renewed membership or
14	subsection (13) with respect to DROP participants.
15	8. Any person who has previously retired and who is
16	holding an elective public office or an appointment to an
17	elective public office eligible for the Elected Officers'
18	Class on or after July 1, 1990, shall be enrolled in the
19	Florida Retirement System as provided in s. 121.053(1)(b) or,
20	if holding an elective public office that does not qualify for
21	the Elected Officers' Class on or after July 1, 1991, shall be
22	enrolled in the Florida Retirement System as provided in s.
23	121.122, and shall continue to receive retirement benefits as
24	well as compensation for the elected officer's service for as
25	long as he or she remains in elective office. However, any
26	retired member who served in an elective office prior to July
27	1, 1990, suspended his or her retirement benefit, and had his
28	or her Florida Retirement System membership reinstated shall,
29	upon retirement from such office, have his or her retirement
30	benefit recalculated to include the additional service and
31	compensation earned.

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1	9. Any person who is holding an elective public office
2	which is covered by the Florida Retirement System and who is
3	concurrently employed in nonelected covered employment may
4	elect to retire while continuing employment in the elective
5	public office, provided that he or she shall be required to
6	terminate his or her nonelected covered employment. Any
7	person who exercises this election shall receive his or her
8	retirement benefits in addition to the compensation of the
9	elective office without regard to the time limitations
10	otherwise provided in this subsection. No person who seeks to
11	exercise the provisions of this subparagraph, as the same
12	existed prior to May 3, 1984, shall be deemed to be retired
13	under those provisions, unless such person is eligible to
14	retire under the provisions of this subparagraph, as amended
15	by chapter 84-11, Laws of Florida.
16	10. The limitations of this paragraph apply to
17	reemployment in any capacity with an "employer" as defined in
18	s. 121.021(10), irrespective of the category of funds from
19	which the person is compensated.
20	11. An employing agency may reemploy a retired member
21	as a firefighter or paramedic after the retired member has
22	been retired for 1 calendar month, in accordance with s.
23	121.021(39). Any retired member who is reemployed within 1
24	calendar month after retirement shall void his or her
25	application for retirement benefits. The employing agency
26	reemploying such firefighter or paramedic is subject to the
27	retired contribution required in subparagraph 8. Reemployment
28	of a retired firefighter or paramedic is limited to no more
29	than 780 hours during the first 12 months of his or her
30	retirement. Any retired member reemployed for more than 780
31	hours during the first 12 months of retirement shall give

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1 timely notice in writing to the employer and to the division 2 of the date he or she will exceed the limitation. The division shall suspend his or her retirement benefits for the remainder 3 of the first 12 months of retirement. Any person employed in 4 violation of this subparagraph and any employing agency which 5 б knowingly employs or appoints such person without notifying 7 the Division of Retirement to suspend retirement benefits 8 shall be jointly and severally liable for reimbursement to the 9 Retirement System Trust Fund of any benefits paid during the 10 reemployment limitation period. To avoid liability, such employing agency shall have a written statement from the 11 12 retiree that he or she is not retired from a 13 state-administered retirement system. Any retirement benefits received by a retired member while reemployed in excess of 780 14 hours during the first 12 months of retirement shall be repaid 15 to the Retirement System Trust Fund, and retirement benefits 16 17 shall remain suspended until repayment is made. Benefits 18 suspended beyond the end of the retired member's first 12 months of retirement shall apply toward repayment of benefits 19 received in violation of the 780-hour reemployment limitation. 20 21 12. An employing agency may reemploy a retired member 22 as a law enforcement officer, correctional officer, or 23 correctional probation officer only in a part-time capacity after the member has been retired 1 calendar month, in 2.4 accordance with s. 121.021(39). Any retired member who is 25 reemployed within 1 calendar month after retirement shall void 26 27 his or her application for retirement benefits. The employing 2.8 agency reemploying such law enforcement officer, correctional officer, or correctional probation officer is subject to the 29

30 retired contributions required in subparagraph 7. Reemployment

31 <u>of a law enforcement officer, correctional officer, or</u>

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1	correctional probation officer is limited to no more than 780
2	hours during the first 12 months of his or her retirement. Any
3	retired member reemployed for more than 780 hours during the
4	first 12 months of retirement shall give timely notice in
5	writing to the employer and to the division of the date he or
6	she will evened the limitation. The division shall sugmend his

3	retired member reemployed for more than 780 hours during the
4	first 12 months of retirement shall give timely notice in
5	writing to the employer and to the division of the date he or
б	she will exceed the limitation. The division shall suspend his
7	or her retirement benefits for the remainder of the first 12
8	months of retirement. A person employed in violation of this
9	subparagraph and an employing agency that knowingly employs or
10	appoints such person without notifying the Division of
11	Retirement to suspend retirement benefits are jointly and
12	severally liable for reimbursement to the Retirement System
13	Trust Fund of any benefits paid during the reemployment
14	limitation period. To avoid liability, such employing agency
15	shall have a written statement from the retiree that he or she
16	is not retired from a state-administered retirement system.
17	Any retirement benefits received by a retired member while
18	reemployed in excess of 780 hours during the first 12 months
19	of retirement shall be repaid to the Retirement System Trust
20	Fund, and retirement benefits shall remain suspended until
21	repayment is made. Benefits suspended beyond the end of the
22	retired member's first 12 months of retirement shall apply
23	toward repayment of benefits received in violation of the
24	780-hour reemployment limitation. This subparagraph does not
25	preclude an employing agency from reemploying a retired member
26	full time after the member's first 12 months of retirement.
27	Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.
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2	SENATE SUMMARY
3	Provides that a retired member of the Florida Retirement
4	System may be reemployed as a law enforcement officer, correctional officer, or correctional probation officer
5	after the first calendar month of retirement part time only. Prescribes a limit of 780 hours on the amount of
б	such employment during the first year of retirement and provides for suspension of benefits if the limit is exceeded.
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