

CHAMBER ACTION

1 The State Administration Council recommends the following:

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3 **Council/Committee Substitute**

4 Remove the entire bill and insert:

5 A bill to be entitled

6 An act relating to the Florida Retirement System; amending
7 s. 121.0515, F.S.; authorizing certain members to purchase
8 additional retirement credit to upgrade prior service to
9 Special Risk Class service; providing for the calculation
10 of contributions for such service upgrade; authorizing the
11 employer to purchase such additional credit for the
12 member; increasing a contribution rate for certain benefit
13 change funding purposes; directing the Division of
14 Statutory Revision to adjust contribution rates set forth
15 in s. 121.71, F.S.; providing an appropriation; providing
16 a declaration of important state interest; providing an
17 effective date.

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19 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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21 Section 1. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (9) of
22 section 121.0515, Florida Statutes, to read:

23 121.0515 Special risk membership.--

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24 (9) CREDIT FOR UPGRADED SERVICE.--

25 (c) Any member of the Special Risk Class who has earned
26 creditable service in another membership class of the Florida
27 Retirement System as a medical examiner or as an employee of a
28 law enforcement agency in a forensic discipline as described in
29 paragraph (2)(h), which service is within the purview of the
30 Special Risk Class, may purchase additional retirement credit to
31 upgrade such service to Special Risk Class service, to the
32 extent of the percentages of the member's average final
33 compensation provided in s. 121.091(1)(a)2. Contributions for
34 upgrading such service to Special Risk Class credit under this
35 subsection shall be equal to the difference in the contributions
36 paid and the Special Risk Class contribution rate as a
37 percentage of gross salary in effect for the period being
38 claimed, plus interest thereon at the rate of 6.5 percent a
39 year, compounded annually until the date of payment. This
40 service credit may be purchased by the employer on behalf of the
41 member.

42 Section 2. In order to fund the benefits provided under
43 section 1 of this act, the contribution rate that applies to the
44 Special Risk Class of the Florida Retirement System shall be
45 increased by 0.01 percentage points. This increase shall be in
46 addition to all other changes to such contribution rates that
47 may be enacted into law to take effect on that date. The
48 Division of Statutory Revision is directed to adjust accordingly
49 the contribution rates set forth in s. 121.71, Florida Statutes.

50 Section 3. There is appropriated \$100,000 from the General
51 Revenue Fund on a recurring basis to Administered Funds to fund

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52 the state costs associated with the retirement benefits granted
53 by this act.

54 Section 4. The Legislature finds that a proper and
55 legitimate state purpose is served when employees and retirees
56 of the state and its political subdivisions, and the dependents,
57 survivors, and beneficiaries of such employees and retirees, are
58 extended additional protections afforded by governmental
59 retirement systems. These persons must be provided benefits that
60 are fair and adequate and that are managed, administered, and
61 funded in a sound actuarial manner, as required by Section 14,
62 Article X of the State Constitution and part VII of chapter 112,
63 Florida Statutes. Therefore, the Legislature hereby determines
64 and declares that this act fulfills an important state interest.

65 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.