By the Committee on Education; and Senator Saunders

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to the Florida Retirement
3	System; amending s. 121.091, F.S.; authorizing
4	district school boards to reemploy retired
5	members of the system as instructional
6	personnel after 1 month's retirement in the
7	capacity of student personnel service staff,
8	librarian/media specialist, or other
9	instructional staff; authorizing the Board of
10	Trustees of the Florida School for the Deaf and
11	the Blind to reemploy retired members of the
12	system as instructional personnel after 1
13	month's retirement as instructional personnel
14	in the capacity of classroom teacher, student
15	personnel service staff, librarian/media
16	specialist, or other instructional staff;
17	providing an 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 (b) of subsection (9) of section
22	121.091, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
23	121.091 Benefits payable under the systemBenefits
24	may not be paid under this section unless the member has
25	terminated employment as provided in s. 121.021(39)(a) or
26	begun participation in the Deferred Retirement Option Program
27	as provided in subsection (13), and a proper application has
28	been filed in the manner prescribed by the department. The
29	department may cancel an application for retirement benefits
30	when the member or beneficiary fails to timely provide the
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department's rules. The department shall adopt rules establishing procedures for application for retirement benefits and for the cancellation of such application when the required information or documents are not received.

- (9) EMPLOYMENT AFTER RETIREMENT; LIMITATION. --
- (b)1. Any person who is retired under this chapter, except under the disability retirement provisions of subsection (4), may be reemployed by any private or public employer after retirement and receive retirement benefits and compensation from his or her employer without any limitations, 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 of retirement. However, a DROP participant shall continue employment and receive a salary during the period of participation in the Deferred Retirement Option Program, as provided in subsection (13).
- 2. Any person to whom the limitation in subparagraph

 1. applies who violates such reemployment limitation and who
 is reemployed with any agency participating in the Florida
 Retirement System before completion of the 12-month limitation
 period shall give timely notice of this fact in writing to the
 employer and to the division and shall have his or her
 retirement benefits suspended for the balance of the 12-month
 limitation period. Any person employed in violation of this
 paragraph and any employing agency which knowingly employs or
 appoints such person without notifying the Division of
 Retirement to suspend retirement benefits shall be jointly and
 severally liable for reimbursement to the retirement trust
 fund of any benefits paid during the reemployment limitation

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period. To avoid liability, such employing agency shall have a written statement from the retiree that he or she is not retired from a state-administered retirement system. Any retirement benefits received while reemployed during this 4 reemployment limitation period shall be repaid to the 5 6 retirement trust fund, and retirement benefits shall remain suspended until such repayment has been made. Benefits suspended beyond the reemployment limitation shall apply toward repayment of benefits received in violation of the reemployment limitation.

- 3. A district school board may reemploy a retired member as a substitute or hourly teacher, education paraprofessional, transportation assistant, bus driver, or food service worker on a noncontractual basis after he or she has been retired for 1 calendar month, in accordance with s. 121.021(39). A district school board may reemploy a retired member as instructional personnel, as defined in s. 1012.01(2)(a)-(d) s. 1012.01(2)(a), on an annual contractual basis after he or she has been retired for 1 calendar month, in accordance with s. 121.021(39). Any other retired member who is reemployed within 1 calendar month after retirement shall void his or her application for retirement benefits. District school boards reemploying such teachers, education paraprofessionals, transportation assistants, bus drivers, or food service workers are subject to the retirement contribution required by subparagraph 7.
- 4. A community college board of trustees may reemploy a retired member as an adjunct instructor, that is, an instructor who is noncontractual and part-time, or as a participant in a phased retirement program within the Florida Community College System, 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 application for retirement 3 benefits. Boards of trustees reemploying such instructors are 4 subject to the retirement contribution required in 5 6 subparagraph 7. A retired member may be reemployed as an adjunct instructor for no more than 780 hours during the first 8 12 months of retirement. Any retired member reemployed for more than 780 hours during the first 12 months of retirement 9 shall give timely notice in writing to the employer and to the 10 division of the date he or she will exceed the limitation. 11 12 The division shall suspend his or her retirement benefits for 13 the remainder of the first 12 months of retirement. Any person employed in violation of this subparagraph and any 14 employing agency which knowingly employs or appoints such 15 person without notifying the Division of Retirement to suspend 16 retirement benefits shall be jointly and severally liable for reimbursement to the retirement trust fund of any benefits 18 paid during the reemployment limitation period. To avoid 19 liability, such employing agency shall have a written 20 21 statement from the retiree that he or she is not retired from 22 a state-administered retirement system. Any retirement 23 benefits received by a retired member while reemployed in excess of 780 hours during the first 12 months of retirement 2.4 shall be repaid to the Retirement System Trust Fund, and 2.5 26 retirement benefits shall remain suspended until repayment is 27 made. Benefits suspended beyond the end of the retired 2.8 member's first 12 months of retirement shall apply toward 29 repayment of benefits received in violation of the 780-hour 30 reemployment limitation. 31

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5. The State University System may reemploy a retired member as an adjunct faculty member or as a participant in a phased retirement program within the State University System after the retired member 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 application for retirement benefits. The State University System is subject to the retired contribution required in subparagraph 7., as appropriate. A retired member may be reemployed as an adjunct faculty member or a participant in a phased retirement program for no more than 780 hours during the first 12 months of his or her retirement. Any retired member reemployed for more than 780 hours during the first 12 months of retirement shall give timely notice in writing to the employer and to the 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 employing agency which knowingly employs or appoints such person without notifying the Division of Retirement to suspend retirement benefits shall be jointly and severally liable for reimbursement to the retirement trust fund of any benefits paid during the reemployment limitation period. To avoid liability, such employing agency shall have a written statement from the retiree that he or she is not retired from a state-administered retirement system. Any retirement benefits received by a retired member while reemployed in excess of 780 hours during the first 12 months of retirement shall be repaid to the Retirement System Trust Fund, and retirement benefits shall remain suspended until repayment is

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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). The Board of Trustees of the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind may reemploy a retired member as instructional personnel, as defined in s. 1012.01(2)(a)-(d), on an annual contractual 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 application for retirement benefits. The Board of Trustees of the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind reemploying such teachers, residential instructors, or nurses is subject to the retirement contribution required by subparagraph 7. Reemployment of a retired member as a substitute teacher, substitute residential instructor, or substitute nurse is limited to 780 hours during the first 12 months of his or her retirement. Any retired member reemployed for more than 780 hours during the first 12 months of retirement shall give timely notice in writing to the employer and to the 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 employing agency which

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- the Division of Retirement to suspend retirement benefits 2 shall be jointly and severally liable for reimbursement to the retirement trust fund of any benefits paid during the 3 reemployment limitation period. To avoid liability, such 4 employing agency shall have a written statement from the 5 retiree that he or she is not retired from a 7 state-administered retirement system. Any retirement benefits 8 received by a retired member while reemployed in excess of 780 hours during the first 12 months of retirement shall be repaid 9 to the Retirement System Trust Fund, and his or her retirement 10 benefits shall remain suspended until payment is made. 11 Benefits suspended beyond the end of the retired member's 13 first 12 months of retirement shall apply toward repayment of benefits received in violation of the 780-hour reemployment 14 limitation. 15 7. The employment by an employer of any retiree or 16 17 DROP participant of any state-administered retirement system 18 shall have no effect on the average final compensation or years of creditable service of the retiree or DROP 19 participant. Prior to July 1, 1991, upon employment of any 20 21 person, other than an elected officer as provided in s. 22 121.053, who has been retired under any state-administered 23 retirement program, the employer shall pay retirement
- required for regular members of the Florida Retirement System.

 Effective July 1, 1991, contributions shall be made as

 provided in s. 121.122 for retirees with renewed membership or

contributions in an amount equal to the unfunded actuarial

liability portion of the employer contribution which would be

- 29 subsection (13) with respect to DROP participants.
- 8. Any person who has previously retired and who is holding an elective public office or an appointment to an

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elective public office eligible for the Elected Officers'
Class on or after July 1, 1990, shall be enrolled in the
Florida Retirement System as provided in s. 121.053(1)(b) or,
if holding an elective public office that does not qualify for
the Elected Officers' Class on or after July 1, 1991, shall be
enrolled in the Florida Retirement System as provided in s.
121.122, and shall continue to receive retirement benefits as
well as compensation for the elected officer's service for as
long as he or she remains in elective office. However, any
retired member who served in an elective office prior to July
1, 1990, suspended his or her retirement benefit, and had his
or her Florida Retirement System membership reinstated shall,
upon retirement from such office, have his or her retirement
benefit recalculated to include the additional service and
compensation earned.

9. Any person who is holding an elective public office which is covered by the Florida Retirement System and who is concurrently employed in nonelected covered employment may elect to retire while continuing employment in the elective public office, provided that he or she shall be required to terminate his or her nonelected covered employment. Any person who exercises this election shall receive his or her retirement benefits in addition to the compensation of the elective office without regard to the time limitations otherwise provided in this subsection. No person who seeks to exercise the provisions of this subparagraph, as the same existed prior to May 3, 1984, shall be deemed to be retired under those provisions, unless such person is eligible to retire under the provisions of this subparagraph, as amended by chapter 84-11, Laws of Florida.

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10. The limitations of this paragraph apply to reemployment in any capacity with an "employer" as defined in s. 121.021(10), irrespective of the category of funds from which the person is compensated.

11. An employing agency may reemploy a retired member as a firefighter or paramedic after the retired member 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 application for retirement benefits. The employing agency reemploying such firefighter or paramedic is subject to the retired contribution required in subparagraph 8. Reemployment of a retired firefighter or paramedic is limited to no more than 780 hours during the first 12 months of his or her retirement. Any retired member reemployed for more than 780 hours during the first 12 months of retirement shall give timely notice in writing to the employer and to the 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 employing agency which knowingly employs or appoints such person without notifying the Division of Retirement to suspend retirement benefits shall be jointly and severally liable for reimbursement to the Retirement System Trust Fund of any benefits paid during the reemployment limitation period. To avoid liability, such employing agency shall have a written statement from the retiree that he or she is not retired from a state-administered retirement system. Any retirement benefits received by a retired member while reemployed in excess of 780 hours during the first 12 months of retirement shall be repaid

to the Retirement System Trust Fund, and retirement benefits shall remain suspended until repayment is made. Benefits suspended beyond the end of the retired member's first 12 months of retirement shall apply toward repayment of benefits received in violation of the 780-hour reemployment limitation. Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006. STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR Senate Bill 2556 This committee substitute narrows the bill's application to authorize only district school board and the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind instructional personnel, as defined in s. 1012.01(2)(a)-(d), F.S., to be reemployed on an annual contractual basis after the personnel have been retired for one calendar month. 2.4