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2 transfer, merger, or consolidation with the participating  
3 agency. The service must satisfy the criteria set forth in  
4 subsection (2) for special risk membership as a law  
5 enforcement officer, a firefighter, ~~or a~~ correctional officer,  
6 or an emergency medical technician or a paramedic whose  
7 employer was a licensed Advance Life Support (ALS) or Basic  
8 Life Support (BLS) provider; however, no certificate or waiver  
9 of certificate of compliance with s. 943.1395 or s. 633.35  
10 shall be required for such service.

11 (b) Contributions for upgrading the additional special  
12 risk credit pursuant to this subsection shall be equal to the  
13 difference in the contributions paid and the special risk  
14 percentage rate of gross salary in effect at the time of  
15 purchase for the period being claimed, plus interest thereon  
16 at the rate of 4 percent a year compounded annually from the  
17 date of such service until July 1, 1975, and 6.5 percent a  
18 year thereafter until the date of payment. This past service  
19 may be purchased by the member or by the employer on behalf of  
20 the member.

21 Section 2. Effective July 1, 2007, in order to fund  
22 the benefit improvements provided in s. 121.0515, Florida  
23 Statutes, as amended by this act, the contribution rate that  
24 applies to the Special Risk Class of the defined benefit  
25 program of the Florida Retirement System shall be increased by  
26 0.07 percentage points. This increase shall be in addition to  
27 all other changes to such contribution rates which may be  
28 enacted into law to take effect on that date. The Division of  
29 Statutory Revision is directed to adjust accordingly the  
30 contribution rates set forth in s. 121.71, Florida Statutes.  
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1           Section 3. The Legislature finds that a proper and  
2 legitimate state purpose is served when employees and retirees  
3 of the state and its political subdivisions, and the  
4 dependents, survivors, and beneficiaries of such employees and  
5 retirees, are extended the basic protections afforded by  
6 governmental retirement systems. These persons must be  
7 provided benefits that are fair and adequate and that are  
8 managed, administered, and funded in an actuarially sound  
9 manner, as required by s. 14, Art. X of the State Constitution  
10 and part VII of chapter 112, Florida Statutes. Therefore, the  
11 Legislature determines and declares that this act fulfills an  
12 important state interest.

13           Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Increases the amount of past service that specified  
Special Risk Class members in the Florida Retirement  
System may purchase or upgrade.