

By Senator Fasano

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to retirement; creating s. 121.355, F.S.;

3 authorizing certain former participants in the Community

4 College Optional Retirement Program or the State

5 University System Optional Retirement Program and present

6 mandatory participants in the Florida Retirement System to

7 receive a specified amount of service credit under certain

8 conditions; providing a specified time period for the

9 election of such transfer; providing an effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Section 121.355, Florida Statutes, is created to

14 read:

15 121.355 Community College Optional Retirement Program and

16 State University System Optional Retirement Program member

17 transfer.--Effective January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009,

18 an employee who is a former participant in the Community College

19 Optional Retirement Program or the State University System

20 Optional Retirement Program and present mandatory participant in

21 the Florida Retirement System may receive service credit equal to

22 his or her years of service under the Community College Optional

23 Retirement Program or the State University System Optional

24 Retirement Program under the following conditions:

25 (1) The cost for such credit shall be an amount

26 representing the actuarial accrued liability for the affected

27 period of service. The cost shall be calculated using the

28 discount rate and other relevant actuarial assumptions that were

29 used to value the Florida Retirement System defined benefit plan

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30 liabilities in the most recent actuarial valuation. The  
31 calculation shall include any service already maintained under  
32 the defined benefit plan in addition to the years under the  
33 Community College Optional Retirement Program or the State  
34 University System Optional Retirement Program. The actuarial  
35 accrued liability of any service already maintained under the  
36 defined benefit plan shall be applied as a credit to total cost  
37 resulting from the calculation. The division shall ensure that  
38 the transfer sum is prepared using a formula and methodology  
39 certified by an enrolled actuary.

40 (2) The employee must transfer from his or her Community  
41 College Optional Retirement Program account or State University  
42 System Optional Retirement Program account, and from other  
43 employee moneys as necessary, a sum representing the actuarial  
44 accrued liability immediately following the time of such  
45 movement, determined assuming that attained service equals the  
46 sum of service in the defined benefit program and service in the  
47 Community College Optional Retirement Program or State University  
48 System Optional Retirement Program.

49 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.