

1 IN THE HOUSE

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SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 362

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to credited service under the Teachers' Retirement System; and extending the retirement incentive program to certain members."

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

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* Section 1. AS 14.25 is amended by adding a new section to read:

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Sec. 14.25.108. CREDIT FOR JOINT SERVICE AT UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA

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AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION. A teacher who held a joint appoint-

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ment from the University of Alaska and the federal government for

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employment at the University of Alaska Agricultural Experiment Station

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after December 31, 1955, and before July 1, 1968, and who has accrued

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other credited service at the university before January 1, 1987, may

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claim the entire employment under the joint appointment as credited

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service by making an election under AS 14.25.061(a).

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* Sec. 2. AS 14.25.220(21) is amended to read:

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(21) "membership service" means

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(A) full or part-time service as a teacher in a public

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school in the Territory or State of Alaska, or both, under the

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supervision and control of the Territorial Board of Education or

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the Department of Education or the school board of a city, re-

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gional educational attendance area, or borough school district;

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(B) full-time or part-time teaching at the University

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of Alaska or a full-time administrative position at the Universi-

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ty of Alaska which requires academic standing and which has been

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approved for inclusion in the system by the administrator;

1 (C) any period during which the teacher receives a
2 disability benefit under this system or is on an approved sabbat-
3 ical leave granted in accordance with AS 14.20.310;

4 (D) continuous service as a state legislator when
5 performed by a state legislator who elects membership under
6 AS 14.25.040(b), subject to the requirements of AS 14.25.040(c);
7 [OR]

8 (E) full-time or part-time service as an employee of
9 the Special Education Service Agency, subject to the requirements
10 of AS 14.25.047; or

11 (F) service under a joint appointment from the Univer-
12 sity of Alaska and the federal government at the University of
13 Alaska Agricultural Experiment Station before July 1, 1968;

14 * Sec. 3. AS 14.25.220(40) is amended to read:

15 (40) "teacher" or "member" means a person eligible to par-
16 ticipate in the system and who is covered by the system, limited to

17 (A) a certificated full-time or part-time elementary
18 or secondary teacher, a certificated school nurse, or a certif-
19 icated person in a position requiring a teaching certificate as a
20 condition of employment in a public school of the state;

21 (B) the commissioner of education and all supervisory
22 positions in the Department of Education;

23 (C) a full-time or part-time teacher of the University
24 of Alaska or a person occupying a full-time administrative posi-
25 tion at the University of Alaska which requires academic stand-
26 ing; the approval of the administrator must be obtained before an
27 administrative position qualifies for membership in the system;

28 (D) a state legislator who elects membership under
29 AS 14.25.040(b);

1 (E) a person who held a joint appointment from the
2 University of Alaska and the federal government at the University
3 of Alaska Agricultural Experiment Station after December 31,
4 1955, and before July 1, 1968;

5 * Sec. 4. Section 5, ch. 26, SLA 1986, is amended by adding a new
6 subsection to read:

7 (h) Notwithstanding (a) and (e) of this section and sec. 11,
8 ch. 26, SLA 1986, the administrator shall accept the application of a
9 vested member who initially applied to participate in the retirement
10 incentive program on or before January 1, 1988, and who was found
11 ineligible for the program because credited service for previous
12 employment was denied, but whose previous employment is now considered
13 credited service as a result of legislative, administrative, or
14 judicial action. The member must submit a reapplication under this
15 subsection on or before December 31, 1988, and must be appointed to
16 retirement before April 1, 1989.