

HB

17




Representative Tom Brice

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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To: Representative Norman Rokeberg, Chairman House Labor & Commerce

From: Representative Tom Brice 

Date: February 9, 1999

Re: Section Analysis, HB 17 PERS Credit for Noncertificated Employees

Section 1 amends AS 39.35.160 adding a subsection explaining that noncertificated employees who choose to have credited service counted under Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) formula have to pay a contribution surcharge for the service and the amount of the surcharge is the difference the employer would have had to pay for the extra time. Thus, the employee must pay for the cost.

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Section 4

Provides that the Act takes effect July 1, 1999



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Department Affected: Administration
 BRU: Centralized Administrative Services
 Component: Retirement and Benefits
 COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 64

Expenditures/Revenues: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03	FY 04	FY 05
PERSONAL SERVICES	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRAVEL	0	0	0	0	0	0
CONTRACTUAL	72.4	0	0	0	0	0
SUPPLIES	0	0	0	0	0	0
EQUIPMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()	0	0	0	0	0	0
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This change would affect approximately 6,660 current PERS members.

Prepared by: Guy Bell, Director
 Division: Retirement and Benefits

Phone: 465-4470
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Approved by Commissioner: Robert Poe Jr.
 Agency: Department of Administration

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Memorandum

To: Representative Fred Dyson, Chairman, Health, Education and Social Services

From: Representative Tom Brice *TB*

Date: March 16, 1999

RE: HB 17 PERS Credit for Noncertificated Employees

I respectfully request that this bill be scheduled for a hearing in your committee. Attached are all the pertinent backup materials requested.



Representative Tom Brice

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REPRESENTATIVE TOM BRICE SPONSOR STATEMENT FOR HB 17

Alaska has many noncertificated employees in its schools who work nine, ten or eleven months out of the year along with their certificated counterparts. The certificated employees receive a full year credit for the part of the year they work while the noncertificated employee only get credit for the actual time worked. Because of this, a nine month employee has to work 40 years to receive a 30 year retirement.

This bill addresses the inequity in state law and PERS system by giving noncertificated school employees who work a comparable amount of days the option to use the same retirement formula that certificated employees use. This bill will allow those noncertificated school district employees to receive the same amount of credit toward retirement as those certificated employees who work the same amount of time and receive a full year of credit toward retirement.

The cost of changing the PERS system, under this bill, will be supported by the employees, rather than increasing the burden to school districts. Employees currently active in the system will have 180 days to opt into the new program. New employees will have the option to participate within 90 days of inception. That is within beginning employment within the system.

Thank you for your consideration.



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Date Referred to Committee: January 19, 1999

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 15 March 1999

The LABOR AND COMMERCE Committee considered:

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HOUSE BILL NO. 17

PERS CREDIT FOR NONCERTIFICATED EMPLOY.

"An Act relating to the calculation of employee contributions and credited service in the public employees' retirement system for noncertificated employees of school districts, regional educational attendance areas, the Alaska Vocational Technical Center, and the state boarding schools; and providing for an effective date."

recommends it be replaced with the following committee substitute _____ [] the same title [] a new title

[] additional referral to _____ Committee [] attached amendment(s)

ADOPTS: _____ Letter of Intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(s): (Dept) APPROVES PREVIOUS: (Dept/Date)

[x] fiscal note(s) DOA [] fiscal note(s) _____

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SIGNING WITH RECOMMENDATIONS	DP	DNP	NR	AM
<i>John P. Harris</i>	✓			
<i>Samuel Medina</i>	✓			
<i>Don Ducep</i>	✓			
<i>Sam Sander</i>	✓			
<i>Chitt</i>	✓			
<i>Don</i>	✓			
<i>Sam Kelly</i>	✓			

CHAIR'S SIGNATURE *Sam Kelly* 3-15-99

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February 18, 1999

Rep. Tom Brice
House of Representatives
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Rep. Brice:

On behalf of the Executive Board of the Education Support Staff Association, I want to thank you sincerely for your sponsorship of HB 17 to provide nine and 10-month classified school district employees with credit for full-year retirement under the Public Employee Retirement System.

As you are well aware, this change would mean that classified and certified staff would be treated the same way for the first time when it comes to earning retirement credit. This is only fair to employees who work in the service of students and the public.

Your bill would benefit approximately 450 employees in the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District and approximately 6,000 statewide.

We hope that you will request a prompt hearing on the bill in the Labor & Commerce Committee. Our members will also be urging the chairperson to schedule hearings soon.

Again, thank you very much for your efforts to help school district classified staff to provide for a more secure retirement after their years of work for students.

Sincerely,

Ray Eddy
Political Action Committee Chairperson

P.S. Thank you also for sponsoring HB 1. ESSA supports this bill to benefit our public employee colleagues.



General Teamsters Local 959 State of Alaska

Affiliated with International Brotherhood of Teamsters

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March 8, 1999

MAR 09 1999

*Representative Norman Rokeberg, Chair
Representative Andrew Halcro, Vice Chair
Labor and Commerce Committee
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801*

Re: *HB 17 PERS Credit For Non-Certified Employees*

Dear Representatives Rokeberg & Halcro:

Teamsters Local 959 represents non-certified employees most predominantly in the Anchorage School District. Several hundred of those members actually work less than twelve months of the year due to the nature of their jobs. As we understand HB 17, it would allow those members, by individual choice, the opportunity to receive the same credited year as their certified counterparts for purposes of retirement. Any increased cost under this bill would be born by the employee, not the employer (Anchorage School District).

We urge your support and passage of this bill to allow, by employee choice, the opportunity to increase their credited service time as is currently the option for the certified employees.

Sincerely,

TEAMSTERS LOCAL 959


Gerald L. Hood
Secretary-Treasurer

/ljr

cc: *Representative Jerry Sanders
Representative Lisa Murkowski
Representative John Harris
Representative Tom Brice
Representative Sharon Cissna*



POSITION STATEMENT



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Labor & Commerce
committee name

committee on HB 17, dated 3/12/99
bill/subject

*Pers Credit for Non Certificated
Employees.*

Signed: Jackie Nelson-Rizardi
Testifier

DGESPA Delta-Greely Educational
Representing (Optional) Support Personnel
Association

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MY TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 17

In asking for your SUPPORT of HB 17, non-certificated school employees are seeking a move toward EQUITY with other education, state and seasonal employees. You, as legislators are afforded this benefit for a 121 day work year. Many City and Borough elected officials receive a full year's credit in PERS unless otherwise compensated when by their choice they have the option to waive out of PERS. School Board members who meet an average of two (2) to (3) times a month receive a full year's retirement under PERS. We work approximately 180 days plus and DO NOT receive a full year's credit in PERS!

Other seasonal employees across the State, such as those employed by the Highway Department, Fish and Game, Forestry, do not receive a full year's credit under PERS, but they are otherwise compensated by being ELIGIBLE for UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS when they are NOT working. We are NOT even allowed to collect unemployment. Even the most aggressive job seekers amongst us cannot find employers, who pay more than the minimum wage, to hire us (no matter how qualified) for a two (2) to three (3) month period in the Summer!

Privately contracted school employees, such as bus drivers work less hours per day, as a rule, but the exact same work year, and though not in PERS, they too are eligible for UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION, while we are NOT!

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Prior to about 1992, many more non-certificated school employees were twelve-month employees thereby eligible for a year-for-a-year's credit in PERS. With Districts receiving less and less funding for education year after year, they have sought to recoup financially by slashing our hours, benefits, and work years, etc. I began twenty years ago as a nine-month school employee and my work year has been methodically eroded to a bare eight (8) months and \$1,000 less pay for my efforts, that's with a 2% raise last year! As education continues to be inadequately funded, we see more and more districts, with your support looking to the RIP to alleviate their financial stress by having more and more employees of longevity, certificated and non-certificated, retiring. These are usually the folks at the top of the salary schedule, so the savings can be tremendous. What some people don't realize is that unlike certificated employees, it can cost the districts more to pay our three (3) years than they save by offering us the RIP because they have to pay PERS for a full twelve-month year for each of the three years whether we work twelve (12) months or NOT. It's usually NOT.

Non-certificated employees have been penalized long enough! When there are budget crunches in school districts, we are "selected" as the first to be hit. We have a history of being discriminated against in the areas of benefits, unemployment compensation, job security, contracting out, the right to bargain,

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and this, retirement credit in PERS!

We are not asking for charity, but simply a benefit afforded other education, state and seasonal employees! After working in the same school job for nineteen (20) years, I currently, at almost 47 year's old, have only just over seven and a half (7 1/2) year's retirement credit in PERS! You do the math, I figure that I may not even LIVE LONG ENOUGH to see retirement!!

I had to wait until I was "permitted " to bargain, in 1989, before I even got into PERS. Non-certificated school employees with twenty (20) to thirty (30) years in their jobs can't AFFORD to retire unless they brought PERS credit with them from a previous employer. I am a professional as are my co-workers and members. We only ask that you treat us as professionals with EQUAL RIGHTS under the law. Please don't continue this INEQUITY. Let this Legislature be known as a body of fairness and foresight, NOT one that chooses to continue the INEQUITIES of the past!

PLEASE DO PASS HB 17 !! Thank you for your time.

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3/15/99

NEA-Alaska Position Paper Full Year Credit

We seek legislation to cause equitable treatment between teachers and school employees. After twenty years of service in an Alaska school district a teacher receives twenty years of credit for purposes of retirement. In contrast a school secretary, custodian, or school bus driver working the same 20 years receives only 15 years of service credit. For a support worker it will take 26.7 years to receive an equivalent of 20 years credit. It takes a support employee working a nine-month school term 40 years to get 30 years of service credit. It takes the same employee 6.8 years to vest in the retirement system instead of five.

Recent legislative changes have made it harder for school support staff members to vest in order to qualify for health insurance at retirement. Now a newly employed school support employee working on a nine-month contract must work 13.3 years instead of the 10-year vesting requirement in order to be able to receive health insurance.

It's not difficult to understand why retirement incentives have not been made available to school support employees. For a school district to RIP a nine-month employee, the district must pay a twelve-month retirement credit and the savings that would accrue are lost in the purchasing of the extra year. To provide a three-year incentive, a school district would have to purchase four work years.

Meanwhile a support employee has limited opportunities to seek summer employment in many communities in Alaska. In particular jobs that allow the employee to add to their PERS time during the summer months are virtually non-existent.

We seek equity. We realize the importance of the work provided by support staff who work shoulder to shoulder with teachers and administrators. The societal pressures are many times the same for support staff as for teachers.

We find that Alaska's population continues to grow; increasing student enrollment causes increased work demands on support staff. They too are required to make ends meet. They work to do more with less each year. The stress of work is as prevalent with them as with teachers.

In 1997 and 1998 Alaska schools hired the largest number of new teachers ever. We do not have statistics on support staff turn over. Support staff generally represents a stable work force within schools and communities. But if teacher turnover statistics are any indicator of possible support turnover, we face a developing hiring crisis. Alaska must initiate efforts now to attract and retain teachers and support staff so that we can maintain excellent schools for children.

SB 9 and 16 and HB 17 are steps in the right direction establishing a degree of equity with other employees and elected officials of school districts. School board members who participate in PERS receive a year's credit for attendance and work related to their duties as members of the board. Support employees ask for the same benefit and they are willing to pay for it.

School employees have heard others argue that they are treated no differently than seasonal workers. School support employees are treated different in ways other than retirement. For example, seasonal workers are entitled to unemployment benefits during non-work time. School support staff are specifically excluded from unemployment benefits during non-work time. Most school employees are precluded from getting summer job opportunities because the school year runs into early June and most tourist related jobs begin in early May.

In addition school support employees have seen benefits and hours reduced. In the public sector, they have become the lowest paid.

March 3, 1999

Honorable Senators & Representatives:

I urge you to give serious consideration of passing House Bill 17 and Senate Bill 16 regarding changes to public employees' retirement (PERS).

As a school district employee for the last eleven years, I've now just accrued seven years toward my retirement. I'm working eight hours a day for ten months of the year but get retirement on a pro-rated basis.

This is not equitable treatment for personnel under the PERS retirement system when teachers, under the TRS system, receive a years retirement for nine months of employment.

In my opinion all state employess should be treated equally and fairly in regard to their retirement benefits.

Thank You,

Linda Yost
13621 Venus Way
Anchorage, AK 99515

March 9, 1979

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a 10 month a year custodian for the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District. I am writing this letter in support of Senate Bill 9 and House Bill 17, and wish to have it submitted as written testimony in favor of these Bills.

Our system is all about fairness and equality. So it appears that when one group of Public School employees (certified) are treated better than another (classified), it flies in the face of the foundation of what our system says is right.

It is capricious and arbitrary to deny us year for year credit towards retirement when teachers are given that credit. Especially when you consider the fact that we actually work more time in a calendar year than they do. They deserve this credit, and so do we.

The Public School System is the bedrock of our nation, and if anything should reflect fairness and equality it should be that system. We should all be treated in a fair and just manner. Too many decisions today are made, because they are politically expedient, and not because they are necessarily just. The State of Alaska considers us year-round employees. Isn't it time the State Legislature does? By the way, do legislators get this credit?

Sincerely,

John M. Johnson

P.O. Box 1683

Soldotna, Alaska 99669

MAR 09 1999

House, Labor, and Commerce

Re: PERS credit for non-certificated employees

To: Chair/Rokeberg

I have worked for the school district for 15 years. I have only 7.5 years of credit toward pers.

I started working for the school district when I was 24 years old, I am now almost 40. There is no way I can see retirement by 65 or even 70. People working with children have given their best years before then. But giving our best years for the education of our states children we are not given credit as we should be.

We are considered 9 month employees, not seasonal. It is difficult to find work in the summer months because everyone knows you will only be available for three months. We are not considered for unemployment benefits, we don't get due credit for pers.

Please pass HB17. It is the fair thing to do for the working class.

Sincerely,
Jan Wrigley
Jan Wrigley

Subject: HB 17

Date: Wed, 10 Mar 1999 09:07:15 -0600

From: bonnie@kpbsd.k12.ak.us (Bonnie Clouston)

To: Representative_Tom_Brice@legis.state.ak.us,
Representative_Norman_Rokeberg@legis.state.ak.us,
Representative_AndrewL_Halcro@legis.state.ak.us,
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Please support HB 17. I understand that this bill will be heard on Friday. I have sent POMs before on this bill and have had some response from several of the House Labor and Commerce Committee. I want to thank those who have contacted me.

I really need you help with this bill. I am an employee with the Kenai Peninsula School District, hired in 1981. If I were treated like the teachers, legislative staff workers and the school board members I would have 18 years credit in the PERS system. To date I have only 13.3 year in my PERS account. Please help the classified employee be counted equally with our fellow employees. My position is considered full time, as I can't collect unemployment like other seasonal workers but I am denied the year for year credit. Perhaps someone could explain to me why this is fair. Thank you for listening and I urge you to support this bill. Thank you.

Subject: House Bill #17

Date: Wed, 03 Mar 1999 18:48:57 -0900

From: "debi lichtner" <dubber@mtaonline.net>

To: Norman Rokeberg <Representative_Norman_Rokeberg@legis.state.ak.us>,
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John Cowdery <Representative_John_Cowdery@legis.state.ak.us>,
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Jerry Sanders <Representative_Jerry_Sanders@legis.state.ak.us>

I have worked as an administrative assistant for the University of Alaska - Fairbanks (six years), the Kodiak Island Borough School District (five years) and am currently employed by the Anchorage School District (three years) as a Noncertificated Employee. Although on paper it appears that I have worked for 14 years, I only have accumulated 9.626 years with PERS.

Please support HB#17 which calls for full year PERS Credit for Noncertificated Employees as is currently being credited to our certificated counterparts in the educational field. Thank you. Deborah Bain Lichtner,
CPS

Subject: HB17

Date: Fri, 12 Feb 1999 08:38:33 -0600

From: pmills@kpbsd.k12.ak.us (Pauline Mills)

To: Representative_Norman_Rokeberg@legis.state.ak.us

FEB 12 1999

Please support HB17 and make the inequity end!! Would it be right to treat the senators with a full year credit towards retirement BUT tell the representatives they only get counted 9 months towards retirement?? Please Make it FAIR FOR ALL!!!

I am a Administrative Secretary III and have worked for the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District since 1984. I am very disappointed in the legislature for not passing a similar bill earlier. This seems very UNFAIR! I guess if the legislature can't get this bill passed it may be something for the court system because it is very discriminatory!

Thanks for your support!

Subject: TRS legislation

Date: Sat, 06 Mar 1999 19:27:43 -0900

From: beachak@alaska.net

To: Representative_Norman_Rokeberg@legis.state.ak.us

Dear Sir:

Having just received word that House Bill 17 and Senate Bill 16 have been introduced in an effort to make changes in the Public Employees Retirement System, I would like to enlist your help in making similar changes in the Teachers Retirement System. Currently, part-time employees who are under the Teachers Retirement System get only .5 years credit toward retirement for working a year at any part-time position, whether they work .5 FTE or .99 FTE. They must work 12 years to be vested in the system. This means that an employee who is working 80% of a full time job must work 40 years to get full retirement rather than the 20 years which an employee working 100% would work. This is an unfair situation which certainly demands a remedy similar to the one processed for the PERS employees.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Chris Boone

HB 17 from Fairbanks

Subject: HB 17 from Fairbanks

Date: Sun, 7 Mar 1999 17:30:20 -0900

From: Brad White <bwhite@polamet.com>

To: "representative_norman_rokeberg@legis.state.ak.us" <Representative_Norman_Rokeberg@l

I would like to urge you schedule a hearing on HB17 as soon as possible. I feel this is an important bill that needs to be addressed.
JoAnne White

Subject: SB 9

Date: 3 Mar 1999 15:06:56 -0900

From: "Markson_JoAnne" <markson_joanne@msmail.asd.k12.ak.us>

To: "Representative Rokeberg" <Representative_Norman_Rokeberg@legis.state.ak.us>

CC: "Rep. Brice" <Representative_Tom_Brice@legis.state.ak.us>,
"Rep. Cissna" <Representative_Sharon_Cissna@legis.state.ak.us>,
"Rep. Harris" <Representative_John_Harris@legis.state.ak.us>,
"Rep. Murkowski" <Representative_Lisa_Murkowski@legis.state.ak.us>,
"Rep. Sanders" <Representative_Jerry_Sanders@legis.state.ak.us>,
"Representative Halcro" <Representative_Andrew_Halcro@legis.state.ak.us>

Dear Representative Rokeberg:

>>>

I would like to request your support of SB 9 to provide nine and ten month classified school district employees with credit for full-year retirement under the Public Employee Retirement System.

>>>

As you are well aware, this change would mean that classified and certified staff would be treated the same way for the first time when it comes to earning retirement credit. This is only fair to employees who work in the service of students and the public.

This bill would benefit approximately 1,000 employees in the Anchorage School District and approximately 6,000 statewide.

Thank you very much for your time and I hope you will support the school district classified staff and provide for a more secure retirement after their years of work for students.

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Sincerely,

JoAnne Markson, Administrative Assistant
Kincaid Elementary, Anchorage

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MAR 03 1999



Subject: House Bill 17

Date: Mon, 1 Mar 1999 21:37:32 -0900

From: "Gary McIntyre" <AdvancedCybrSys@thevortex.com>

To: "Jerry Sanders" <Representative_Jerry.Sanders@legis.state.ak.us>, "Lisa Murkowski" <Representative_Lisa_Murkowski@legis.state.ak.us>, "Loren Leman" <Senator_Loren_Leman@legis.state.ak.us>, "Lyman Hoffman" <Senator_Lyman_Hoffman@legis.state.ak.us>, "John Harris" <Representative_John_Harris@legis.state.ak.us>, "Andrew Halcro" <Representative_Andrew_Halcro@legis.state.ak.us>, "Sharon Cissna" <Representative_Sharon_Cissna@legis.state.ak.us>, "Dave Donley" <Senator_Dave_Donley@legis.state.ak.us>, "Tom Brice" <Representative_Tom_Brice@legis.state.ak.us>, "John Cowdery" <Representative_John_Cowdery@legis.state.ak.us>, "Tim Kelly" <Senator_Tim_Kelly@legis.state.ak.us>, "Brian Porter" <Representative_Brian_Porter@legis.state.ak.us>, "Druc Pearce" <Senator_Druc_Pearce@legis.state.ak.us>, "Norman Rokeberg" <Representative_Norman_Rokeberg@legis.state.ak.us>, "Jerry Mackie" <Senator_Jerry_Mackie@legis.state.ak.us>

Please vote in favor of giving noncertificated nine, ten, and eleven month employees credit for twelve months of service. Please vote accordingly. Thank you very much.

Nancy McIntyre
24375 Petunia Ct. Apt E
Elmendorf AFB, AK 99506
daytime phone 279-2541

MAR 03 1999

Subject: House Bill 17

Date: Tue, 02 Mar 1999 17:22:24 -0800

From: Mary Conner <MOONLITE@alaska.net>

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To: Representative_Norman_Rokeberg@legis.state.ak.us,
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Representative_John_Cowdery@legis.state.ak.us,
Representative_Tom_Brice@legis.state.ak.us,
Representative_Sharon_Cissna@legis.state.ak.us,
Representative_Andrew_Halcro@legis.state.ak.us,
Representative_John_Harris@legis.state.ak.us,
Representative_Lisa_Murkowski@legis.state.ak.us,
Representative_Jerry_Sanders@legis.state.ak.us

Please vote yes on House Bill 17. Thank you, Mary Conner (ASD)

MAR 03 1999

Mary Conner

Subject: HB17

Date: Tue, 2 Mar 1999 15:35:17 -0900

From: rachel tidwell <rtidwell@northstar.k12.ak.us>

To: Representative_Norman_Rokeberg@legis.state.ak.us

>Dear Rep. Rokeberg:

>

>I want to urge you to support the following bill, HB 17 to provide nine
>and ten month classified school district employees with credit for full-year
>retirement under the Public Employee Retirement System.

>

>As you are well aware, this change would mean that classified and certified
>staff would be treated the same way for the first time when it comes to
>earning retirement credit. This is only fair to employees who work in the
>service of students and the public.

>

>Your bill would benefit approximately 450 employees in the Fairbanks North
>Star Borough School District and approximately 6,000 statewide.

>

>I hope that you will request a prompt hearing on the bill in the Labor &
>Commerce Committee. I will also be urging the other members to support
>this bill.

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>Again, thank you very much for your time and I hope you will support the
>school
district classified staff to provide for a more secure retirement after
their years
>of work for students.

>

>Sincerely,

>

>Rachel Tidwell
>Weller Elementary

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MAR 03 1999

R. Tidwell

Subject: In support of HB 17

Date: Sun, 28 Feb 1999 20:17:32 -0900

From: Peggy <peggyl@northstar.k12.ak.us>

To: Representative_Norman_Rokeberg@legis.state.ak.us

I am writing in support of House Bill 17 sponsored by Rep Tom Brice. I have been an employee of the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District since 1982 and have earned less than 16 years of service for over 17 years of working for the District. HB 17 addresses the inequity in state law and the PERS system by giving noncertificated school employees a comparable amount of days the options to use the same retirement formula that certificated employees use. I strongly urge you to support this bill.

Peggy Hirt
288 Rambling Road #57
Fairbanks, Ak 99712

Phone: (w) 456-5775
(h) 457-2199

Ref LSA

MAR 03 1999

Subject: HB #17

Date: Wed, 03 Mar 1999 21:07:13 -0900

From: "debi lichter" <dubber@mtaonline.net>

To: Norman Rokeberg <Representative_Norman_Rokeberg@legis.state.ak.us>,
Brian Porter <Representative_Brian_Porter@legis.state.ak.us>,
John Cowdery <Representative_John_Cowdery@legis.state.ak.us>,
Tom Brice <Representative_Tom_Brice@legis.state.ak.us>,
Sharon Cissna <Representative_Sharon_Cissna@legis.state.ak.us>,
John Harris <Representative_John_Harris@legis.state.ak.us>,
Lisa Murkowski <Representative_Lisa_Murkowski@legis.state.ak.us>,
Jerry Sanders <Representative_Jerry_Sanders@legis.state.ak.us>

Please support the bills that call for full year PERS Credit for
Noncertificated Employees.

Subject: House bill 17

Date: 3 Mar 1999 12:52:27 -0900

From: "Olson_Inga" <olson_inga@msmail.asd.k12.ak.us>

To: Representative_Norman_Rokeberg@legis.state.ak.us

Representative Norman Rokeberg,

I need to let you know that I SUPPORT House bill 17. I also would like to THANK YOU for bringing it forward and I hope it will pass. I've always wondered why the teachers could retire after 20 years and the non certificated employees had to work 30 years. Here we're all professionals working for the same employer the Anchorage School District and I think it's time we get treated the same.

Thanks again for all your hard work

Inga Olson
Senior Clerk/Information Support Center

MAR 03 1999



General Teamsters Local 959 State of Alaska

Alliliated with International Brotherhood of Teamsters

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99503, 520 E 34TH AVE. (907) 565-8122 FAX (907) 565-8285 GERALD L. HOOD, Secretary-Treasurer

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA 99707, P.O. Box 70609 (907) 452-2959 FAX (907) 452-5051
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March 22, 1999

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MAR 25 1999

Representative Dyson, Co-Chair
Representative Coghill, Co-Chair
Senate HESS Committee

Re: HB 17 PERS Credit For Noncertificated Employees

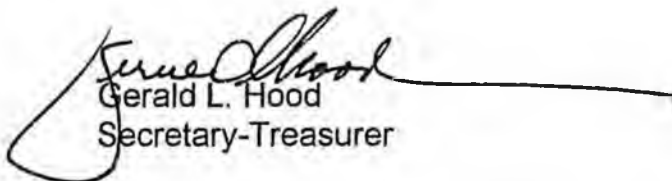
Dear Representative Dyson and Representative Coghill:

Teamsters Local 959 represents noncertificated employees, most predominantly in the Anchorage School District. Several hundred of those members actually work less than twelve months of the year due to the nature of their jobs; included are bus drivers, food service workers and some maintenance employees. If passed, HB 17 would allow those members, by individual choice, the opportunity to receive the same credited year as their certificated counterparts for purposes of retirement. Any increased cost under this bill would be borne by the employee, not the employer (School District).

We urge your support and passage of this bill to allow, by employee choice, the opportunity to increase their credited service time as is currently the option for the certificated employees.

Sincerely,

TEAMSTERS LOCAL 959


Gerald L. Hood
Secretary-Treasurer

cc: Representative Whitaker
Representative Green
Representative Morgan
Representative Brice
Representative Kemplen

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J J Brice, Kemplen

Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Health Education Social Service committee name

committee on HB 17, dated 3/23/99
bill/subject

Please support HB17. It is a fair and equitable law.

Signed: Kathleen C. Brandt
Testifier

Representing (Optional)
3704 Nahibut Pt. Rd., Sitka, AK 99835
Address

907-747-6447
Phone No.

TO: House Health Education and Social Services Committee

DATE: March 23, 1999

Please include this testimony for the hearing on HB17 today, March 23, 1999.

Please support HB17. I have been employed with the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District for 18 years. To date I have a 13.3 year credit in the PERS system. My co-workers who are teachers and work the exact amount of time as I are credited with the entire 18 years. I don't understand this, why I am treated differently. This year for year credit is also offered to the School Board members and Legislative Staff. The other interesting fact is I am considered a full time permanent employee with the school district which makes me ineligible to collect unemployment during the summer months but I am not obviously considered full time with the state. Please help pass this bill it means a lot to my future as well as the other classified employees. We all deserve to be equal.

Thank you,



Bonnie Clouston
P.O. Box 546
Kasilof, AK 99610
907-262-4478

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Brice, Kemplen



Alaska State Legislature

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committee name

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bill/subject

*Please support HB17. It is a
fair and equitable law.*

Signed: Linda E. Swanson
Testifier

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Brice, Kempleh



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*Please support HB17. It is a
fair and equitable law.*

Signed: Marilyn A. Loh
Testifier

Representing (Optional)
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*Johnson, Wynn, Steele, Jorgun, Whitaker
Brice, Kemplen*



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committee name

committee on HB17, dated 3/23/99
bill/subject

*Please support
House Bill 17!*

Signed: Faye Nutting
Testif

Representing (Optional)

708 Biskar, Sitka, Ak.
Address

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Brice, Kempler



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committee name

committee on HB 17 . dated 3/23/99
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*Please support HB17. It is a
fair and equitable law.*

Signed: Pauline G. Knouder
Testifier

Representing (Optional)

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committee name

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*Please support HB17. It is a
fair and equitable law.*

Signed: Gina Lawson
Testifier

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Brice, Kemplen



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committee name

committee on HB 17, dated 3/23/99
bill/subject

*Please support HB17. It is a
fair and equitable law.*

Signed: *Haig A. Pfeefe*
Testifier

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Brice, Kemplen



Alaska State Legislature

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committee on HB 17, dated 3/23/99
bill/subject

I urge you to support and pass
HB 17. All classified employees
deserve this benefit.

Signed: Betsy Charlton
Testifier

Representing (Optional)
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Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Health, Education, & Social Services committee name

committee on HB 17 , dated 3/23/99 .
bill/subject

I urge you to support HB 17.
Please vote for it's approval

Signed: Paula Hardy
Testifier

Representing (Optional)
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Sitka, AK
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Brice, Kempfen



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committee on HB 17 , dated 3/23/99
bill/subject

Please vote in ^{House} senate bill HB 17
Thank you

Signed: *Frank E. Roberts*
Testifier

Representing (Optional)
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Alaska State Legislature

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committee on HB 17 , dated 3/23/99 bill/subject

*I urge you to support
HB 17 by voting for it. Thank
you.*

Signed: *Barbara L. Arnold*
Testifier

Representing (Optional)
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Address
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Phone No.



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Alaska State Legislature

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committee on HB 17, dated 3/23/99
bill/subject

Please vote for HB 17

Signed: Ruth Van Ock

Testifier

Representing (Optional)

801 Lincoln St

Address

966-3095

Phone No.



Brice, Kemplen
Alaska State Legislature

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committee name

committee on HB 17, dated 3/23/99
bill/subject

"
PLEASE VOTE FOR HB 17"
"

Signed: *Jack Carroll*
Testifier

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Brice, Kemplen
Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Health, Education, Social Services
committee name

committee on HB 17, dated 3/23/99
bill/subject

Please vote for H.B. 17.

Signed: Carrie Spachman
Testifier

Representing (Optional)
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(907) 747-8677
Phone No.



*Byrd, Byrd, Gill, Morgan, Williams
Brice, Kempleh*

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committee name

committee on HB 17 , dated 3/23/99
bill/subject

Please note for HB 17.

Signed: Betty Jo Johns
Testifier

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1972 Halibut Point Road - Sitka, AK

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907. 747 - 4751

Phone No.



Brice, Kemplen
Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Health, Education, Social Services
committee name

committee on HB 17 , dated 3/23/99
bill/subject

Please vote for HB17

Signed: *John Brice*
Testifier

Representing (Optional)
1108 H.P.R. Sitka, AK 99835
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Brice, Kempleh



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Please
I urge you to support
HB 17. I support HB 17
Thank you .

Signed: Tammy Sumawang Tammy Sumawang
Testifier

Representing (Optional)
220 Lance Dr.
Address
747-5358
Phone No.

Ken
Payla
Haralina



Brice, Kemplen
Alaska State Legislature

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bill/subject

Please support HB 17

Signed: *Therese L. Cole*
Testifier

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Brice, Kemplen

Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Health, Education, Social Services committee name

committee on HB 17, dated 3/23/99
bill/subject

Please vote for HB 17!

Signed: *Barbara Stocker*
Testifier

Representing (Optional)
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907 747-5110

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Brice, Kempler



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Health, Education, Social Services
committee name

committee on HB 17, dated 3/23/99
bill/subject

I Support HB 17
I Ask for your Support.

Signed: [Signature]
Testifier MARCIE MACHIN

Representing (Optional)
803 Lake St.
Address
747-3620
Phone No.



Byrd, ... Brice, Kempleh

Alaska State Legislature

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committee on HB 17, dated 3/23/99
bill/subject

Please support HB 17.

Signed: Cathi Markogard
Testifier

Representing (Optional)

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Phone No.

By: Bruce, Kemplen



Alaska State Legislature

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committee on HB 17 , dated 3/23/99 .
bill/subject

Please vote FOR
HB 17!

I urge you to support
HB 17.

Signed: Luis Lopez
Testifier

Representing (Optional)
PO Box 756 Sitka, AK 99835
Address

Phone No.



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Brice, Kempler

Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Health, Education, Social Services
committee name

committee on HB 17, dated 3/23/99
bill/subject

Please take the time to consider the benefits of supporting HB17. This will allow employees to buy out 12 months of employment to go towards retirement. This will be a tremendous help to many people.

Please vote for + Support HB17.

Signed: Lauri Sehafer
Testifier

Representing (Optional)
304 Wachusetts Sitka AK 99835
Address

Phone No.

*Lyson, Cognini, Vellan, Morgan, Whitaker
Brice, Kempleh*



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Health, Education, Social Services
committee name

committee on HB 17 . dated 3/23/99
bill/subject

WHEN YOU HAVE TEACHERS ABLE TO WORK 9 MONTHS AND GET A FULL YEARS CREDIT, IT IS NOT FAIR TO HAVE THOSE CLASSIFIED STAFF WORKING ALONG SIDE OF THE TEACHERS GETTING ONLY 9 AND 10 MONTHS OF CREDIT.

I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT HB 17!

Signed: *Jan Bugman*
Testifier

Representing (Optional)
212 LAKEVIEW DRIVE SITKA, AK 99835

Address
(907) 966-1256

Phone No.

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Brice, Kempler



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committee name

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bill/subject

Please support House

Bill 17

Thank you

Signed: *Lulu A. Young*
Testifier

Representing (Optional)
P.O. Box 3092 Sitka AK 99835
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907 747-8531
Phone No.



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the ALWESS
committee name
committee on HB 17, dated 3/23/99
bill # / subject

*The following submitted as
written testimony*

Signed:

Leslie W.O.

Testifier

Representing (Optional)

Address

Phone number

March 23, 1999

HB17

Please support this bill. I have worked for the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District for 13 years and am credited with approximately 9 years. It was very depressing for those of us in our school district, when we found out that even our own school board, city council and borough assembly got a year of recognition for each school year or session worked. We would like equity in formulating our years of service. We are very loyal, hard-working employees and many have hours of time they donate to keep our schools going and kids thriving.

Shirley Zubeck
260-2305 /w

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To . House Health, Education and Social Service Committee

FROM Marnie Bartolini

DATE March 23, 1999

SUBJECT: HOUSE BILL 17

Please include with public testimony on House Bill 17

I would like to express my support for House Bill 17. I am currently working for the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District as a 10 month employee. I have never fully understood why the teachers who work 9 months are given full retirement credit of 12 months when they only work 9, and I receive only 10 months for my 10 months of work. We both have a job to do regardless of what that job entails. Teachers also do not pay for those extra months. I would at least like to be given the opportunity to choose to pay for those extra 2 months, thus entitling me to retire in 30 years instead of 39. Since the school district views us as permanent full time employees, this excludes us from applying for unemployment benefits and makes it difficult to apply for work with other employers, who don't want to put in the time to train and then to have us leave 6 weeks later.

Please support House Bill 17.

Thank you



Marnie Bartolini

To: House Health, Education and Social Service Committee
FROM: Dawn Stetz
DATE: March 23, 1999
SUBJECT: HOUSE BILL 17

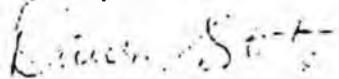
Please include with public testimony on House Bill 17

I started working for the KPRSD when I was 23 years of age - since August, 1985 which makes it almost 14 years. I currently have under 8 full years towards my retirement. To qualify for full retirement, I have to work a full 30 years. This means I will actually have to work 39 years because we do not get a full year's credit for each school year I work. This means I will be eligible for full retirement in the year 2027.

Any school teacher is going to retire in 30 years. Just because I don't directly work with students doesn't mean that I don't do my job just as a school teacher does. If I am willing to pay for the extra 3 months (which by the way I disagree with, but am willing to do) I don't see why this bill shouldn't pass.

Please support House Bill 17.

Thank you



Dawn Stetz

TO: House Health, Education and Social Service Committee

FROM: Dawn Daris
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

RE: Support of HB17

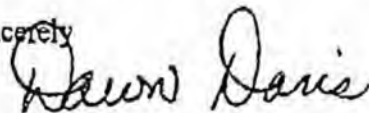
DATE: March 23, 1999

Please include in the testimony for the hearing on House Bill 17 today on March 23, 1999.

My starting date for the school district was on October of 88. Today I have 7 ¼ years credited to my retirement. That includes many extra days that I have put in working over the summers and spring breaks and Christmas breaks. I need 30 years for full retirement. I started when I was 28 years old, at this rate I will be 69 years old before I will be able to retire with full benefits. That means in the year 2029 I will have 41 years of service.

Please take the time to consider this inequity of support staff.

Sincerely



Dawn Daris

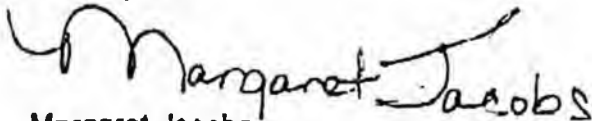
TO: House Health Education and Social Services Committee

DATE: March 23, 1999

Please include this testimony for the hearing on HB17 today. 3/23/99

I am taking part in the Early Retirement Plan this year and will be leaving as of June 1, 1999. I have worked for this district for 17 years and yet I am being credited for only 13 in the PERS system! I strongly support HB17 which I have fought for for years and even though, if it should pass, I would not be able to take advantage of it, I am thinking of my co-workers and their future. Not being credited for a full year of service or even allowed to collect unemployment during the summer has been a great injustice! How and why are we classified employees treated so unfairly???? Please help pass this bill as it will mean alot to those who will be retiring in the future. United we stand. divided we beg.

Thank you,



Margaret Jacobs
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Soldotna, AK 99669
907-262-7407

Alaska Civil Liberties Union

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P. O. Box 201844, Anchorage, AK 99520-1844

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TESTIMONY

To: House HES Committee

From: Jennifer Rudinger, Executive Director

Date: Tuesday, March 16, 1999

Re: HJR 6 (Proposed Constitutional Amendment Regarding Public Funding of Private School Tuition Vouchers)

Good afternoon, Co-Chairmen Dyson and Coghill and Members of the House HES Committee:

My name is Jennifer Rudinger, and I am the Executive Director of the Alaska Civil Liberties Union. The AkCLU is a non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to preserving and defending the principles of individual liberty guaranteed in the U.S. Bill of Rights and in the Alaska Constitution. I have come here today on behalf of almost 900 card-carrying members of the ACLU in Alaska to urge you **not** to pass HJR 6 out of this Committee. The obvious intent of HJR 6 is to pave the way for the passage of HB 5, Rep. Kohring's school voucher scheme. The AkCLU objects to HJR 6 and to school vouchers for three main reasons: (1.) voucher schemes allow taxpayer dollars to fund institutions that are allowed to discriminate in their admissions, (2.) school voucher schemes would force taxpayers to support religious beliefs and practices with which they strongly disagree, and (3.) voucher schemes would abandon our local public schools.

First, we strongly urge you to consider the fact that unlike public schools, private schools are not required to accept everyone who applies for admission. The notion is, if you pick your students right, then your school's results will look good. Therefore, private schools tend to avoid students with the most problems, a luxury public schools do not have. For example, religious institutions are not subject to the Civil Rights Act and can discriminate on the basis of race, physical disability, learning disability, gender, or any other characteristic of a student. While religious schools have the right to do this, they should not be allowed to use taxpayer money to discriminate. Yet, under the voucher scheme being proposed to you now, all taxpayers would have to fund these vouchers for private school tuition, even though not all taxpayers will be able to *use* these vouchers. On the other hand, it is eminently fair that taxpayer dollars fund public school education, because all taxpayers at one time or another in their lives have the option of using the public school system.

Moreover, the notion that under a voucher system, parents will be able to choose "the best school" for their child is a fantasy if "the best school" can refuse to admit the child. That is precisely what will happen to many parents, thereby making the reality of choice something less than what was promised.

Second, HJR 6 and HB 5 would have the effect of forcing taxpayers to support religious beliefs and practices with which they strongly disagree. Whether the sponsors admit it or not, at the heart of this proposal is the goal of merging government and

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the HESS Committee
 committee on HB 17 dated 3-23-99
 bill/subject

I support the PERS credit for Non-Certified Employees of school districts on a year for year retirement credit. The teachers are allowed this and their support staff should get the same benefit.

signed: David H. Hardage
 Teacher

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Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the Hess Committee

committee on HB 17 dated March 22, 1999
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Committee Members,

I am in support of this bill and would appreciate your help in getting it passed. This is the bill to allow a year credit for a school year worked for non-certified employees. Thank you for your assistance.

Signature: Alice Wiley
Teacher

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Please enter into the record my testimony to the Hess Committee
 concerning on HB17-Per Credit You For You Bill/Subject 3.22.99 Committee Name

All Committee Members,

Please pass this bill giving a year's credit for non-certified employees who work in schools along with Teachers who receive it, as well as school board members & other groups whom I'm sure you have been notified of. It is a fair & equitable issue which we have been working on for many years! Thank you

Sign: Kathy Z...
 Teacher

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Alaska State Legislature

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All Committee Members,
Please pass this bill to give non-certified employees a year for a year credit. This bill would really make work credit more equitable with school employees that work for their full school year. Other groups such as teachers already have this benefit. Thank you for your assistance with this very important issue.

By: Barbara Mack
Testifier

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Please support the
 few retirement bills before
 you. - 1 - employees are willing
 to pay the small increases
 2. It the right thing
 to do! Thank you

Signed: Sandy Jensen
Testifier

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HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

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Date Referred to Committee: March 16, 1999

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Finance

Date of Committee Action: 3/23/99

The HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES Committee considered:

HB 17

HOUSE BILL NO. 17

PERS CREDIT FOR NONCERTIFICATED EMPLOYEES

"An Act relating to the calculation of employee contributions and credited service in the public employees' retirement system for noncertificated employees of school districts, regional educational attendance areas, the Alaska Vocational Technical Center, and the state boarding schools; and providing for an effective date."

recommends it be replaced with the following committee substitute _____ [] the same title [] a new title

[] additional referral to _____ Committee
[X] attached amendment(s)

ADOPTS: _____ Letter of Intent

ATTACHES NEW FISCAL NOTE(S): (Dept) _____

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1 Page 1, line 3, following "areas,":

2 Insert "the special education service agency,"

3 Page 1, line 9, following "area,":

4 Insert "of the special education service agency,"

5 Page 2, line 22:

6 Delete "district or"

7 Insert "district, a"

8 Following "area.":

9 Insert "the special education service agency,"

10 Page 2, line 26:

11 Delete "or"

12 Insert ", a"

13 Page 2, line 27, following "area":

14 Insert ", or the special education service agency,"

15 Page 3, line 1:

16 Delete "or"

17 Insert ", a"

18 Page 3, line 2, following "area":

19 Insert ", or the special education service agency,"

- 1 Page 3, line 6:
- 2 Delete "or"
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- 6 Page 3, line 12, following "area.":
- 7 Insert "the special education service agency."