

HB

379

(7)

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

Date Referred to Committee: February 28, 2000

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Finance

Date of Committee Action: 3/16/00

The STATE AFFAIRS Committee considered:

SSHB 379

SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 379

PERS CREDIT:PEACE OFFICERS/FIRE FIGHTERS

"An Act relating to credited service under the public employees' retirement system for peace officers and fire fighters on leave without pay or receiving workers' compensation benefits because of certain on-the-job injuries."

recommends it be replaced with the following committee substitute CSHB 379(STA) 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) _____

fiscal note(s) _____ fiscal note(s) _____

zero fiscal note(s) DOA zero fiscal note(s) _____

SIGNING WITH RECOMMENDATIONS	DP	DNP	NR	AM
<i>Gannette James</i>	✓			
<i>Bill Hurd</i>	✓			
<i>Hal Smalley</i>	✓		✓	
<i>Beth Kettle</i>	✓			

CHAIR'S SIGNATURE *Gannette James*

*Adapted
on order of CS*

AMENDMENT #1

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

BY REPRESENTATIVE SMALLEY

TO: SSHB 379

1 Page 1, line 2:

2 Delete "on leave without pay or"

3 Page 1, lines 6 - 12:

4 Delete "When a member who was employed as a peace officer or fire fighter in the
5 public employees' retirement system applies for appointment to retirement, the member may
6 claim credited service for days that the member was employed as a peace officer or fire
7 fighter and was on leave-without-pay status because of a physical injury incurred while on
8 the job, or was not employed and was receiving workers' compensation benefits under
9 AS 23.30 because of a physical injury incurred while on the job, as a peace officer or fire
10 fighter."

11 Insert "When a member applies for appointment to retirement, the member may claim
12 credited service for days that the member was not employed and was receiving workers'
13 compensation benefits under AS 23.30 because of a physical injury incurred while employed
14 as a peace officer or fire fighter in a position covered by the public employees' retirement
15 system."

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SPONSOR STATEMENT – HB 379

HB 379, "An act relating to credited service under the public employees' retirement system for peace officers and fire fighters on leave without pay or receiving workers' compensation benefits because of certain on-the-job injuries," brings parity to the Alaska Public Employee's Retirement System (PERS). It provides that when a peace officer or fire fighter losses work time for certain on-the-job injuries, the employer would contribute to the employee's credited service.

Under this legislation, the employer shall pay the member's contributions to credited service while the individual is on leave-without-pay status or is receiving workers' compensation benefits for the injury. Entitlement to the credited service ends when the employee is eligible to receive benefits under AS 39.35.330 (a) (leave of absence with pay) or under AS 39.35.410 (a) (occupational disability).

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Memorandum

To: Representative Jeannette James, Chair
House State Affairs Committee

From: Representative Hal Smalley *Hal*

Date: February 29, 2000

Re: SSHB 379

I would respectfully request that you hold a hearing on SSHB 379, "An act relating to credited service under the public employees' retirement system for peace officers and fire fighters on leave without pay or receiving workers' compensation benefits because of certain on-the-job injuries," at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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Memorandum

To: Representative Jeannette James, Chair
House State Affairs Committee

From: Representative Hal Smalley *HS Smalley*

Date: February 17, 2000

Re: HB 379

See attached.

I would respectfully request that you hold a hearing on HB 379, "An act relating to credited service under the public employees' retirement system for peace officers and fire fighters on leave without pay or receiving workers' compensation benefits because of certain on-the-job injuries," at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

*Reading across
new SS on Mon -
Show Jeannette
(+ then put
up schedule
for STA?)*



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Chief Billy W. Harris

February 17, 2000

Representative Jeanette James
House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 102
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

SUBJECT: HB379 Support

Representative James:

Please accept this letter of support, on behalf of the 21 members of the Nikiski Fire Department, for HB379 (credited service for fire and police officers on leave without pay due to on-the-job injury or illness). We request a hearing on this Bill.

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of any service in seeing this Bill through at 907-283-4202.

Respectfully submitted,

Billy W. Harris
Fire Chief

CITY OF KENAI
FIRE DEPARTMENT

105 SOUTH WILLOW STREET
KENAI, ALASKA 99611
(907) 283-7666



February 17, 2000

Representative Jeanette James
House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 102
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182

Subject: HB379 Support

Representative James,

Please accept this letter of support, on behalf of the JS members of the Kenai Fire Department, for HB379 (credited service for fire and police officers on leave without pay due to on the job injury or illness). We request and encourage a hearing on this Bill.

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of any service in seeing this Bill through.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott A. Walden
Assistant Fire Chief

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Providing the Best"*

February 17, 2000

Representative Hal Smalley
House of Representatives
State Capitol, Room 423
Juneau, Alaska 99801-1182


Subject: HB 379 Support

Dear Representative Smalley:

The twenty-two men and women of Central Emergency Services fully supports the concept of HB 379 (credited service for fire and police officers on leave without pay due to on-the-job injuries or illness.) The men and women who service as the front line public safety response in Alaska deserve to be fully credited for their valuable service to the communities of the state. If they are injured, or become ill, due to their work, they should be allowed full credit for such time on their retirement system.

Please contact me if I can be of any service in seeing this legislation through the legislative process.

Yours in public safety,


Len A. Malmquist
Fire Chief

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MEMORANDUM

February 28, 2000

SUBJECT: Sectional Summary of SSHB 379. (PERS service for injured peace officers and fire fighters)

TO: Representative Hal Smalley
Attn: Katrina Matheny

FROM: Teresa B. Cramer *TBC*
Legislative Counsel

You have requested a sectional summary of the above-described bill. As a preliminary matter, note that a sectional summary of a bill should not be considered an authoritative interpretation of the bill and the bill itself is the best statement of its contents.

Section 1 adds a new subsection to AS 39.35.370 to permit a member of the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) who is employed as a peace officer or fire fighter to claim credited service for days on leave-without-pay status because of a physical injury incurred on the job. The member is to claim the credited service when he or she applies for appointment to retirement. After claiming the credited service, the member owes the system an amount equal to the full actuarial cost of receiving the service credit.

TC:glc
00-094.glc



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Please enter into the record my testimony to the ASTA
committee name

committee on HB # 379, dated 3/07/06
bill # / subject

I am a Firefighter with the Kenai Fire Dept.
Having been in the Fire Service for over 10 years I have
seen many injuries involving Police + Fire personnel. As
a result, I am strongly in favor of this bill.

Signed: [Signature]
Testifier

Kenai Fire Dept. Kenai Ak.
Representing (Optional)

105 S. Willow St Kenai
Address

283. 7666
Phone number



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Please enter into the record my testimony to the ASTA
 committee on firefighter on-the-job injury committee name
 committee on HR # 379, dated 3-7-00
 bill # / subject

As firefighting is a hazardous occupation,
 I support this bill.

Signed: Walter Williamson
 Testifier
Capt. Walter Williamson ; Kenai Fire Dept., Kenai AK
 Representing (Optional)
43289 Kenai Spur Hwy, Kenai AK 99611
 Address
907-283-4767
 Phone number



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Please enter into the record my testimony to the State Affairs
committee name

committee on HB 379 Credited Service PERS, dated 3-7-00
bill # / subject

Please accept this written testimony as my support for this bill. Public employees who are injured in the line of duty should be credited service ~~at~~ they are off duty for injuries.

THANKS

Signed: James C. Bausden
Testifier
Kenai Fire Dept.
Representing (Optional)
105 S. Willow St. Kenai, AK 99611
Address
283-7666
Phone number

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
2000 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SSBH 379

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction) _____ Dept. Affected Administration
 Title An Act relating to credited service under BRU Centralized Administrative Services
the public employees' retirement system for peace officers... Component Retirement and Benefits
 Sponsor Representative Smalley
 Requester (H) STA Component No. 64

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (PERS/TRS)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2000) cost: 0.0

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

The Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) allows peace officers or fire fighters to retire with 20 years of service, regardless of age. The individual would be required to pay the full actuarial cost of this conversion, either in a lump sum or through a lifetime retirement benefit reduction. Since the full actuarial cost is paid by the employee, this legislation has no fiscal impact to the State of Alaska or other PERS employers.

Prepared by: Guy Bell Phone 465-4471
 Division Retirement and Benefits Date/Time 3/6/00 1:38 PM
 Approved by Commissioner Robert Poe Jr. Date 3/6/00
 Agency Department of Administration

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Subject: Re: more fiscal notes

Date: Thu, 02 Mar 2000 16:27:31 -0900

From: Shari Kochman <shari_kochman@gov.state.ak.us>

Organization: Alaska Office of the Governor

To: Barbara Cotting <Barbara_Cotting@legis.state.ak.us>

ok
requests are in
thanks

Barbara Cotting wrote:

> Hi Shari,
>
> I've scheduled the following bills for hearing in House State Affairs on
> Tuesday, March 7, and need fiscal notes:

> HB 379 PERS Credit: Peace Officers/Fire Fighters
> HB 270 Sexual Assault Examinations
> HB 299 Pioneer Home Rates

Not received.

