

By: Representative Davis

To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1003

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PUBLIC
2 EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO RECOMMEND TO THE LEGISLATURE A
3 PROGRAM THAT ALLOWS MEMBERS OF THE SYSTEM WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR
4 RETIREMENT TO CONTINUE WORKING AND DRAWING A SALARY IN PUBLIC
5 EMPLOYMENT WHILE THEIR RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE IS PAID INTO AN
6 INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

8 SECTION 1. Before August 31, 1999, the Board of Trustees of
9 the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi shall
10 recommend to the Legislature a program that allows members of the
11 system who are eligible to receive a retirement allowance, in lieu
12 of terminating employment and accepting a retirement allowance, to
13 continue working and earning their regular salary in public
14 employment while an amount equal to the monthly retirement
15 allowance to which the members are entitled is paid into a
16 member's individual account. The program shall be modeled after
17 the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) (La. Rev. Stat. Ann.
18 Section 11:447 et seq., as amended) administered by the Louisiana
19 State Employees' Retirement System; however, the board shall
20 recommend revisions to the Louisiana Deferred Retirement Option
21 Plan which are necessary for the adaptation of the program to the
22 Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi and which
23 guarantee no negative effect on the system's fiscal integrity or
24 on the status of the system under the Internal Revenue Code. The
25 recommendations of the board shall be submitted to the Legislature
26 in a written report, which shall include a detailed description of
27 the recommended program, a proposal for legislation necessary for
28 the implementation of the program and any other information deemed
29 relevant by the board relating to such program.

30 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
31 and after its passage.