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Legislation

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 1657

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF THE CITY OF
2 MERIDIAN TO ELECT TO PROVIDE CREDITABLE SERVICE FOR ABSENCES FROM
3 EMPLOYMENT DUE TO ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY SERVICE AND MARITIME
4 SERVICE TO MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT
5 SYSTEM AND THE DISABILITY AND RELIEF FUND FOR FIREMEN AND
6 POLICEMEN OF THE CITY WHO RETIRE AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS
7 ACT; TO PROVIDE THAT THE CREDITABLE SERVICE SHALL NOT BE PROVIDED
8 UNLESS THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND THE
9 DISABILITY AND RELIEF FUND CURRENTLY ARE ACTUARIALLY SOUND AND
10 WILL REMAIN ACTUARIALLY SOUND IF THAT CREDITABLE SERVICE IS
11 PROVIDED; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

13 **SECTION 1.** (1) Subject to the provisions of subsection (2)
14 of this section, the governing authorities of the City of
15 Meridian, Mississippi, in their discretion, may elect to provide
16 creditable service for periods in which a member of the General
17 Municipal Employees' Retirement System or the Disability and
18 Relief Fund for Firemen and Policemen of the City of Meridian may
19 have been absent from employment for active duty United States
20 military service and maritime service, not to exceed four (4)
21 years, to persons who are entitled to receive benefits under any
22 provision of Section 21-29-1 et seq. or Section 21-29-101 et seq.,
23 Mississippi Code of 1972, by virtue of service as an employee of
24 the City of Meridian under the General Municipal Employees'
25 Retirement System or as a member of, or through a member of, the
26 fire or police department, or both, of the City of Meridian, and
27 who retire from service on or after the effective date of this
28 act. In no case shall a member receive creditable service under
29 this section if the member received a dishonorable discharge from
30 the United States military or maritime service.



31 (2) Creditable service for active duty military service and
32 maritime service shall not be provided under this section unless:

33 (a) The General Municipal Employees' Retirement System
34 and the Disability and Relief Fund for Firemen and Policemen of
35 the City of Meridian are actuarially sound, as shown by the most
36 recent actuarial study required by Section 21-29-119, Mississippi
37 Code of 1972; and

38 (b) The retirement system and the disability and relief
39 fund will remain actuarially sound if creditable service for
40 active military duty service and maritime service is provided
41 under this section, as shown by a certified statement from the
42 actuarial firm that prepared the most recent actuarial study.

43 (3) The Board of Trustees of the Public Employees'
44 Retirement System shall provide creditable service for active duty
45 military service and maritime service to the persons authorized
46 and entitled to receive that creditable service, after each of the
47 following conditions have been met:

48 (a) The governing authorities of the City of Meridian
49 must adopt a resolution to have creditable service for active duty
50 military service and maritime service as provided under this
51 section and transmit the resolution to the board of trustees; and

52 (b) The board of trustees must receive the resolution
53 from the governing authorities and receive the most recent
54 actuarial study of the retirement system and the disability and
55 relief fund and the certified statement from the actuarial firm
56 that the retirement system and the disability and relief fund will
57 remain actuarially sound if that creditable service is provided.

58 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
59 and after its passage.

