

By: Senator(s) Tollison

To: Finance

SENATE BILL NO. 2277

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-11-107, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
 2 TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES'  
 3 RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO INCLUDE AS A COVERAGE GROUP MEMBERS OF THE  
 4 MISSISSIPPI NATIONAL GUARD WHO ARE COMPENSATED FOR TRAINING AND  
 5 MILITARY DUTY OUT OF FEDERAL FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR USE BY THE  
 6 MISSISSIPPI NATIONAL GUARD PROVIDED FUNDS ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO  
 7 PAY EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS ON THE SALARIES OF SUCH MEMBERS FROM  
 8 THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OR STATE APPROPRIATIONS; AND FOR RELATED  
 9 PURPOSES.

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

11 **SECTION 1.** Section 25-11-107, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
 12 amended as follows:

13 25-11-107. (1) The Board of Trustees of the Public  
 14 Employees' Retirement System is hereby authorized and empowered to  
 15 include as a coverage group under this article those regular  
 16 full-time civilian employees of the Mississippi National Guard  
 17 whose entire salary is paid on certification out of allotted  
 18 federal funds, provided funds are made available from the federal  
 19 government or state appropriations to pay employers' contributions  
 20 on the salaries of such employees. In the event the employers'  
 21 contributions on such salaries should fail to be paid in full to  
 22 the Public Employees' Retirement System, the Board of Trustees of  
 23 the Public Employees' Retirement System shall be prevented from  
 24 allowing service credit for any such period of delinquency and  
 25 such retirants would be allowed only such service credits as had  
 26 accrued up to the time of any such delinquency; but members who  
 27 remain in the system with their service credits suspended during  
 28 any such period of delinquency may obtain full service credit upon  
 29 the payment of all employers' contributions due the retirement  
 30 system for the entire coverage group.



31       (2) The Board of Trustees of the Public Employees'  
32 Retirement System is hereby authorized and empowered to include as  
33 a coverage group under this article those members of the  
34 Mississippi National Guard who are compensated for field training,  
35 armory drills, training assemblies or other military training or  
36 military duty and whose compensation for such training and duty is  
37 paid out of federal funds appropriated for the use of the  
38 Mississippi National Guard, provided funds are made available from  
39 the federal government or state appropriations to pay employers'  
40 contributions on the salaries of such members. In the event the  
41 employers' contributions on such salaries should fail to be paid  
42 in full to the Public Employees' Retirement System, the Board of  
43 Trustees of the Public Employees' Retirement System shall be  
44 prevented from allowing service credit for any such period of  
45 delinquency and such retirants would be allowed only such service  
46 credits as had accrued up to the time of any such delinquency; but  
47 members who remain in the system with their service credits  
48 suspended during any such period of delinquency may obtain full  
49 service credit upon the payment of all employers' contributions  
50 due the retirement system for the entire coverage group.

51       **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
52 and after July 1, 2003.

