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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, 2004.