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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to transfers of membership service for purposes
2 of calculating a retirement allowance under the Iowa public
3 employees' retirement system and the statewide fire and police
4 retirement system.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 97B.49, subsection 16, Code 1997, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. n. (1) For purposes of this paragraph,
4 unless the context otherwise requires:

5 (a) "Average accrued benefit" means the average of the
6 amounts representing the present value of the accrued benefit
7 earned by the member determined by the former system and the
8 present value of the accrued benefit earned by the member
9 determined by the current system.

10 (b) "Current system" means the eligible retirement system
11 created under this chapter in which a person has commenced
12 employment covered by the system after having terminated
13 employment covered by the former system.

14 (c) "Eligible retirement system" means the system created
15 under this chapter and the statewide fire and police
16 retirement system established in chapter 411.

17 (d) "Former system" means the eligible retirement system
18 established in chapter 411 in which a person has terminated
19 employment covered by the system prior to commencing
20 employment covered by the current system.

21 (2) Commencing July 1, 1997, a vested member of an
22 eligible retirement system who terminates employment covered
23 by the former system and, within sixty days, commences
24 employment covered by the current system as a sheriff or
25 deputy sheriff may elect to transfer the average accrued
26 benefit earned from the former system to the current system.
27 The member shall file an application with the current system
28 for transfer of the average accrued benefit within ninety days
29 of the commencement of employment with the current system.

30 (3) Upon receipt of an application for transfer of the
31 average accrued benefit, the current system shall calculate
32 the average accrued benefit and the former system shall
33 transfer to the current system assets in an amount equal to
34 the average accrued benefit. Once the transfer of the average
35 accrued benefit is completed, the member's service under the

1 former system shall be treated as membership service under the
2 current system as a sheriff or deputy sheriff for purposes of
3 this chapter and chapter 411.

4 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 411.32 OPTIONAL TRANSFERS WITH
5 CHAPTER 97B.

6 1. For purposes of this section unless the context
7 otherwise requires:

8 a. "Average accrued benefit" means the average of the
9 amounts representing the present value of the accrued benefit
10 earned by the member as a sheriff or deputy sheriff under the
11 former system determined by the former system and the present
12 value of the accrued benefit earned by the member determined
13 by the current system.

14 b. "Current system" means the eligible retirement system
15 created under this chapter in which a person has commenced
16 employment covered by the system after having terminated
17 employment covered by the former system.

18 c. "Eligible retirement system" means the system created
19 under this chapter and the Iowa public employees' retirement
20 system established in chapter 97B.

21 d. "Former system" means the eligible retirement system
22 established in chapter 97B in which a person has terminated
23 employment covered by the system prior to commencing
24 employment covered by the current system.

25 2. Commencing July 1, 1997, a vested member of an eligible
26 retirement system who terminates employment covered by the
27 former system and, within sixty days, commences employment
28 covered by the current system may elect to transfer the
29 average accrued benefit earned from the former system to the
30 current system. The member shall file an application with the
31 current system for transfer of the average accrued benefit
32 within ninety days of the commencement of employment with the
33 current system.

34 3. Upon receipt of an application for transfer of the
35 average accrued benefit, the current system shall calculate

1 the average accrued benefit and the former system shall
 2 transfer to the current system assets in an amount equal to
 3 the average accrued benefit. Once the transfer of the average
 4 accrued benefit is completed, the member's service under the
 5 former system as a sheriff or deputy sheriff, as defined in
 6 section 97B.49, subsection 16, shall be treated as membership
 7 service under the current system for purposes of this chapter
 8 and chapter 97B.

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EXPLANATION

10 This bill establishes a procedure for allowing vested
 11 members of the Iowa public employees' retirement system
 12 (IPERS) who are sheriffs or deputy sheriffs, and vested
 13 members of the statewide fire and police retirement system
 14 established in Code chapter 411 to transfer to the other
 15 retirement system with credit for years of membership service
 16 in the former system if the member becomes employed and
 17 covered by the other retirement system on or after July 1,
 18 1997. The bill limits the ability to transfer to persons who
 19 transfer to, or from, employment covered under IPERS as a
 20 sheriff or deputy sheriff. The bill provides for the transfer
 21 of assets between the retirement systems to reflect the
 22 transfer of years of service to the applicable retirement
 23 system.

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