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(COMPANION TO LSB 1382SS
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the Iowa public employees' retirement system
2 by permitting the purchase of service credit for employment in
3 an eligible Canadian governmental entity.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 97B.73, subsection 1, Code 1999, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. a. A vested or retired member who has one or more full
4 calendar years of covered wages who was in public employment
5 comparable to employment covered under this chapter in another
6 state or in the federal government, or who was a member of
7 another public retirement system in this state, including but
8 not limited to the teachers insurance annuity association-
9 college retirement equities fund, but who was not retired
10 under that system, upon submitting verification of membership
11 and service in the other public system to the department,
12 including proof that the member has no further claim upon a
13 retirement benefit from that other public system, may make
14 contributions as provided by this section to the system either
15 for the entire period of service in the other public system,
16 or for partial service in the other public system in
17 increments of one or more calendar quarters. If the member
18 wishes to transfer only a portion of the service value of
19 another public system to this system and the other public
20 system allows a partial withdrawal of a member's system
21 credits, the member shall receive credit for membership
22 service in this system equivalent to the period of service
23 transferred from the other public system.

24 b. A vested or retired member who has five or more full
25 calendar years of covered wages who was in public employment
26 comparable to employment covered under this chapter in a
27 qualified Canadian governmental entity may make contributions
28 as provided by this section to the system and receive service
29 credit, in increments of one or more calendar quarters, for up
30 to the lesser of twenty quarters of service credit for such
31 employment or the entire period of service in the other public
32 system. Prior to receiving service credit, the member shall
33 submit verification of membership and service in the other
34 public system to the department, including proof that the
35 member has no further claim upon a retirement benefit from

1 that other public system. If the member wishes to transfer
2 only a portion of the service value of another public system
3 to this system and the other public system allows a partial
4 withdrawal of a member's system credits, the member shall
5 receive credit for membership service in this system
6 equivalent to the period of service transferred from the other
7 public system. For purposes of this paragraph, "qualified
8 Canadian governmental entity" means an elementary school,
9 secondary school, college, or university that is organized,
10 administered, and primarily supported by the provincial,
11 territorial, or federal governments of Canada, or any
12 combination of the same.

13 EXPLANATION

14 | This bill provides that a vested or retired member with
15 five or more full calendar years of covered wages under IPERS
16 may purchase service credit for comparable service as an
17 employee in a qualified Canadian governmental entity. The
18 bill defines qualified Canadian governmental entity as a
19 publicly supported elementary school, secondary school,
20 college or university in Canada. The bill limits the purchase
21 of credit to the lesser of 20 calendar quarters or the length
22 of the qualified Canadian service.

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