

**House Study Bill 59 - Introduced**

HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
WAYS AND MEANS BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON KAUFMANN)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act An Act relating to service credit for military service  
2 under the Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 97B.80, Code 2023, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 1A. Effective July 1, 2023, a vested or  
4 retired member who has one or more full calendar years of  
5 covered wages and who at any time served on active duty in the  
6 armed forces of the United States, upon submitting verification  
7 of the dates of the active duty service, shall receive credit  
8 for membership service and prior service for the period of  
9 time of the active duty service, in increments of one or more  
10 calendar quarters, up to a maximum of sixteen quarters of  
11 membership service and prior service.

12 Sec. 2. Section 97B.80, subsection 2, unnumbered paragraph  
13 1, Code 2023, is amended to read as follows:

14 The contributions required to be made pursuant to subsection  
15 1 for purposes of this section shall be determined as follows:

16 Sec. 3. Section 97B.80, subsections 3 and 4, Code 2023, are  
17 amended to read as follows:

18 3. Verification of active duty service and payment of  
19 contributions, if required, shall be made to the system.  
20 However, a member is not eligible to ~~make contributions~~ receive  
21 credit for membership service and prior service under this  
22 section if the member is receiving, is eligible to receive,  
23 or may in the future be eligible to receive retirement pay  
24 from the United States government for active duty in the armed  
25 forces, except for retirement pay granted by the United States  
26 government under retired pay for nonregular service pursuant to  
27 10 U.S.C. §12731 – 12739. A member receiving retired pay for  
28 nonregular service who ~~makes contributions~~ submits verification  
29 of active duty service under this section shall provide  
30 information required by the system documenting time periods  
31 covered under retired pay for nonregular service.

32 4. a. Effective July 1, 2004, a member eligible for an  
33 increased retirement allowance because of the payment of  
34 contributions pursuant to subsection 1 under this section is  
35 entitled to adjusted payments beginning with the month in which

1 the member pays contributions under this section.

2 b. Effective July 1, 2023, a member eligible for an  
3 increased retirement allowance pursuant to subsection 1A is  
4 entitled to adjusted payments beginning with the month in which  
5 the system verifies the dates of the active duty service of the  
6 member.

7 EXPLANATION

8 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
9 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

10 This bill relates to receiving veteran's credit under the  
11 Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System (IPERS).

12 The bill provides that a vested or retired member under IPERS  
13 who at anytime submits verification of service on active duty  
14 in the armed forces of the United States shall receive credit  
15 for membership service and prior service for the active duty  
16 service up to a maximum of four years of service credit upon  
17 submitting verification of the dates of the military service.  
18 Unlike current law, the bill provides that the IPERS member  
19 shall receive credit for the active duty service without the  
20 requirement of making contributions for that service to the  
21 retirement system.