
HOUSE BILL 1123

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Accountability & Oversight.

1 AN ACT Relating to state agency debt collection; adding a new
2 section to chapter 43.17 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 41.40
3 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.17 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) All state agencies and institutions shall assign all debts over
8 ninety days past due to a collection agency licensed under chapter
9 19.16 RCW.

10 (2) State agencies and institutions contracting for debt collection
11 services under this section must give preference to businesses that
12 have hired state employees displaced by this section. The department
13 of general administration shall develop a process to certify which
14 businesses meet this requirement.

15 (3) Any state employee whose position is displaced as a result of
16 this section shall be eligible for placement on the statewide layoff
17 list for employment by other state agencies. A state employee whose
18 position is displaced as a result of this section and who is not

1 offered employment with the state within ninety days of termination
2 shall receive a severance payment equal to six months of the employee's
3 regular rate of pay at the time of termination.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 41.40 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) A member whose position was displaced as a result of section 1
7 of this act after having first earned fifteen years of service credit
8 while working for the state and who is eligible to retire under RCW
9 41.40.180, 41.40.630, or 41.40.820 may, at the time of filing a written
10 application for retirement with the department, apply to the department
11 for up to five years of additional service credit, subject to the
12 restrictions in this section.

13 (2) A member qualifying for service credit under subsection (1) of
14 this section shall receive additional service credit in the amount of
15 five years, to be reduced by one service credit month for every month
16 of employment that the member works for an employer during the five-
17 year period immediately following the displacement of the member's job
18 as a result of section 1 of this act. The additional service credit
19 granted to a member under this section shall be provided at no cost to
20 the member.

21 (3) Under no circumstances may a member receive more than five
22 years of additional service credit as a result of credit granted under
23 this section and the provisions of RCW 41.40.034. Additional service
24 credit received under this section is not membership service and shall
25 be used exclusively to increase the value of the member's retirement
26 allowance.

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