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**SENATE BILL 6740**

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**By** Senators Fraser, Long, Hale, Kohl-Welles and Rasmussen; by request of Washington State Patrol

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1 AN ACT Relating to service credit for a member of the Washington  
2 state patrol retirement system during paid leave of absence; adding a  
3 new section to chapter 43.43 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 43.43 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) A member who is on a paid leave of absence authorized by a  
8 member's employer shall continue to receive service credit as provided  
9 under the provisions of RCW 43.43.130.

10 (2) A member who receives compensation from an employer while on an  
11 authorized leave of absence to serve as an elected official of a labor  
12 organization, and whose employer is reimbursed by the labor  
13 organization for the compensation paid to the member during the period  
14 of absence, may also be considered to be on a paid leave of absence.  
15 This subsection shall only apply if the member's leave of absence is  
16 authorized by a collective bargaining agreement that provides that the  
17 member retains seniority rights with the employer during the period of  
18 leave. The basic salary reported for a member who establishes service  
19 credit under this subsection may not be greater than the salary paid to

1 the highest paid job class covered by the collective bargaining  
2 agreement.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** Section 1 of this act applies on a  
4 retroactive basis to members for whom compensation and hours were  
5 reported under the circumstances described in section 1 of this act.  
6 Section 1 of this act may also be applied on a retroactive basis to  
7 November 23, 1987, to members for whom compensation and hours would  
8 have been reported except for explicit instructions from the department  
9 of retirement systems.

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