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By House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Conway, Fromhold, Lovick, Kenney, Quall, Simpson and Moeller; by request of Select Committee on Pension Policy)

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1 AN ACT Relating to purchasing service credit in plan 2 and plan 3
2 of the teachers' retirement system for public education experience
3 performed as a teacher in a public school in another state or with the
4 federal government; adding new sections to chapter 41.32 RCW; and
5 providing an effective date.

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

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 41.32 RCW
8 under the subchapter heading "plan 2" to read as follows:

9 (1) An active member who has completed a minimum of five years of
10 creditable service in the teachers' retirement system may, upon written
11 application to the department, make a one-time purchase of up to seven
12 years of service credit for public education experience outside the
13 Washington state retirement system, subject to the following
14 limitations:

15 (a) The public education experience being claimed must have been
16 performed as a teacher in a public school in another state or with the
17 federal government;

18 (b) The public education experience being claimed must have been

1 covered by a retirement or pension plan provided by a state or
2 political subdivision of a state, or by the federal government;

3 (c) The member is not currently receiving a benefit or currently
4 eligible to receive an unreduced retirement benefit from a retirement
5 or pension plan of a state or political subdivision of a state or the
6 federal government that includes the service credit to be purchased;

7 (d) The member has less than ten years of creditable service in the
8 retirement system; and

9 (e) The purchase will not result in the purchase of service credit
10 years that exceed the member's total years of creditable service in the
11 retirement system at the time of purchase.

12 (2) The service credit purchased shall be membership service, and
13 may be used to qualify the member for retirement.

14 (3) The member shall pay the product of the sum of the employer and
15 employee contribution rates multiplied by the member's annualized
16 salary at the time of purchase and further multiplied by the total
17 number of years of service credit to be purchased, plus compounded
18 interest for the period for which the service credit is purchased at a
19 rate equal to the investment rate of return assumption set forth in
20 chapter 41.45 RCW. Compounded interest shall be applied to each year
21 of service credit purchased as follows: No interest for the first
22 year, one years' interest for the second year, two years' interest for
23 the third year, three years' interest for the fourth year, four years'
24 interest for the fifth year, five years' interest for the sixth year,
25 and six years' interest for the seventh year. The applicable employer
26 and employee contribution rates shall be based on the member's age at
27 entry into the retirement system and calculated under the entry age
28 normal cost method.

29 (4) The member may pay all or part of the cost of the service
30 credit to be purchased with a lump sum payment, eligible rollover,
31 direct rollover, or trustee-to-trustee transfer from an eligible
32 retirement plan. The department shall adopt rules to ensure that all
33 lump sum payments, rollovers, and transfers comply with the
34 requirements of the internal revenue code and regulations adopted by
35 the internal revenue service. The rules adopted by the department may
36 condition the acceptance of a rollover or transfer from another plan on
37 the receipt of information necessary to enable the department to

1 determine the eligibility of any transferred funds for tax-free
2 rollover treatment or other treatment under federal income tax law.

3 (5) The employer shall pay an amount sufficient to ensure that the
4 contribution level to the teachers' retirement system will not increase
5 due to a member's one-time purchase of service credit under this
6 section. The employer also may pay all or a portion of the member's
7 cost of the service credit purchased under this section.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 41.32 RCW
9 under the subchapter heading "plan 3" to read as follows:

10 (1) An active member who has completed a minimum of five years of
11 creditable service in the teachers' retirement system may, upon written
12 application to the department, make a one-time purchase of up to seven
13 years of service credit for public education experience outside the
14 Washington state retirement system, subject to the following
15 limitations:

16 (a) The public education experience being claimed must have been
17 performed as a teacher in a public school in another state or with the
18 federal government;

19 (b) The public education experience being claimed must have been
20 covered by a retirement or pension plan provided by a state or
21 political subdivision of a state, or by the federal government;

22 (c) The member is not currently receiving a benefit or currently
23 eligible to receive an unreduced retirement benefit from a retirement
24 or pension plan of a state or political subdivision of a state or the
25 federal government that includes the service credit to be purchased;

26 (d) The member has less than ten years of creditable service in the
27 retirement system; and

28 (e) The purchase will not result in the purchase of service credit
29 years that exceed the member's total years of creditable service in the
30 retirement system at the time of purchase.

31 (2) The service credit purchased shall be membership service, and
32 may be used to qualify the member for retirement.

33 (3) The member shall pay the actuarial value of the resulting
34 increase in the member's benefit calculated in a manner consistent with
35 the department's method for calculating payments for reestablishing
36 service credit under RCW 41.50.165.

1 (4) The member may pay all or part of the cost of the service
2 credit to be purchased with a lump sum payment, eligible rollover,
3 direct rollover, or trustee-to-trustee transfer from an eligible
4 retirement plan. The department shall adopt rules to ensure that all
5 lump sum payments, rollovers, and transfers comply with the
6 requirements of the internal revenue code and regulations adopted by
7 the internal revenue service. The rules adopted by the department may
8 condition the acceptance of a rollover or transfer from another plan on
9 the receipt of information necessary to enable the department to
10 determine the eligibility of any transferred funds for tax-free
11 rollover treatment or other treatment under federal income tax law.

12 (5) The employer also may pay all or a portion of the member's cost
13 of the service credit purchased under this section.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act takes effect January 1, 2007.

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