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SENATE BILL 5617

State of Washington 59th Legislature 2005 Regular Session

By Senators Parlette, Kohl-Welles, Delvin, Doumit, Franklin, Schmidt, McAuliffe and Schoesler; by request of LEOFF Plan 2 Retirement Board

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AN ACT Relating to suspending a retirement allowance upon reemployment; amending RCW 41.26.500 and 41.26.500; providing an effective date; providing an expiration date; and declaring an emergency.

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

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- 6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 41.26.500 and 1998 c 341 s 604 are each amended to 7 read as follows:
 - (1) ((No)) Except under subsection (3) of this section, a retiree under the provisions of plan 2 shall not be eligible to receive such retiree's monthly retirement allowance if he or she is employed in an eligible position as defined in RCW 41.40.010, 41.32.010, or 41.35.010, or as a law enforcement officer or fire fighter as defined in RCW 41.26.030. If a retiree's benefits have been suspended under this section, his or her benefits shall be reinstated when the retiree terminates the employment that caused his or her benefits to be suspended. Upon reinstatement, the retiree's benefits shall be actuarially recomputed pursuant to the rules adopted by the department.
 - (2) The department shall adopt rules implementing this section.

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- (3) A member or retiree who becomes employed in an eligible position as defined in RCW 41.40.010, 41.32.010, or 41.35.010 shall have the option to enter into membership in the corresponding retirement system for that position notwithstanding any provision of RCW 41.04.270. A retiree who elects to enter into plan membership shall have his or her benefits suspended as provided in subsection (1) of this section. A retiree who does not elect to enter into plan membership shall continue to receive his or her benefits without interruption.
- **Sec. 2.** RCW 41.26.500 and 2004 c 242 s 54 are each amended to read 11 as follows:
 - (1) ((No)) Except under subsection (3) of this section, a retiree under the provisions of plan 2 shall not be eligible to receive such retiree's monthly retirement allowance if he or she is employed in an eligible position as defined in RCW 41.40.010, 41.32.010, 41.37.010, or 41.35.010, or as a law enforcement officer or fire fighter as defined in RCW 41.26.030. If a retiree's benefits have been suspended under this section, his or her benefits shall be reinstated when the retiree terminates the employment that caused his or her benefits to be suspended. Upon reinstatement, the retiree's benefits shall be actuarially recomputed pursuant to the rules adopted by the department.
 - (2) The department shall adopt rules implementing this section.
 - (3) A member or retiree who becomes employed in an eligible position as defined in RCW 41.40.010, 41.32.010, 41.35.010, or 41.37.010 shall have the option to enter into membership in the corresponding retirement system for that position notwithstanding any provision of RCW 41.04.270. A retiree who elects to enter into plan membership shall have his or her benefits suspended as provided in subsection (1) of this section. A retiree who does not elect to enter into plan membership shall continue to receive his or her benefits without interruption.
- 32 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 3.** Section 1 of this act expires July 1, 2006.
- 33 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 4.** Section 1 of this act is necessary for the 34 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or

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- 1 support of the state government and its existing public institutions,
- 2 and takes effect immediately.
- 3 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 5.** Section 2 of this act takes effect July 1,
- 4 2006.

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