



# OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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## Bill Analysis

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### **Sub. H.B. 572\***

132nd General Assembly

(As Reported by H. Aging and Long Term Care)

**Reps.** Scherer and Howse, Schuring, K. Smith, Antonio, Boccieri, Brenner, Dever, Patterson, Ramos

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## **BILL SUMMARY**

- Requires the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) Board to grant a full year of service credit to a PERS member employed as a nonteaching school employee of a county board of developmental disabilities if the member performs full-time services in the position for at least nine months of the year and is paid earnable salary in each month of that year.
  - Requires that service credit be granted in the same way for the period beginning January 1, 2017, and ending on the bill's effective date if specified conditions are met.
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## **CONTENT AND OPERATION**

### **Service credit for certain county developmental disabilities board employees**

#### **Change in service credit calculation**

Under continuing law, a Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) member receives a full month of service credit for each month in which the member earns at least a specified amount of earnable salary. "Earnable salary" is generally all salary, wages, and other earnings paid to a member, not including payments such as leave payments or maintenance allowances. For 2018, the earnable salary amount is \$660 a

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\* This analysis was prepared before the report of the House Aging and Long Term Care Committee appeared in the House Journal. Note that the list of co-sponsors and legislative history may be incomplete.

month. Partial credit is granted for months in which a member earns less than that amount.<sup>1</sup>

For service after the bill takes effect, the bill makes an exception to the earnable salary required for full service credit. It requires the PERS Board to grant a full year of service credit to a PERS member if all of the following conditions are met:

(1) The member is employed by a county board of developmental disabilities;

(2) The member's employment would be covered by the School Employees Retirement System (SERS) if the member was employed by an SERS-covered employer, such as a public school district;

(3) The member performs full-time services in the position for at least nine months of the year and is paid earnable salary in each month of that year.<sup>2</sup>

Current law grants a full year of service credit to an SERS member who is employed by an SERS covered employer on a full-time basis for nine or more months of service within a year.<sup>3</sup>

#### **Application of service credit calculation beginning January 1, 2017**

The bill's service credit calculation applies for the period beginning January 1, 2017, and ending on the bill's effective date if both of the following apply:

(1) The member received less than a full year of service credit for employment that would have qualified the member for a full year of service credit had the bill taken effect January 1, 2017;

(2) Not later than 90 days after the bill's effective date, the county board of developmental disabilities that employed the member during the period, acting through the county auditor, reports to PERS the member's name and any additional information required by PERS in the form PERS requires.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 145.01(R) and 145.016, not in the bill, and Public Employees Retirement System, *OPERS Service Credit and Contributing Months* <https://www.opers.org/pubs-archive/leaflets/ISL-F.pdf>.

<sup>2</sup> R.C. 145.018.

<sup>3</sup> R.C. 3309.30, not in the bill.

<sup>4</sup> Section 2.



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## HISTORY

### ACTION

### DATE

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