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SENATE BILL NO. 1009

Offered January 17, 1997

A BILL to amend and reenact § 51.1-155.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to early retirement for certain state employees.

Patrons—Lambert, Houck and Walker

Referred to the Committee on Finance**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That § 51.1-155.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 51.1-155.1. Exceptions from general early retirement provisions for certain state employees.

A. Members of the retirement system (i) whose positions are described by subdivision A 2 (except members of the Judicial Retirement System (§ 51.1-300 et seq.)), A 3, A 4 (except officers elected by popular vote), A 7, A 13, A 14, A 15, A 16, A 17, or A 19 of § 2.1-116 or (ii) agency heads appointed by a state board, state commission, or state council, or school division superintendents appointed by a school board pursuant to § 22.1-60, who are involuntarily separated from state service and who have twenty or more years of creditable service at the date of separation, may retire with the retirement allowance as provided in subdivision A 1 of § 51.1-155, upon attaining age fifty-five.

B. For the purposes of this section, "involuntary separation" means any dismissal, requested resignation, or failure to obtain reappointment, except in case of a conviction for a felony or crime involving moral turpitude or dishonesty.

C. Any state employee who retires under the provisions of this section on or after January 1, 1994, shall be eligible to participate in the state health insurance program as provided in § 2.1-20.1 and receive group life insurance benefits as provided in subsection B of § 51.1-505.

D. Any state employee who retires under the provisions of this section on or after January 1, 1994, shall be eligible to purchase prior service credit for active duty military service or certified creditable service in the retirement system of another state, or both, as provided in subsection B of § 51.1-142, notwithstanding the requirement of subsection B of § 51.1-142 that the state employee have 25 years of creditable service in the Retirement System.

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