

HOUSE BILL 647: Enhanced In-Service Retirement for LEOs.

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OVERVIEW: House Bill 647 would allow certain retired law enforcement officers to be re-employed without suspension of their Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System (LGERS) retirement allowance.

CURRENT LAW: Under current law, retired members of LGERS who become re-employed by an employer participating in the system after their retirement are subject to suspension of retirement benefits.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 647 would allow retired certain LGERS members with at least five years of creditable service as a law enforcement officers to be re-employed without having their retirement allowance suspended. The members must be re-employed either as a school resource officer as an elected sheriff to avoid the suspension of retirement allowance.

In order to avoid the retirement allowance suspension, the LGERS members would either (1) be actively employed as a deputy and elect to continue receiving a retirement allowance, or (2) be re-employed by a sheriff's office or police department more than 90 days after separation of service and not have a pre-arrangement at the time of separation to be re-employed.

The Retirement System would have the ability to assess a correction on any sheriff's office or police department that employed an LGERS member but did not comply with the employment requirements described above.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This bill would be effective July 1, 2021.



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