LEGISLATIVE BILL 236

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Introduced by Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee, Hasebroock, 18, Chmn.; F. Lewis, 45; Luedtke, 28; Stull, 49; Goodrich, 20

AN ACT to amend section 79-1515, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, relating to the school retirement system; to revise the requirements for prior service credit; and to repeal the original section.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. That section 79-1515, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended to read as follows:

79-1515. Under such rules and regulations as the retirement board shall adopt, each person who was a school employee at any time prior to the establishment of this retirement system and who becomes a member of the retirement system shall, within two years after becoming a member, file a detailed statement of all service as a school employee rendered by him prior to the date of establishment of the retirement system; Provided, that in order to qualify for prior service credit toward a service annuity a school employee, unless temporarily out of service for further professional education, service in the armed forces, or for temporary disability, must have completed four years of service on a part or full-time basis during the five calendar years immediately preceding July 1, 1945, or who has completed eighteen years out of the last twenty-five years prior to July 1, 1945, full or part-time, and two years out of the five years immediately preceding July 1, 1945, full part-time, or such school employee must complete, unless temporarily out of service for further professional education, for service in the armed forces, or for temporary disability, four years of service within the five calendar years immediately following July 1, 1945; provided further, that in order to qualify for prior service credit toward a service annuity a school employee shall become a member of the school retirement system of the State of Nebraska on or before July-4 September 30, 1951, or from July 1, 1945 to the date of becoming a member, such person shall have been continuously employed in a public school in Nebraska operating under any other regularly established retirement or pension system; and <u>provided further</u>, any person who, white <u>after having</u>
<u>served as</u> a school employee, entered into and served, or shall enter into and serve, in the armed forces of the United States during a declared emergency, as described and prescribed under such rules and regulations as the retirement board may adopt, and who, within three calendar years after honorable discharge or honorable separation from active duty, or within one year from the date of completion of training provided in Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 or Veterans Readjustment Assistance Act of 1952, became or becomes a school employee, shall be credited, in determining benefits due such members from the school retirement system, for all the time actually served in the armed forces as if such person had been a school employee throughout such declared emergency service in the armed forces.

Sec. 2. That original section 79-1515, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, is repealed.