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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

141st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE BILL NO. 108

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 29 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO THE STATE EMPLOYEE'S PENSION PLAN; AND PROVIDING A CREDITED SERVICE OPTION FOR TEACHERS FORMERLY EMPLOYED IN THE "JOBS FOR DELAWARE GRADUATES" PROGRAM.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

1           Section 1. Amend subsection (b), Section 5501, Chapter 55, Title 29 of the Delaware Code by adding thereto a  
2 new paragraph, designated as paragraph (18), which new paragraph shall read as follows:

3                       "(18) Service with the Jobs for Delaware Graduates (JDG) program; provided however, that receipt of  
4 such credited service by a former JDG employee under this paragraph shall not be automatic, but shall be an  
5 option for such individual to purchase credited service, which option must be affirmatively exercised by the  
6 former JDG employee. No individual shall purchase more than one year of State credited service for each year  
7 of JDG service, up to a maximum total of five years."

8           Section 2. Effective Date.

9                       The provisions of this Act shall become effective on July 1, 2001. Each individual employed by the  
10 JDG before the effective date of this Act, or after such effective date, shall be eligible.

SYNOPSIS

The Jobs for Delaware Graduates (JDG) program is designed to assist select students for transition from school to the workplace. The program begins in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade and continues to the end of high school, plus one year of work placement and training follow-up after graduation. During calendar year 2001 JDG will serve approximately 1,360 students in 25 high schools, and two out-of-school youth programs.

§5501(b) "defines" the term "credited service" for purposes of the State Employee's Pension Plan, and lists those types of service that qualify as credited State service. A number of teachers and counselors in the JDG program each year become teachers within Delaware schools. It is the purpose of this Act to provide, for each JDG employee who becomes a teacher, an option to purchase up to five years of State credited service