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2 150101-4
3 By Representative Wood
4 RFD: State Government
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6 PFD: 01/24/2013

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4 A BILL
5 TO BE ENTITLED
6 AN ACT

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8 Relating to the Employees' Retirement System of
9 Alabama; to allow a member of the retirement system who is
10 away from work because of a job related injury and is
11 receiving workers' compensation benefits pursuant to Section
12 25-5-1, Code of Alabama 1975, to purchase this service.

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

14 Section 1. (a) Notwithstanding any other laws, any
15 active and contributing member of the Employees' Retirement
16 System of Alabama may purchase up to two years of service
17 credit for the time he or she was receiving benefits pursuant
18 to the Alabama Workers' Compensation Act, commencing with
19 Section 25-5-1, Code of Alabama 1975, and was absent from work
20 due to a work related and compensable injury; provided that
21 the member returned to work with his or her covered employer
22 within one year following cessation of workers' compensation
23 benefits. The Board of Control of the Employees' Retirement
24 System shall adopt rules and regulations for the
25 administration of this section including verification of the
26 service that the member desires to purchase credit for in the
27 system. The member shall receive credit for the service when

1 he or she remits to the system the contributions required by
2 subsection (b). Notwithstanding the foregoing language, no
3 member of the Employees' Retirement System shall be eligible
4 to receive credit for any period of time that the member is
5 already credited with in the system or in any other retirement
6 plan, with the exception of the federal Social Security
7 program.

8 (b) Any member who is eligible to purchase service
9 credit in the Employees' Retirement System under subsection
10 (a) shall pay to the Secretary-Treasurer of the system within
11 two years from the end of the disability period for which
12 credit is sought for the claimed service, a lump sum equal to
13 the full actuarially required cost for each year of service
14 credit purchased as determined by the actuary for the system.

15 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
16 first day of the third month following its passage and
17 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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on the calendar with 1 substitute
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Yeas 97, Nays 0, Abstains 0

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Clerk