

The Florida Senate
HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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BILL: CS/SB 420

INTRODUCER: Committee on Governmental Operations and Senator Lawson (Schools & Learning Council and Rep. Simmons)

SUBJECT: State Retirement Programs

PREPARED BY: Senate Committee on Higher Education

DATE: May 2, 2007

I. Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 – 976363 to CS/SB 420 (body with title)

House Amendment 2 – 070557 to CS/SB 420 (body with title)

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 amends s. 112.0801, F.S., which addresses group insurance programs provided for state agencies, counties, municipalities, special districts, community colleges, and district school boards. This provision defines a retiree as an officer or employee who retires under a state retirement system, or a state optional annuity or retirement program, or who is receiving disability retirement. To be considered as a retired officer or employee under the Public Employee Optional Retirement Program (State Investment Plan), the member must meet six years of creditable service, and comply with statutory age and service requirements, contingent on class of service, and age requirements pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code.

House Amendment 2 amends s. 1012.33, F.S., to provide that a district school board is not required to recognize and accept years of full-time public school teaching service earned out-of-state by reemployed instructional personnel for purposes of credit.

This provision should result in a cost savings as out-of-state experience will not be considered for purposes of determining salary rates for second career instructional personnel.