



ERS Law Enforcement – 5 YR Purchase – House Bill 690

We wanted to make you aware of the following information. House Bill 690 which was passed during the spring legislative session will go into effect on July 1, 2016. This bill will allow certain law enforcement officers under the Employees' Retirement System of Georgia (ERS) to obtain creditable service credit of up to 5 years by paying the full actuarial cost to purchase the additional service credit. This applies to any member in the Department of Public Safety (DPS), Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI), Alcohol/Tobacco Officer or agent of the Department of Revenue (DOR) and State-paid DA investigators.

Officers will receive credit for full-time employment with local governments as law enforcement officers with arrest powers under the following conditions:

- 1) Must be a vested member of ERS (at least 10 years of service)
- 2) Officer was not eligible for a retirement plan in a former local government capacity
- 3) Must have been employed in a full-time capacity in a former local government role
- 4) Pay the full actuarial cost up to 5 years
- 5) Make a formal request to the ERS Board

Please pass along this information to employees that could potentially be impacted by the new bill (i.e. vested ERS member & Law Enforcement Officers). For ADP Institutions, you can download a copy of your Vested ERS members from the SSC secure FTP website.

For more information visit www.ers.ga.gov and click New 2016 enacted legislation.