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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT ADOPTED

March 17, 2015

**S. 381**

Introduced by Senators Shealy, Bright, Turner, Johnson, Young, Jackson, Grooms, Sabb, Thurmond, Massey, Allen, Sheheen, Davis, Hembree, L. Martin, Bryant, Peeler, Alexander and Lourie

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TO AMEND SECTION 8‑11‑620(A)(1) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO LEAVE AND LUMP‑SUM PAYMENTS UPON TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT, TO PROVIDE THAT ANY PUBLIC EMPLOYEE WHO IS TERMINATED WITHIN ONE YEAR OF FULL RETIREMENT SHALL HAVE FIVE DAYS AFTER TERMINATION TO PURCHASE THE REMAINING TIME.

Amend Title To Conform

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 8‑11‑620(A)(1) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 8‑11‑620. (A)(1) Upon termination from state employment, an employee may take both annual leave and a lump‑sum payment for unused leave, but this combination may not exceed forty‑five days in a calendar year except as provided in Section 8‑11‑610. If an employee dies, the employee’s legal representative is entitled to a lump‑sum payment for the employee’s unused leave, not to exceed forty‑five working days, except as provided in Section 8‑11‑610. An active member of the South Carolina Retirement System or South Carolina Police Officers Retirement System who is terminated within one year of retirement eligibility shall have five business days after the date of termination to purchase any service credit that the member is otherwise eligible to purchase as provided in Section 9‑1‑1140 or Section 9‑11‑50 in order to attain retirement eligibility.”

SECTION 2. Section 9‑1‑1140 of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 278 of 2012, is further amended by adding a subsection at the end to read:

“(O) An active member who is terminated within one year of retirement eligibility shall have five business days after the date of termination to purchase any service credit that the member is otherwise eligible to purchase under this section.”

SECTION 3. Section 9‑11‑50 of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 278 of 2012, is further amended by adding a subsection at the end to read:

“(O) An active member who is terminated within one year of retirement eligibility shall have five business days after the date of termination to purchase any service credit that the member is otherwise eligible to purchase under this section.”

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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