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House Bill 3211

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Committee on Pensions and Retirement then

Finance]

1   A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,

2   designated §8-22-6a, relating to authorizing service credit for unused accrued annual or

3   sick leave days for use in determining retirement benefits from the municipal police and

4   firefighter retirement systems still administered by municipalities.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 22. RETIREMENT BENEFITS GENERALLY; POLICEMEN'S PENSION AND RELIEF FUND; FIREMEN'S PENSION AND RELIEF FUND; PENSION PLANS FOR EMPLOYEES OF WATERWORKS SYSTEM, SEWERAGE SYSTEM OR COMBINED WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE SYSTEM.

§8-22-6a. Retirement credited service through member's use, as option, of accrued annual or sick leave days.

1   Any member accruing annual leave or sick leave days may, after the effective date of this

2   section, elect to use the days at the time of retirement to acquire additional credited service in this

3   retirement system. The days shall be applied on the basis of two workdays' credit granted for each

4   one day of accrued annual or sick leave days, with each month of retirement service credit to equal

5   20 workdays and with any remainder of 10 workdays or more to constitute a full month of

6   additional credit and any remainder of less than 10 workdays to be dropped and not used,

7   notwithstanding any provisions of this code to the contrary. The credited service shall be allowed

8   and not considered to controvert the requirement of no more than 12 months' credited service in

9   any year's period.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide optional retirement service credit for municipal police and firefighters via accrued annual or sick leave days.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.