

1 **H. B. 2283**

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3 (By Delegate Border)

4 [Introduced January 12, 2011; referred to the  
5 Committee on Pensions and Retirement then Finance.]

6 **FISCAL**  
7 **NOTE**

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10 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by  
11 adding thereto a new section, designated §5-10-15c, relating  
12 to public employees receiving credit toward their West  
13 Virginia public employee retirement benefits for service in  
14 the Peace Corps.

15 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

16 That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended  
17 by adding thereto a new section, designated §5-10-15c, to read as  
18 follows:

19 **ARTICLE 10. WEST VIRGINIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ACT.**

20 **§5-10-15c. Peace Corps service credit.**

21 (a) The Legislature recognizes the men and women of this state  
22 who have served their country in the cause of peace by living and  
23 working in developing countries for the Peace Corps.

1       (b) In addition to any benefit provided by federal law, any  
2 member of the retirement system who has previously served in or  
3 enters the active service of the Peace Corps shall receive credited  
4 service for the time spent in the Peace Corps, not to exceed five  
5 years, if the member substantiates by appropriate documentation or  
6 evidence his or her active Peace Corps service and entry into Peace  
7 Corps service.

8       (c) Any member of the retirement system who enters the active  
9 service of the Peace Corps shall receive the credit provided by  
10 this section regardless of whether he or she was a public employee  
11 at the time of entering the Peace Corps.

12       (d) In any case of doubt as to the period of service to be  
13 credited a member under the provisions of this section, the board  
14 of trustees has the final power to determine this period.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to grant Peace Corps members credited service toward the West Virginia public employees retirement benefits, even if they are not public employees at the time of their service.

This section is new; therefore, it has been completely underscored.