

# WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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### House Bill 4614

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[Introduced February 10, 2022; Referred to the  
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  
 4 each one day of accrued annual or sick leave days, with each month of retirement service credit  
 5 to equal 20 workdays and with any remainder of 10 workdays or more to constitute a full month  
 6 of 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.