

1 **State of Arkansas**  
2 **80th General Assembly**  
3 **Regular Session, 1995**  
4 **By: Senator Snyder**

# A Bill

**ACT 882 OF 1995**  
**SENATE BILL 464**

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES'  
9 RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PERS) TO PURCHASE SERVICE CREDIT FOR  
10 THE EQUIVALENT OF TIME LOST DUE TO PHYSICAL INJURY OR  
11 DISABLING DISEASE FOR WHICH WORKERS ARE ON LEAVE WITHOUT  
12 PAY STATUS; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER  
13 PURPOSES."

## Subtitle

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16 "TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF PERS TO PURCHASE  
17 SERVICE CREDIT FOR TIME ON LEAVE WITHOUT  
18 PAY STATUS DUE TO PHYSICAL INJURY OR  
19 DISABLING DISEASE."

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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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23 SECTION 1. Any member of the Public Employees' Retirement System who  
24 suffers from or who has suffered in the past from a physical injury or  
25 disabling disease for which the employee was deemed disabled for Social  
26 Security purposes and for which the employee was forced to take time off from  
27 work in a leave without pay status, and whose accumulation of credited service  
28 in the Public Employees' Retirement System would otherwise be reduced due to  
29 the lost time at work, shall be entitled to obtain equivalent credited service  
30 for the actual time period of leave without pay for the lost service credit by  
31 paying to the system the amount of money both he and the employer would have  
32 contributed had his time in service not been reduced, plus interest at the  
33 rate of six percent (6%) per annum, compounded, calculated from the date the  
34 contributions would have been made until the date payment is made to the  
35 Public Employees' Retirement System.

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1 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of general and permanent nature  
2 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
3 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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5 SECTION 3. If any provisions of this act or the application thereof to  
6 any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect  
7 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
8 the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
9 act are declared to be severable.

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11 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
12 hereby repealed.

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14 SECTION 5. Emergency. It is hereby found and determined by the  
15 Eightieth General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that certain members of  
16 the Public Employees' Retirement System are being denied retirement service  
17 credit due to lost time at work from disabling diseases or physical injuries  
18 through no fault of their own; that this restriction is inequitable and should  
19 be changed to allow those employees to purchase the service credit for the  
20 equivalent amount of that leave without pay time; and that this restriction  
21 should be removed as soon as practicable to avoid an undue hardship to injured  
22 public employees. Therefore, in order to reduce the inequities of the Public  
23 Employees' Retirement System, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and  
24 this act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace,  
25 health, and safety, shall be in full force and effect from and after its  
26 passage and approval.

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28 APPROVED: 4-3-95

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