

House Bill 385

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to retirement and
2 pensions, so as to add appropriate references to the United States Space Force; to make
3 conforming changes; to provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to
4 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to retirement and pensions, is
8 amended in Code Section 47-1-60, relating to definitions relative to establishing creditable
9 service by veterans, by revising paragraph (5) of subsection (a) as follows:

10 "(5) 'Uniformed services' means the United States Army, Army Reserve, Army National
11 Guard, Navy, Navy Reserve, Marine Corps, Marine Corps Reserve, Air Force, Air Force
12 Reserve, Space Force, Space Force Reserve, Air National Guard, Coast Guard, the
13 commissioned corps of the Public Health Service, and any other category of persons
14 designated by the President of the United States in time of war or emergency."

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15 **SECTION 2.**

16 Said title is further amended in of Code Section 47-7-88, relating to impact of active duty
17 military service upon receipt of creditable service time, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

18 "(a) The provisions of this Code section apply solely to any member of the fund who left
19 active employment as a firefighter as a result of being called to active duty as a member
20 of the Army or Air ~~Force~~ National Guard or the Army Reserve, Air Force Reserve, Navy
21 Reserve, Space Force Reserve, or Marine Corps Reserve and who returned to employment
22 as a firefighter upon being released from such active duty."

23 **SECTION 3.**

24 Said title is further amended by revising Code Section 47-24-81, relating to transfer of
25 service credits, as follows:

26 "47-24-81.

27 In addition to the creditable service allowed pursuant to Code Section 47-24-80, any
28 member shall receive creditable service for any past service as a member of the United
29 States Army, Army Reserve, Army National Guard, Navy, Navy Reserve, Marine Corps,
30 Marine Corps Reserve, Air Force, Air Force Reserve, Space Force, Space Force Reserve,
31 Air National Guard, or Coast Guard if such service meets the same requirement for
32 creditable time served as set forth for nonregular service retirement under Chapter 67 of
33 Title 10 of the United States Code."

34 **SECTION 4.**

35 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2024, only if it is determined to have been
36 concurrently funded as provided in Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia
37 Annotated, the "Public Retirement Systems Standards Law"; otherwise, this Act shall not
38 become effective and shall be automatically repealed in its entirety on July 1, 2024, as
39 required by subsection (a) of Code Section 47-20-50.

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SECTION 5.

41 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.