

The Senate Committee on Retirement offered the following substitute to HB 385:

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 **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, Air National Guard, Coast Guard, the commissioned corps of the  
13 Public Health Service, and any other category of persons designated by the President of  
14 the United States in time of war or emergency."

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, or Marine Corps Reserve and who returned to employment as a firefighter upon  
22 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, Air National Guard, or  
31 Coast Guard if such service meets the same requirement for creditable time served as set  
32 forth for nonregular service retirement under Chapter 67 of Title 10 of the United States  
33 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.