

House Bill 484

By: Representatives Carter of the 93rd, Beverly of the 143rd, Evans of the 57th, Oliver of the 82nd, Blackmon of the 146th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 3 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
2 Teachers Retirement System of Georgia, so as to extend the sunset date of an option for
3 full-time employment of certain beneficiaries; to increase the number of the areas of highest
4 need relative to the full-time employment beneficiaries; to provide for related matters; to
5 provide conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and
6 for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Chapter 3 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Teachers
10 Retirement System of Georgia, is amended by revising subsections (a) and (d) of Code
11 Section 47-3-127.1, relating to full-time employment of beneficiaries permitted under limited
12 conditions, required employer contributions, and areas of highest need, as follows:

13 "(a) From July 1, 2022, until June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027, notwithstanding the provisions of Code
14 Section 47-3-127, to the extent and under the conditions provided for in this Code section,
15 a public school system may employ a beneficiary who has obtained 30 years of creditable
16 service in this retirement system in a full-time capacity as a certified teacher of

17 pre-kindergarten through grade 12 who has as his or her primary responsibility the
18 academic instruction of students in a classroom in an area of highest need determined for
19 the RESA to which such public school system is assigned, provided that at least one year
20 has expired from the effective date of such beneficiary's retirement and he or she was not
21 restored to service as a teacher pursuant to Code Section 47-3-127 during such period of
22 time."

23 "(d)(1) As used in this Code section, 'area of highest need' means one of the ~~three~~ six
24 content areas for which there are the greatest percentages of unfilled positions for
25 classroom teachers in a RESA.

26 (2) The areas of highest need shall be determined for each RESA annually by the
27 Department of Education after consultation with the Professional Standards Commission.
28 Such determinations shall be based upon a five-year average review of a survey reported
29 by local school systems to the Department of Education. The areas of highest need for
30 each RESA shall be reported to the retirement system on an annual basis beginning
31 July 1, 2022, and ending July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026."

32 **SECTION 2.**

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

38 **SECTION 3.**

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