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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations, Reform, Technology and Elections

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to retirement; Teachers Retirement Association; authorizing the purchase  
1.3 of service credit for prior Illinois teaching service.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **TEACHERS RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION; SERVICE CREDIT**  
1.6 **PURCHASE AUTHORIZATION.**

1.7 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 354, to the  
1.8 contrary, an eligible person described in paragraph (b) may purchase allowable and  
1.9 formula service credit under Minnesota Statutes, section 354.05, subdivisions 13 and 25,  
1.10 from the Teachers Retirement Association, for the period of prior out-of-state teaching  
1.11 service specified in paragraph (c), by making the payment required under paragraph (d).

1.12 (b) An eligible person is a person who:

1.13 (1) was born on April 7, 1976;

1.14 (2) was a teacher at the Edwardsville High School in O'Fallon, Illinois, during the  
1.15 1998-1999, 1999-2000, 2000-2001, and 2001-2002 school years;

1.16 (3) was a teacher for Independent School District No. 196, Rosemount, at the  
1.17 Apple Valley High School during the 2002-2003, 2003-2004, 2004-2005, 2005-2006,  
1.18 and 2006-2007 school years; and

1.19 (4) was on a leave of absence from Independent School District No. 196,  
1.20 Rosemount, for the 2007-2008 school year.

1.21 (c) The period of prior service credit available for purchase is up to 4.188 years,  
1.22 representing Illinois teaching service rendered during the 1998-1999, 1999-2000,  
1.23 2000-2001, and 2001-2002 school years. The prior service credit may not exceed one year  
1.24 of service credit in any school year and may not include any prior teaching service that

2.1 entitles the eligible person to a current or deferred age and service retirement annuity or  
2.2 disability benefit from the Illinois Teachers Retirement System or that was previously  
2.3 subject to a prior service credit purchase from another defined benefit public employee  
2.4 retirement plan.

2.5 (d) The purchase payment amount under this section is the amount calculated under  
2.6 Minnesota Statutes, section 356.551. If permitted by federal law and Illinois state law, the  
2.7 purchase payment obligation may be met in whole or in part by an institution to institution  
2.8 transfer of the eligible person's account balance in the Illinois Teachers Retirement System.

2.9 (e) The election to purchase prior service credit under this section must be made  
2.10 in writing and must be filed with the executive director of the Teachers Retirement  
2.11 Association. The executive director of the Teachers Retirement System may require the  
2.12 documentation of the applicability of this section and any other relevant information  
2.13 from the eligible person.

2.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE; EXPIRATION.** This section is effective the day following  
2.15 final enactment and expires on January 1, 2010.