93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

40 ILCS 5/15-113.3

from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 15-113.3

Amends the State Universities Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that the 5 years of credit for military service that a person may establish does not need to follow a period of employment with an employer under the State Universities Article or the State Employees Article (now all but 2 years must immediately follow a period of employment with an employer under the State Universities Article or the State Employees Article). Provides that a person who establishes credit for military service that does not immediately follow employment with an employer under the State Universities Article or the State Employees Article is not required to pay interest on required contributions. Effective immediately.

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AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Illinois Pension Code is amended by changing
Section 15-113.3 as follows:

6 (40 ILCS 5/15-113.3) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 15-113.3)

Sec. 15-113.3. Service for periods of military service. 7 "Service for periods of military service": Those periods, not 8 exceeding 5 years, during which a person served in the armed 9 forces of the United States, of which all but 2 years must have 10 immediately followed a period of employment with an employer 11 under this System or the State Employees' Retirement System of 12 Illinois; provided that the person received a discharge other 13 14 than dishonorable and again became an employee under this 15 System within one year after discharge. However, for the up to 2 years of military service not immediately following 16 17 employment, the applicant must make contributions to the System 18 equal to (1) 8% of the employee's basic compensation on the 19 last date as a participating employee prior to such military 20 service, or on the first date as a participating employee after 21 such military service, whichever is greater, plus (2) an amount 22 determined by the board to be equal to the employer's normal cost of the benefits accrued for such military service, plus 23 (3) interest on items (1) and (2) at the effective rate from 24 25 the later of the date of first membership in the System or the 26 date of conclusion of military service to the date of payment. The change in the required contribution for purchased military 27 28 credit made by this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly 1993 does not entitle any person to a refund of contributions 29 30 already paid. The contributions paid under this Section are not normal contributions as defined in Section 15-114 or additional 31 contributions as defined in Section 15-115. 32

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1 The changes to this Section made by this amendatory Act of 2 1991 shall apply not only to persons who on or after its effective date are in service under the System, but also to 3 persons whose employment terminated prior to that date, whether 4 5 or not the person is an annuitant on that date. In the case of an annuitant who applies for credit allowable under this 6 Section for a period of military service that did not 7 8 immediately follow employment, and who has made the required credit, the annuity shall 9 contributions for such be recalculated to include the additional service credit, with the 10 11 increase taking effect on the date the System received written 12 notification of the annuitant's intent to purchase the credit, 13 if payment of all the required contributions is made within 60 days of such notice, or else on the first annuity payment date 14 15 following the date of payment of the required contributions. In 16 calculating the automatic annual increase for an annuity that 17 has been recalculated under this Section, the increase attributable to the additional service allowable under this 18 19 amendatory Act of 1991 shall be included in the calculation of 20 automatic annual increases accruing after the effective date of the recalculation. 21

22 (Source: P.A. 93-347, eff. 7-24-03.)

23 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon24 becoming law.