

HCS HB 131 -- LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

This bill gives jurisdiction pertaining to suits and any disputes regarding the Local Government Employees' Retirement System (LAGERS) to the circuit court of Cole County.

If a former member of the retirement system becomes reemployed in a position covered by the system and the reemployment occurs within a period of 10 years from the date of last membership, the member's credited service which was forfeited will be restored.

The bill also suspends full-time students' dependent child benefits under LAGERS during any period of military duty. Upon a student's return to school, the benefits will be reinstated. The student's benefit period will be extended by the number of months of military service, but will cease when the student reaches 25 years of age.

Under current law, a disability allowance under LAGERS is adjusted by the amount of workers' compensation benefit, federal Social Security insurance, or other monthly personal service received for any gainful employment. The bill repeals this section of law and allows the full disability allowance.