

## Session 115 - (2003-2004)

### **S 0080 General Bill, By Leventis, Reese, Elliott, Drummond, Matthews and Thomas**

**Similar (S 0003, H 3203)**

**Summary:** State Employees terminated due to budget cuts; deals with provision to provide health and dental insurance coverage and to buy back retirement and leave benefits in certain circumstances

A BILL TO ADD SECTION 9-1-1520 TO REQUIRE AGENCIES TO PURCHASE RETIREMENT SERVICE CREDIT OF UP TO THREE YEARS FOR EMPLOYEES THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN ELIGIBLE, UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES, TO RETIRE WITHIN THREE YEARS AFTER BEING TERMINATED AS A RESULT OF AN AGENCY REDUCTION IN FORCE CAUSED BY A MANDATED REDUCTION IN THE AGENCY BUDGET; TO ADD SECTION 8-11-75 MANDATING THAT EMPLOYEES TERMINATED AS A RESULT OF A MANDATED REDUCTION IN THE AGENCY BUDGET ARE ELIGIBLE FOR STATE HEALTH AND DENTAL INSURANCE AND REQUIRE THAT THE EMPLOYEE AND EMPLOYER SHARE OF STATE HEALTH AND DENTAL INSURANCE BE PROVIDED TO TERMINATED EMPLOYEES FOR UP TO ONE YEAR; AND TO REQUIRE THAT TERMINATED EMPLOYEES RETURNING TO SERVICE WITHIN A TWO YEAR PERIOD HAVE THEIR BENEFITS CALCULATED AS IF THERE HAD BEEN NO BREAK IN SERVICE AND TO PERMIT THESE EMPLOYEES TO PURCHASE BACK RETIREMENT AND LEAVE BENEFITS.

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