

Introduced by Committee on Public Employment and Retirement (Senators Soto (Chair), Karnette, and Romero)

March 14, 2002

An act to amend Section 21023.5 of the Government Code, relating to public employees' retirement, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 2094, as introduced, Committee on Public Employment and Retirement. Public employees' retirement: public service.

Under the Public Employees' Retirement Law, service retirement allowances are calculated, in part, based on years of credited service. Members may, under existing law, elect to receive service credit for public service as a volunteer in the Peace Corps or the AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) program. Member contributions to the Public Employees' Retirement System are deposited in the Public Employees' Retirement Fund, a continuously appropriated fund.

This bill would provide that members of the Public Employees' Retirement System may elect to receive service credit for public service as a volunteer in any other AmeriCorps program. By increasing the amount of employee contributions to the Public Employees' Retirement Fund, the bill would make an appropriation.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 21023.5 of the Government Code is
2 amended to read:

1 21023.5. (a) “Public service” for purposes of this article also
2 means time served, not to exceed three years, as a volunteer in the
3 Peace Corps or, AmeriCorps: ~~Volunteers~~ VISTA (*Volunteers In*
4 *Service To America America*), or AmeriCorps.

5 (b) This section shall not apply to any contracting agency nor
6 to the employees of any contracting agency until the agency elects
7 to be subject to this section by contract or by amendment to its
8 contract made in the manner prescribed for approval of contracts.

9 (c) Any member electing to receive credit for service under this
10 section shall make the contributions as specified in Sections 21050
11 and 21052. This section applies to past and future service in the
12 Peace Corps or, AmeriCorps: ~~Volunteers~~ VISTA (*Volunteers In*
13 *Service To America America*), or AmeriCorps.

