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**SENATE BILL 6616**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** Senators Lias and Van De Wege

1 AN ACT Relating to retirement benefits for certain employees that  
2 provided emergency medical services prior to July 27, 2003; and  
3 adding a new section to chapter 41.40 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 41.40  
6 RCW under the subchapter heading "provisions applicable to plan 1,  
7 plan 2, and plan 3" to read as follows:

8 (1) An employee providing emergency medical services for a  
9 consortium of local governments, where some of those local  
10 governments qualified as public employees' retirement system  
11 employers at the time the service was rendered shall receive credit  
12 for service performed prior to July 27, 2003, as a full-time  
13 emergency medical technician serving the consortium to the public  
14 employees' retirement system. This service credit is only available  
15 to employees who performed services for a consortium of local  
16 governments fully contained within the boundaries of a county whose  
17 population on the effective date of this section exceeds two million  
18 residents.

19 (2)(a) The department of retirement systems shall treat the  
20 county as the employer for purposes of this section. This employer  
21 classification:

1 (i) Is solely for the purpose of streamlining reporting service  
2 and compensation credit and paying contributions for periods of  
3 service covered by this section; and

4 (ii) Does not mean that the county is the employee's employer for  
5 any other purpose.

6 (b) All employee and employer contributions required for past  
7 periods of service established under this section shall be paid by  
8 the employer identified for purposes of this section.

9 (i) Employee contributions shall be calculated by the department  
10 equal to the contributions that would have been paid by the employee  
11 had the employee been a member of the public employees' retirement  
12 system.

13 (ii) Employer contributions shall be calculated by the department  
14 equal to the contributions that would have been paid by the employer  
15 had the employee been reported in the public employees' retirement  
16 system.

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