HB 631 -- Missouri Department of Transportation and Highway Patrol Employees' Retirement System

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Currently, a uniformed member of the State Highway Patrol may purchase up to four years of his or her prior creditable service as a nonfederal, full-time public employee if he or she is not receiving or eligible to receive credits or benefits from any other public plan for the service being purchased. This bill allows any member of the Missouri Department of Transportation and Highway Patrol Employees' Retirement System (MPERS) to purchase the service.

The purchase of this service must be completed prior to retirement or termination of employment. If a member who purchased service dies prior to retirement, the surviving spouse can receive a refund of the amount contributed for the purchase if he or she is not eligible for survivor benefits.