

Public Law 87-224

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AN ACT

To provide specific authority for Federal payments of the employer's share of the cost of retirement systems for civilian employees of the National Guard and to extend the authority for withholding employee contributions to State retirement systems by permitting deductions of employees' contributions to State-sponsored plans providing retirement disability or death benefits.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act of June 15, 1956 (ch. 390, 70 Stat. 283; 5 U.S.C. 84d), is amended to read as follows:

"Where—

"(1) the law of any State or territory or Puerto Rico provides for the payment of employee contributions to employee retirement systems of such State or territory or Puerto Rico or to any plan sponsored by such State or territory or Puerto Rico providing retirement, disability, or death benefits, by withholding sums from the compensation of employees of such State or territory or Puerto Rico, and making returns of such sums to the authorities of such State or territory or Puerto Rico, or to the person or organization designated by such authorities to receive sums withheld for such program; and

"(2) civilian employees of the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard, other than those employed by the National Guard Bureau, are eligible for membership in an employee retirement system of a State or territory or Puerto Rico or other plan sponsored by the State or territory or Puerto Rico, then the Secretary of Defense, pursuant to such regulation as may be promulgated by the President, is authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with such State or territory or Puerto Rico within one hundred and twenty days of the request for agreement from the proper official of such State or territory or Puerto Rico. Such agreement shall provide that the Department of Defense shall comply with the requirements of such law in the case of employees subject to this Act who are eligible for membership in retirement system for employees of a State or territory or Puerto Rico, and the disbursing officers paying such employees shall withhold and pay over to such retirement system or to the person or organization designated by the authorities of such State or territory or Puerto Rico to receive sums withheld for such purposes from the employee contributions for such employees."

SEC. 2. Section 709(f) of title 32, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following: "Compensation authorized under this section may include the amounts of the employer's contributions to retirement systems. Such contributions shall not exceed 6½ per centum of the compensation on which such contributions are based."

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