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S 908. FIRE AND RESCUE SEPARATION ALLOWANCES. Filed 3/25/09. *TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL SEPARATION ALLOWANCE FOR CAREER FIREFIGHTERS AND CAREER RESCUE SQUAD WORKERS.*

Adds new Article 12G to GS Chapter 143 to provide for separation allowances for career firefighters and career rescue squad workers. Adds new GS 143-166.90 to define *beneficiary*, *career firefighter*, *career rescue squad worker*, and *employer*.

Adds new GS 143-166.91 to authorize eligible career firefighters and career rescue squad workers and certain former career firefighters and career rescue squad workers who were permanently disabled in the line of duty to receive an annual separation allowance equal to 0.575% of the annual equivalent of the base rate of compensation most recently applicable to the individual for each year of creditable service. The allowance must be paid in equal installments on the payroll frequency used by the employer. Defines *creditable service*. Specifies when payments will cease. Specifies that the separation allowance payments do not affect the benefits to which an individual may be entitled from state, federal, or private retirement systems. The benefits are not subject to any increases in salary or retirement allowances that may be granted to local employees by any employer. Specifies that the governing body for each local unit is responsible for making eligibility determinations and for making the separation allowance payments. Effective July 1, 2010, and appears to intend that proposed subsection (e) becomes effective October 1, 2009.

Intro. by Clodfelter.

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