

DATE: January 10, 2018

TO: Los Rios Employee Subject to CalPERS Membership

FROM: Human Resources Department

SUBJECT: Notification of CalPERS Military Service Credit Options - Senate Bill (SB) 294

Senate Bill (SB) 294 went into effect January 1, 2017, and amended Government Code (G.C.) sections 20997, 21024, and 21029 of Public Employees Retirement Law (PERL).

Summary of Amendments to Government Code Sections:

G.C. section 20997, Military Service-Employer Contribution, provides for a member to receive service credit for his/her military leave of absence at no member cost, under specific conditions. This new bill requires us, the employer, to notify you of this right and provide the request form (PERS-MSD-369A) within 30 days of your return to employment from a military leave of absence. This new unique form for Military leave of absence service credit will state that the member will not be obligated to pay for the service credit if eligibility is determined under section 20997.

Note: The employer providing the request form to the member is not a guarantee of eligibility. CalPERS will determine the member's eligibility under section 20997 upon receiving the completed request form.

G.C. section 21024, Public Service-Military Service-Local Member, and section 21029, Public Service-Military Service-State or School Member, provide for a member to purchase service credit for past active duty military service, served prior to establishing CalPERS membership. The new bill requires us, the employer, to notify you of this right at your time of hire.

Note: The employer informing the member of the right to purchase past military service credit in CalPERS is not a guarantee of eligibility. CalPERS will determine the member's eligibility upon receiving the completed request form.

CalPERS publication 15 "A guide to your CalPERS Military Service Credit Options" contains information for military service credit options as well as the request forms. This publication is available at the following website:

<https://www.calpers.ca.gov/docs/forms-publications/military-service-credit-guide.pdf>

Please contact Los Rios Community College District Human Resources (916) 568-3112 or CalPERS (888) 225-7377 or TTY (877) 549-7442.

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