

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

Act 1616 of 2001
SENATE BILL 216

5 By: Senator Bisbee
6 By: *Representative Hausam*
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 24-4-101, AS
11 AMENDED BY ACT 151 OF 2001, TO CLARIFY THE
12 DEFINITION OF "POLICE OFFICER" AS USED FOR PUBLIC
13 SAFETY CREDIT IN THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT
14 SYSTEM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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17 TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF "POLICE
18 OFFICER" AS USED FOR PUBLIC SAFETY
19 CREDIT IN THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES'
20 RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 24-4-101(34)(B), as amended by Act 151 of
26 2001, concerning the definition of "police officer" as used for public safety
27 service credit in the Public Employees' Retirement System, is amended to read
28 as follows:

29 (B)(i) "Police officer" means any regular or permanent
30 employee whose primary duty is law enforcement of a municipal police
31 department, a county sheriff's office, or the Department of Arkansas State
32 Police, including probationary police officers, and shall also include
33 wildlife officers of the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission and all
34 officers and the Director of the State Capitol Police within the office of the
35 Secretary of State.

36 (ii) An officer who, although assigned to

1 administrative duties, is still subject to call for service at patrol duty or
2 duty in the field, or is subject to call for duties in emergency situations
3 requiring the officer to be armed with a firearm, shall be considered to have
4 the primary duty of law enforcement for the purpose of this subdivision
5 (14)(B).

6 ~~(ii)~~(iii) The term "police officer" shall not include
7 any civilian employee of a police department or any person temporarily
8 employed as a police officer during an emergency.

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10 SECTION 2. [THE ARKANSAS CODE REVISION COMMISSION IS NOT REQUIRED TO
11 CODIFY THIS SECTION.] No benefit enhancement provided for by this act shall
12 be implemented if it would cause the publicly supported retirement system's
13 unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities to exceed a thirty (30) year
14 amortization. No benefit enhancement provided for by this act shall be
15 implemented by any publicly supported system which has unfunded actuarial
16 accrued liabilities being amortized over a period exceeding thirty (30) years
17 until the unfunded actuarial accrued liability is reduced to a level less than
18 the standards prescribed by Arkansas Code, Title 24.

19 /s/ Bisbee

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