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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1368

5 By: Representative Baltz
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7 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PURCHASE OF SERVICE CREDIT BY
9 PUBLIC SAFETY MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC
10 EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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13 **Subtitle**

14 CONCERNING THE PURCHASE OF SERVICE CREDIT
15 BY PUBLIC SAFETY MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS
16 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 24-4-1004 is amended to read as follows:

22 24-4-1004. Determination of benefits for civilian firefighters of
23 State Military Department – Responsibility for additional costs.

24 (a) For purposes of determining benefits under this chapter, all
25 credited service, whenever earned, of persons employed as civilian
26 firefighters of the State Military Department as of July 1, 1997, and of
27 persons thereafter employed in those positions shall be treated as public
28 safety member service if the position is one hundred percent (100%) federally
29 funded.

30 (b) The additional cost to the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement
31 System as computed by actuarial determination is the responsibility of the
32 employer and is in addition to those costs required by § 24-2-701(c).

33 (c) Employment as a public safety member shall be credited at one and
34 one-half (1½) times the regular rate for crediting service.

35 (d)(1) A public safety member who purchases military service credit
36 under § 24-2-502 shall be credited at the regular rate for credited service



1 and not an enhanced rate.

2 (2) A public safety member shall pay the same rate for the
3 purchase of service credit from the system as a member of the system who is
4 not a public safety member.

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/s/Baltz

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