

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

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# A Bill

ACT 1011 OF 1997  
HOUSE BILL 1136

## For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 24-10-505 TO EXTEND  
RECIPROCITY BETWEEN RELATED RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND THE  
LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO INCLUDE PUBLIC  
SAFETY OFFICERS WHO ARE 62 YEARS OF AGE AND HAVE A MINIMUM  
OF TEN (10) YEARS OF PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICE; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES."

## Subtitle

"TO EXTEND RECIPROCITY BETWEEN  
RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND LOPFI SYSTEM TO  
INCLUDE PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS WHO ARE  
62 YEARS OF AGE AND HAVE 10 YEARS OF  
SERVICE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 24-10-505 is amended to read as follows:

"24-10-505. Public safety service with two other Arkansas systems.

(a)(1) Public safety service, for the purpose of this section, means  
paid service as a police officer, law enforcement officer, or fire fighter  
with an Arkansas state or local government agency, department, or institution  
which is covered by a related system for retirement purposes. Provided,  
however, nothing in this section shall entitle a position listed herein to  
public safety credit in the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System  
unless the position is defined as "public safety member" in Arkansas Code Ann.  
§ 24-3-102(5).;

(2) Related system, for the purpose of this section, means any  
of three (3) retirement systems: the Arkansas Local Police and Fire Retirement  
System, the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System, or the State Police

1 Retirement System.

2 (b) Upon termination of public safety service with all Arkansas  
3 governmental units, a public safety employee whose public safety service was  
4 covered at different times by more than one (1) related system shall receive  
5 retirement benefits based upon public safety service covered by a related  
6 system if the person has reached age 62 years of age or older and has total  
7 public safety service credit with all related systems of at least ten (10)  
8 years or if the total of public safety service credit with all related systems  
9 is at least twenty (20) years, provided the provisions of § 24-3-301(b) are  
10 not used to meet this total service requirement. The minimum service  
11 requirements for an age and service benefit and for vesting shall then be  
12 considered to be satisfied for each related system.

13 (c) The benefit payable by each related system shall be based upon the  
14 service credit with that system, the benefit program the related system had in  
15 effect at the time the member terminated service covered by the related  
16 system, and his service and pay covered by the related system while the  
17 service was being rendered."

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19 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of general and permanent nature  
20 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
21 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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23 SECTION 3. If any provisions of this act or the application thereof to  
24 any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect  
25 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
26 the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
27 act are declared to be severable.

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29 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
30 hereby repealed.

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32 /s/Rep. Critcher

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34 APPROVED: 4-02-97

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