

1 **State of Arkansas**  
2 **78th General Assembly**  
3 **Regular Session, 1991**  
4 **By: Representative Sanson**

# A Bill

**HOUSE BILL**

## **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED §24-11-818 (c) TO  
9 INCREASE THE MINIMUM BENEFIT PAYABLE TO RETIRED MEMBERS OF  
10 LOCAL FIREMEN'S PENSION AND RELIEF PLANS; AND FOR OTHER  
11 PURPOSES."

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

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15 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Annotated §24-11-818 (c) is hereby amended to  
16 read as follows:

17 "(c) Any full-paid fire fighter who is already retired shall not  
18 receive less than four hundred dollars (\$400.00) per month."

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20 SECTION 2. Effective Date. The increased minimum benefit level  
21 provided under this act shall be payable beginning July 1, 1991, and monthly  
22 thereafter.

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24 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent  
25 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas  
26 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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28 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
29 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
30 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
31 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
32 act are declared to be severable.

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34 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
35 hereby repealed.

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SECTION 6. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that the minimum retirement benefit for fire fighters under Firemen's Relief and Pension Funds is insufficient and that an increase of the minimum retirement benefits is needed at the earliest possible time. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect on and after July 1, 1991.