

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **79th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1993**

A Bill

HOUSE BILL

4 **By: Representatives Hunton, McGinnis, Watts, Steele, Curran, Whorton and McJunkin**

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED § 24-5-101(12) TO
9 REDEFINE _CREDITABLE SERVICE_ IN THE ARKANSAS STATE
10 HIGHWAY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO INCLUDE ACCRUED
11 SICK LEAVE; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES."

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Subtitle

15 "TO REDEFINE _CREDITABLE SERVICE_ IN THE STATE HIGHWAY
16 EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO INCLUDE ACCRUED SICK
17 LEAVE."

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

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21 SECTION 1. Subdivision (12) of Arkansas Code § 24-5-101 is hereby
22 amended to read as follows:

23 "(12) _Creditable service_ means the current service of the member plus
24 the portion of prior service time for which contributions have been made or
25 elected to be made by the member plus the member_s days of accrued sick leave
26 not to exceed ninety (90) work days recorded on the records of the Arkansas
27 State Highway and Transportation Department as of the member_s date of
28 retirement for which contributions are not required to be paid. Retirement
29 benefits shall be computed upon the creditable service of the member. The
30 board shall determine by appropriate rules and regulations how much service in
31 any fiscal year is the equivalent of a year of creditable service;"

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33 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
34 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
35 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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

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 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the Seventy-Ninth General Assembly that the effectiveness of this act on July 1, 1993, is essential to the operation of the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department and the Arkansas State Highway Employees_ Retirement System; and that in the event of an extension of the Regular Session, any delay in the effective date of this act beyond July 1, 1993, could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs. 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 from and after July 1, 1993.

