

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.

1 State of Arkansas  
2 84th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2003

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1145

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5 By: Representative R. Smith  
6 By: Senator J. Jeffress

## For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 AN ACT TO PROVIDE A VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT THE  
11 OPTION TO JOIN THE ARKANSAS LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE  
12 RETIREMENT SYSTEM WITHOUT PAYING FOR ALL SERVICE  
13 CREDIT FOR THE PRIOR EMPLOYMENT OF MEMBERS; AND  
14 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

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17 TO ALLOW A VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT THE  
18 OPTION TO JOIN THE LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE  
19 RETIREMENT SYSTEM WITHOUT PAYING FOR ALL  
20 THE SERVICE CREDIT FOR ITS MEMBER'S  
21 PRIOR EMPLOYMENT.

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

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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 24-10-501(c), concerning the determination  
27 of service to be credited for members under the Arkansas Local Police and  
28 Fire Retirement System, is amended to read as follows:

29 (c)(1) ~~Not~~ Except for an employer covering volunteer service for  
30 future employment credit under subdivision (c)(3) of this section, not later  
31 than one (1) year from and after the date an employer covers its employees  
32 and before the retirement of a member included in the employees so covered,  
33 the employer shall certify to the board the periods of prior employment of  
34 each of its members to be considered for credit as paid service and for  
35 credit as volunteer service.

36 (2) No prior employment shall be so certified by an employer for



1 any member unless he or she was employed by the employer within the one-year  
2 period immediately preceding the date an employer covers its employees and  
3 unless he or she is continuously employed by the employer:

4 (A) From and after that date for one (1) year;

5 (B) Until his or her death; or

6 (C) Until his or her total and permanent disability,  
7 whichever is earliest.

8 (3)(A) Beginning January 1, 2004, at the option of an employer  
9 covering volunteer service only, the employer may cover its employees under  
10 the system with service credit from the effective date of the coverage  
11 forward into the future with service credit from and after the effective date  
12 of coverage.

13 (B) Employees of an employer choosing coverage under this  
14 subdivision (c)(3) shall receive credited service for employment rendered  
15 from and after the effective date of coverage, and shall receive no service  
16 credit for periods of prior employment or prior volunteer service.

17 (C) Employers choosing coverage under this subdivision  
18 (c)(3) are not responsible for contributions to pay for periods of a member's  
19 prior employment or prior volunteer service.

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