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A Bill

SENATE BILL 118

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ALLOW A STATE-SUPPORTED RETIREMENT SYSTEM
TO REQUIRE A QUALIFIED DOMESTIC RELATIONS ORDER TO
SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLY WITH THE UNIFORM LEGAL FORM OF A
QUALIFIED DOMESTIC RELATIONS ORDER TO PAY BENEFITS;
TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 9-18-103(b), concerning qualified domestic
relations ~~order~~ orders to reach public employees' retirement benefits, is
amended to read as follows:

(b) The boards of trustees of the state-supported retirement systems
shall:

(1) ~~promulgate~~ Establish rules and ~~regulations~~ to implement this
chapter; and

(2)(A) ~~shall adopt~~ Adopt a uniform legal form, ~~as approved by~~
~~the Legislative Council,~~ for use in preparing a qualified domestic relations
~~orders~~ order for each retirement plan.



1 (B)(i) The state-supported retirement system's uniform
2 legal form of the qualified domestic relations order shall be approved by the
3 Legislative Council.

4 (ii) A state-supported retirement system is not
5 required to comply with a qualified domestic relations order that does not
6 substantially follow the uniform legal form approved by the Legislative
7 Council.