

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.

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A Bill

Act 479 of 2003
HOUSE BILL 1145

5 By: Representative R. Smith
6 By: Senator J. Jeffress
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

15 TO ALLOW A VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT THE
16 OPTION TO JOIN THE LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE
17 RETIREMENT SYSTEM WITHOUT PAYING FOR ALL
18 THE SERVICE CREDIT FOR ITS MEMBER'S
19 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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