1   State of Arkansas   *As Engrossed: H3/26/13*

2   89th General Assembly   A Bill

3   Regular Session, 2013   HOUSE BILL 1171

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5   By: Representative Kerr

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7   **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8   AN ACT TO AMEND THE STATUTES CONCERNING THE LOCAL

9   POLICE AND FIRE PENSION AND RELIEF FUNDS; AND FOR

10   OTHER PURPOSES.

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13   **Subtitle**

14   TO AMEND THE STATUTES CONCERNING THE

15   LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE PENSION AND RELIEF

16   FUNDS.

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

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21   *SECTION 1.   Arkansas Code § 24-11-430 is amended to read as follows:*

22   *24-11-430.   ~~Funeral expenses~~ Death benefit.*

23   *(a)   ~~Whenever~~ When an active or retired police officer dies, the board*

24   *of trustees shall ~~appropriate~~ pay from the fund a sum of not less than one*

25   *hundred dollars ($100) nor more than six thousand five hundred dollars*

26   *($6,500) to pay the ~~funeral expenses~~ death benefits of the decedent to:*

27   *(1)   The surviving spouse of the police officer;*

28   *(2)   The police officer's estate if there is no surviving spouse;*

29   *or*

30   *(3)(A)   A beneficiary chosen by the police officer if before*

31   *death the police officer executed a beneficiary form.*

32   *(B)   The board of trustees shall provide a beneficiary form*

33   *to active and retired police officers.*

34   *(b)   Each board of trustees shall adopt a policy establishing the*

35   *amount to be paid for ~~funeral expenses pursuant to~~ death benefits under this*

36   *section, and the amount shall be awarded uniformly to all eligible persons.*

1   (c) The board of trustees may change the amount of ~~funeral expenses~~

2   <u>death benefits</u> payable under this section, but in that instance the amount

3   shall be uniformly distributed likewise.

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5   /s/Kerr

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