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HOUSE BILL 1268

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By: Senator J. Scott

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ALLOW A PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY TO BECOME
A PARTICIPATING PUBLIC EMPLOYER AND FOR ITS EMPLOYEES
TO BECOME MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES'
RETIREMENT SYSTEM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO ALLOW A PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY TO
BECOME A PARTICIPATING PUBLIC EMPLOYER
AND FOR ITS EMPLOYEES TO BECOME MEMBERS
OF THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES'
RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 24-4-101(28), concerning the definition of
"nonstate employees" applicable to the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement
System, is amended to read as follows:

(28) "Nonstate employees" means county employees, municipal
employees, rural waterworks facilities board employees, regional airport
authority employees, border municipal airport employees, public facilities
board employees, regional solid waste management board employees, joint
county and municipal sanitation authority employees, employees of a public
transit authority, regional water distribution board employees, the employees
of economic development districts recognized as planning and development
districts under § 14-166-202, school employees, public water authority
employees, and the employees of the Intergovernmental Juvenile Detention
Council;



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2 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 24-4-101(30)(A), concerning the definition
3 of "participating public employer" applicable to the Arkansas Public
4 Employees' Retirement System, is amended to read as follows:

5 (A) Any county, municipality, rural waterworks facilities
6 board, regional airport authority, border municipal airport authority, public
7 facilities board, regional solid waste management board, joint county and
8 municipal sanitation authority, a public transit authority, suburban
9 improvement district under § 14-92-502, public water authority, or regional
10 water distribution board in the state whose employees are included in the
11 membership of the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System;
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13 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 24-4-101, concerning definitions applicable
14 to the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System, is amended to add an
15 additional subdivision to read as follows:

16 (48) "Public transit authority" means a public governmental
17 entity formed under the Public Transit System Act, § 14-334-101 et seq., that
18 has elected to participate as a public employer in the Arkansas Public
19 Employees' Retirement System by a majority vote of the public transit
20 authority's board of directors.
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