

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to law as it existed prior to the 82nd General Assembly.

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A Bill

Act 1171 of 1999
HOUSE BILL 1465

5 By: Representative Shoffner
6 By: Senator Critcher
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 "AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 24, CHAPTER 11, OF THE ARKANSAS
11 CODE REGARDING THE LOCAL POLICE AND FIREFIGHTER
12 PENSION AND RELIEF FUNDS, TO ADD A NEW SECTION TO
13 PROVIDE FOR THE PURCHASE OF SERVICE CREDIT FOR
14 EMPLOYMENT IN A POLICE-RELATED OR FIRE-RELATED SERVICE
15 POSITION WITH A MUNICIPALITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

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18 "TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURCHASE OF SERVICE
19 CREDIT FOR EMPLOYMENT IN A POLICE-
20 RELATED OR FIRE-RELATED SERVICE POSITION
21 WITH A MUNICIPALITY."
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. Title 24, Chapter 11, Subchapter 4 of the Arkansas Code is
27 amended to add a new section to be appropriately numbered by the Arkansas Code
28 Revision Commission:

29 "Police-related service.

30 (a) Any member of a policemen's pension and relief fund who has police-
31 related service with the municipal government shall be entitled to purchase
32 credited service in the system equivalent to the amount of employment service
33 he or she has with the municipal police department in a position as police-
34 related employment service up to a maximum of three (3) years of credited
35 service, provided that the member contributes to the system an amount, as the
36 board shall determine, which would be actuarially equivalent to the value of

1 the service purchased.

2 (b) The Arkansas Fire and Police Pension Review Board shall have the
3 final power to determine the value of the service purchased.

4 (c) Service credit purchased under this section may be used to
5 determine the member's total credited service for the amount upon retirement
6 and shall not be used to determine his or her final average pay for service
7 under the system.

8 (d) As used in this section, 'police-related service' means service
9 with a municipality which has police officers covered under a policemen's
10 pension and relief fund in a job or in a paid position within a covered police
11 department or fire department where the person performs duties which are
12 related to the delivery of police and law enforcement services, including
13 service such as a police department radio dispatcher, or other similar
14 service."

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16 SECTION 2. Title 24, Chapter 11, Subchapter 8 of the Arkansas Code is
17 amended to add a new section to be appropriately numbered by the Arkansas Code
18 Revision Commission:

19 "Fire-related service.

20 (a) Any member of a firemen's pension and relief fund who has fire-
21 related service with the municipal government shall be entitled to purchase
22 credited service in the system equivalent to the amount of employment service
23 he or she has with the municipal fire department in a position as fire-related
24 employment service up to a maximum of three (3) years of credited service,
25 provided that the member contributes to the system an amount, as the board
26 shall determine, which would be actuarially equivalent to the value of the
27 service purchased.

28 (b) The Arkansas Fire and Police Pension Review Board shall have the
29 final power to determine the value of the service purchased.

30 (c) Service credit purchased under this section may be used to
31 determine the member's total credited service for the amount upon retirement
32 and shall not be used to determine his or her final average pay for service
33 under the system.

34 (d) As used in this section, 'fire-related service' means service with
35 a municipality which has firemen covered under a firemen's pension and relief
36 fund in a job or in a paid position within a covered fire department or fire

1 department where the person performs duties which are related to the delivery
2 of fire services, including service such as a fire department radio
3 dispatcher, or other similar service."

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5 SECTION 3. No benefit enhancement provided for by this act shall be
6 implemented if it would cause the publicly supported retirement system's
7 unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities to exceed a thirty (30) year
8 amortization. No benefit enhancement provided for by this act shall be
9 implemented by any publicly supported system which has unfunded actuarial
10 accrued liabilities being amortized over a period exceeding thirty (30) years
11 until the unfunded actuarial accrued liability is reduced to a level less than
12 the standards prescribed by Arkansas Code, Title 24.

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14 SECTION 4. All provisions of this act of general and permanent nature
15 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
16 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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18 SECTION 5. If any provisions of this act or the application thereof to
19 any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect
20 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
21 the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this
22 act are declared to be severable.

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24 SECTION 6. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
25 hereby repealed.

26 /s/ Shoffner, et al

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29 APPROVED: 4/7/1999