

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 765 of 2001  
SENATE BILL 214

5 By: Senator Faris  
6 By: Representative R. Smith  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO AMEND THE ALTERNATE RETIREMENT PLAN FOR  
11 STATE COLLEGES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

14 AN ACT AMENDING THE ALTERNATE RETIREMENT  
15 PLAN FOR STATE COLLEGES.

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

20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 24-7-801 is amended to read as follows:

21 24-7-801. Definitions.

22 As used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

23 (1) "Alternate retirement plan" means a retirement plan based on the  
24 purchase of contracts providing retirement and death benefits for the ~~teachers~~  
25 ~~and administrative officers of state supported colleges~~ employees of Arkansas  
26 State University, and the department employees, and employees of Arkansas'  
27 state-supported universities, colleges, or junior colleges that are not a part  
28 of the University of Arkansas system;

29 (2) "Board" means the governing body of a college;

30 (3) "College" means any one (1) of the state-supported universities,  
31 colleges and junior colleges not a part of the University of Arkansas system,  
32 and Arkansas State University;

33 (4) "Department employees" means the director and the professional  
34 education employees of the Department of Higher Education;

35 (5) "Retirement system" means the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System;

36 (6) "Staff members" means ~~both teachers and administrative officers of~~

1 ~~a college who are~~ any employee of a college or university who is eligible for  
 2 membership in ~~the~~ any retirement system plan;

3 (7) "State" means the State of Arkansas; and

4 (8) "State board" means the ~~State Board of Higher Education~~ Arkansas  
 5 Higher Education Coordinating Board.

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 7 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 24-7-808 is amended to read as follows:

8 24-7-808. Contributions.

9 (a)(1) Any college or university which elects to establish and maintain  
 10 *an alternate retirement plan, and the* ~~State Board of Higher Education~~ Arkansas  
 11 Higher Education Coordinating Board *if it so elects,* shall contribute to that  
 12 plan on behalf of each staff member who elects to participate in the alternate  
 13 retirement plan, or employee of the Department of Higher Education, six  
 14 percent (6%) of his total regular compensation during the continuance of his  
 15 employment.

16 (2) Each staff member who elects to participate in the alternate  
 17 retirement plan, or department employee, at the discretion of the college or  
 18 university, shall also contribute thereto six percent (6%) of his total  
 19 regular compensation.

20 (b)(1) The college or university may, at its discretion, contribute up  
 21 to an additional four percent (4%) of the staff member's total regular  
 22 compensation.

23 (2) Each staff member shall match that contribution by  
 24 contributing a like percent of his total regular compensation.

25 (c) In addition to the contributions defined above, the department or  
 26 any college or university which elects to establish and maintain an alternate  
 27 retirement plan may permit a newly eligible employee who elects to establish  
 28 and maintain an alternate retirement plan, and may permit a newly eligible  
 29 employee who elects to participate in an alternate retirement plan, to make  
 30 incremental increases in plan contributions to reach the required six percent  
 31 (6%) minimum contribution level by completion of the fourth year of  
 32 participation in the alternate plan.

33 ~~(e)(d)~~ Payment of contributions authorized by ~~the provisions of~~ this  
 34 section shall be made by the disbursing officer of the college or university  
 35 and by the state official charged with the duty of paying salaries to  
 36 department employees to the designated companies in accordance with the

1 provisions of this section.

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SECTION 3. [THE ARKANSAS CODE REVISION COMMISSION IS NOT REQUIRED TO  
CODIFY THIS SECTION.] No benefit enhancement provided for by this act shall  
be implemented if it would cause the publicly supported retirement system's  
unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities to exceed a thirty (30) year  
amortization. No benefit enhancement provided for by this act shall be  
implemented by any publicly supported system which has unfunded actuarial  
accrued liabilities being amortized over a period exceeding thirty (30) years  
until the unfunded actuarial accrued liability is reduced to a level less than  
the standards prescribed by Arkansas Code, Title 24.

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