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# **House Bill 1206**

Actuarial Cost Study prepared for Joint Committee on Public Retirement and Social Security Programs of the Arkansas 88th General Assembly

## **Provisions of the Bill**

House Bill 1206 affects the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System ("APERS").

House Bill 1206 would allow county-owned nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and health care facilities which are *not* operated by the county to be exempt from the standard requirement of all county employees being included in APERS, with a 2/3 vote of approval. The bill mirrors language already present in §24-4-302 which provides an exemption for county-owned and operated hospitals.

#### Fiscal Impact

There would be NO fiscal impact caused by House Bill 1206 on APERS. This bill could have a small positive effect on county budgets, but it would also reduce APERS coverage for some who are arguably county employees. Based on conversations with APERS, there are likely only two such facilities to which House Bill 1206 could apply.

### **Other Information**

Since there is not a fiscal impact on APERS, the key issue is the consideration of whether the bill represents sound public policy.

Sincerely,

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