

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.

1 State of Arkansas *As Engrossed: H2/26/01 H3/2/01 H3/15/01*

2 83rd General Assembly

A Bill

3 Regular Session, 2001

HOUSE BILL 1315

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5 By: Representative Hausam

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 24-4-101, AS
10 AMENDED BY ACT 151 OF 2001, TO INCLUDE ALL
11 CERTIFIED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WITHIN THE
12 PUBLIC SAFETY CREDIT IN THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES'
13 RETIREMENT SYSTEM REGARDLESS OF THEIR PRIMARY
14 DUTY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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Subtitle

17 TO INCLUDE ALL CERTIFIED LAW ENFORCEMENT
18 OFFICERS WITHIN THE PERS PUBLIC SAFETY
19 CREDIT REGARDLESS OF THEIR PRIMARY DUTY.

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

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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 24-4-101(34)(B), as amended by Act 151 of
25 2001, concerning the definition of "police officer" as used for public safety
26 service credit in the Public Employees' Retirement System, is amended to read
27 as follows:

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29 (B)(i) "Police officer" means any regular or permanent
employee ~~whose primary duty is law enforcement of a municipal police~~
30 ~~department, a county sheriff's office, or the Department of Arkansas State~~
Police, including probationary police officers, who is a certified law
31 enforcement officer and shall also include wildlife officers of the Arkansas
32 State Game and Fish Commission and all officers and the Director of the State
33 Capitol Police within the office of the *Secretary of State* who are certified
34 law enforcement officers.

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(ii) The term "police officer" shall not include any

1 civilian employee of a police department or any person temporarily employed as
2 a police officer during an emergency.

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4 SECTION 2. [THE ARKANSAS CODE REVISION COMMISSION IS NOT REQUIRED TO
5 CODIFY THIS SECTION.] No benefit enhancement provided for by this act shall
6 be 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.

13 /s/ Hausam