

1 State of Arkansas  
2 88th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2011  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1215

5 By: Representatives Collins-Smith, Bell  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO ENSURE EQUAL TREATMENT UNDER THE RETIREMENT  
9 LAWS OF ALL FACILITIES OWNED BUT NOT OPERATED BY  
10 COUNTIES; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER  
11 PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

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15 RETIREMENT LAWS OF ALL FACILITIES OWNED  
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17 AN EMERGENCY.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. The purpose of this act is to ensure equal treatment under  
24 the retirement laws of all facilities owned but not operated by counties and  
25 for other purposes.  
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27 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
28 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that there is confusion as to  
29 whether the state retirement laws apply to all facilities owned but not  
30 operated by counties; that this confusion has resulted in litigation against  
31 the counties; and that this act is immediately necessary because county-owned  
32 facilities that are not operated by the county but provide essential services  
33 to citizens of the state may cease to exist without this clarification which  
34 will cause irreparable harm to the people who depend on these facilities for  
35 services. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being  
36 immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and



1 safety shall become effective on:

2 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

3 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,  
4 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the  
5 bill; or

6 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is  
7 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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