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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 89

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT A MEMBER WHO ELECTS TO RECEIVE  
9 A REFUND OF MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS ALSO ELECTS TO  
10 CANCEL ANY SERVICE CREDIT FOR NONCONTRIBUTORY YEARS;  
11 TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

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16 RECEIVE A REFUND OF MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS  
17 ALSO ELECTS TO CANCEL ANY SERVICE CREDIT  
18 FOR NONCONTRIBUTORY YEARS; TO DECLARE AN  
19 EMERGENCY.

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

24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 24-7-711, concerning refunds of member  
25 contributions upon termination, is amended to add an additional subsection to  
26 read as follows:

27 (c) A member or surviving spouse who elects to receive a refund of  
28 member contributions under this section also cancels all the member's service  
29 credit, including noncontributory service credit, in the system.

31 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
32 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that certain provisions of the  
33 Arkansas Teacher Retirement System statutes are in urgent need of revision  
34 and updating to bring them into conformance with sound public pension policy;  
35 that this revision and updating is of great importance to members of the  
36 Arkansas Teacher Retirement System and to other citizens of the State of



1 Arkansas; that the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System operates on a July 1 to  
2 June 30 fiscal year, so most changes to the plan work best if the changes are  
3 made at the beginning of a fiscal year; and that this act is necessary to  
4 maintain an orderly system of benefits for the members of the Arkansas  
5 Teacher Retirement System. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and  
6 this act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health,  
7 and safety shall become effective on July 1, 2011.

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