

AGENDA
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Joint Committee on Public Retirement & Social Security Programs
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Room 130, State Capitol
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Sen. Johnny Key, Chair
Sen. Joyce Elliott, Vice Chair
Sen. Jimmy Jeffress
Sen. Jim Luker
Sen. Gene Jeffress
Sen. David Wyatt
Sen. Jason Rapert
Sen. Bill Sample
Sen. Jeremy Hutchinson
Sen. Mike Fletcher

Rep. Les "Skip" Carmine, Chair
Rep. Butch Wilkins, Vice Chair
Rep. Johnnie J. Roebuck
Rep. Randy Stewart
Rep. Tim Summers
Rep. Mark Perry
Rep. Jim Nickels
Rep. Allen Kerr
Rep. Homer Lenderman
Rep. Gary Deffenbaugh

GENERAL

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB111	J. Taylor	TO INCLUDE LOCAL RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND PLANS FOR ELECTED PUBLIC OFFICIALS WITHIN THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; TO PROVIDE RECIPROCAL CREDIT AND TWO-FOR-ONE CREDITED SERVICE; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
HB1119	Pennartz	TO PREVENT STATE EMPLOYEES CONVICTED OF THEFT OF PROPERTY AGAINST THE EMPLOYER FROM DRAWING STATE RETIREMENT BENEFITS BASED ON THE MONTHS IN WHICH THE THEFT OCCURRED AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

PENSION REVIEW BOARD

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB79	J. Key	TO AMEND STATUTES CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS FIRE AND POLICE PENSION REVIEW BOARD.
SB155	Elliott	AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT THE LONGEVITY BENEFITS PROVIDED TO RETIREES UNDER THE LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE PENSION AND RELIEF FUNDS EXTEND TO THE SURVIVING SPOUSE AFTER THE RETIREE'S DEATH.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB127	J. Key	TO PROVIDE THAT EMPLOYERS IN THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM MUST MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR BOTH ACTIVE AND RETIRED MEMBERS WHO HAVE RETURNED TO WORK.
HB1019	Kerr	TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY AND TO RESTRICT THE AMOUNT OF RETIREMENT CREDIT SERVICE EARNED BY A LOCAL ELECTED PUBLIC OFFICIAL.
HB1146	Kerr	TO RESTRICT THE AMOUNT OF CREDITED SERVICE EARNED BY A LOCAL ELECTED

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[HB1206](#) Bell TO CLARIFY THAT HEALTH CARE FACILITIES OWNED BUT NOT OPERATED BY COUNTIES SHALL HAVE EQUAL TREATMENT AS HOSPITALS UNDER THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM LAWS; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

STATE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Number **Sponsor** **Subtitle**
[HB1112](#) Stewart TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE STATE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO PURCHASE CREDITED SERVICE FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED FIVE (5) YEARS FOR SERVICE IN THE NATIONAL GUARD OR ARMED FORCES RESERVE.

TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Number **Sponsor** **Subtitle**
[SB88](#) G. Jeffress TO FILL A VACANCY ON THE BOARD FOR AN UNEXPIRED TERM OF AN ELECTED TRUSTEE; TO REIMBURSE A TRUSTEE FOR REASONABLE EXPENSES TO ATTEND AN OFFICIAL BOARD MEETING; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

[SB126](#) J. Key TO ESTABLISH THE RIGHT OF AN ARKANSAS TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM MEMBER TO REMAIN AN ACTIVE MEMBER WHEN EMPLOYED BY AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

[HB1216](#) Kerr TO DEFINE "TERMINATE" AS THAT TERM APPLIES TO ELIGIBILITY FOR RETIREMENT UNDER THE ARKANSAS TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

PENDING ACTUARIAL STUDY

GENERAL

Number **Sponsor** **Subtitle**
[SB135](#) G. Jeffress TO CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR RECIPROCAL SERVICE CREDITS FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

[HB1186](#) English TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF TIME A RETIREE DRAWING BENEFITS MUST WAIT BEFORE BEING REHIRED BY A COVERED EMPLOYER AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

[HB1262](#) English CONCERNING THE REEMPLOYMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND THE ARKANSAS TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

HIGHWAY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Number **Sponsor** **Subtitle**
[HB1213](#) Deffenbaugh TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Number **Sponsor** **Subtitle**
[SB167](#) J. Key TO CLARIFY THAT THE COST-OF-LIVING INCREASE APPLIES TO MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN.

MUNICIPALITIES

Number **Sponsor** **Subtitle**
[HB1253](#) Lea TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE CITY GOVERNING BODY BEFORE CERTAIN EMPLOYEES CAN RECEIVE RETIREMENT BENEFITS.

PENSION REVIEW BOARDS

Number **Sponsor** **Subtitle**
[SB117](#) Elliott TO AMEND THE STATUTE CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS FIRE AND POLICE PENSION GUARANTEE FUND.

[SB158](#) Elliott TO INCREASE THE SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS FOR RETIRED POLICE OFFICERS OR THEIR SURVIVORS UNDER THE LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE PENSION AND RELIEF FUNDS

AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

[SB181](#) G. Jeffress TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING MEMBER BENEFITS UNDER THE LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE PENSION AND RELIEF FUNDS.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB6	D. Johnson	TO ALLOW FOR REDETERMINATION OF BENEFITS FOR DISTRICT JUDGE RETIREMENT.
SB41	J. Key	TO EXTEND THE TERMINATION PERIOD REQUIRED FOR RETIREMENT FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO RECEIVE AT LEAST TWO-FOR-ONE SERVICE CREDIT AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
SB100	J. Jeffress	TO PROVIDE THAT CIVILIAN FIREFIGHTERS OF THE STATE MILITARY DEPARTMENT ARE TO BE REGARDED AS PUBLIC SAFETY MEMBERS FOR ENHANCED CREDITED SERVICE IN THE STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
SB153	B. Sample	TO AMEND THE STRAIGHT LIFE ANNUITY FOR THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
HB1219	Summers	TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF REQUIRED, ACTUAL SERVICE FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR BENEFITS UNDER THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; TO AMEND THE ACTUAL SERVICE REQUIREMENTS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
HB1202	Nickels	TO REQUIRE LARGE MUNICIPALITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR ALL NEWLY HIRED EMPLOYEES AND ALL NEWLY ELECTED PUBLIC OFFICIALS.
HB1203	Nickels	TO ALLOW MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES TO PURCHASE CREDIT IN PRORATED AMOUNTS DURING A SPECIFIC PERIOD OF TIME AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
HB1259	Nickels	TO REQUIRE LARGE MUNICIPALITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR ALL NEW EMPLOYEES AND NEW PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND TO ALLOW CURRENT EMPLOYEES TO OPT INTO THE PUBLIC SYSTEM.

TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB85	J. Key	TO CLARIFY THAT THE ONSET OF A DISABILITY MUST OCCUR WHILE EMPLOYED AS AN ACTIVE MEMBER IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR DISABILITY RETIREMENT UNDER THE ARKANSAS TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
SB86	J. Key	TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF DAYS EMPLOYED TO EARN CREDITED SERVICE UNDER THE ARKANSAS TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM EACH FISCAL YEAR; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
SB89	G. Jeffress	TO CLARIFY THAT A MEMBER WHO ELECTS TO RECEIVE A REFUND OF MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS ALSO ELECTS TO CANCEL ANY SERVICE CREDIT FOR NONCONTRIBUTORY YEARS; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
SB95	J. Jeffress	TO ALLOW THE MAXIMUM LUMP-SUM DEATH BENEFIT TO BE PAID TO MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM WHO HAVE ACCRUED FIFTEEN (15) YEARS OF CONTRIBUTORY SERVICE; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

DEFERRED BILLS

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB64	J. Jeffress	TO MODIFY CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
SB75	G. Jeffress	TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE TITLE 24, CHAPTER 5 CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
SB76	G. Jeffress	TO AMEND PORTIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE PERTAINING TO THE ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
SB90	G. Jeffress	TO AMEND PORTIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE PERTAINING TO THE ARKANSAS TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
SB91	G. Jeffress	TO AMEND PORTIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE PERTAINING TO THE STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS.
SB93	J. Jeffress	TO MODIFY AND ADJUST THE BENEFITS FOR THE BENEFIT PARTICIPANTS OF THE ARKANSAS TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
SB94	J. Jeffress	TO MODIFY THE OPERATIONS OF THE ARKANSAS TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

SB118	S. Harrelson	TO AMEND VARIOUS STATUTES CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO IMPROVE EFFICIENCY.
SB120	J. Key	TO CLARIFY THE DESIGNATION OF OPTION BENEFICIARIES UNDER THE ARKANSAS TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM; TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD TO PROMULGATE RULES CONCERNING OPTION BENEFICIARIES; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
SB121	J. Key	TO REVISE AND UPDATE LAWS RELATED TO THE ARKANSAS TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
SB122	J. Key	TO CHANGE LAWS PERTAINING TO THE ARKANSAS TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
SB123	J. Key	TO MODIFY THE ARKANSAS TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM STATUTES IN TITLE 24 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE.
SB124	Laverty	TO PLACE RESTRICTIONS ON THE AUTHORIZATION OF BENEFIT INCREASES AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES FOR THE LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT PLANS.
SB125	Laverty	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS CODE REGARDING FUNDING LOCAL RETIREMENT LIABILITIES FOR LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE PERSONNEL.
SB128	J. Key	TO MAKE CHANGES TO TITLE 24, SUBCHAPTER 7, OF THE ARKANSAS CODE ADDRESSING THE ARKANSAS TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
SB140	J. Key	TO AMEND THE GENERAL PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING RETIREMENT AND PENSIONS.
SB141	J. Key	TO AMEND THE STATUTES CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
SB142	J. Key	TO AMEND THE STATUTES CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS STATE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
SB143	J. Key	TO AMEND THE STATUTES CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
SB144	J. Key	TO AMEND THE STATUTES CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
SB145	J. Key	TO AMEND THE STATUTES CONCERNING ARKANSAS RETIREMENT SYSTEMS.
SB146	J. Key	TO AMEND THE STATUTES CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
SB147	J. Key	TO AMEND THE STATUTES CONCERNING THE LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE PENSION AND RELIEF FUNDS.
SB161	D. Wyatt	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE PERTAINING TO RETIREMENT OPTIONS FOR EMPLOYEES OF PARTICULAR INSTITUTIONS.
SB169	J. Key	TO AMEND THE CURRENT PROVISIONS REGARDING THE TRANSFER OF POLICE OFFICERS INTO THE ARKANSAS LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
SB174	B. Sample	TO AMEND THE LAWS CONCERNING THE LOCAL BOARDS OF THE LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE PENSION AND RELIEF FUNDS.
HB1040	English	TO PREVENT RETIRED MEMBERS OF A STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM FROM RETURNING TO WORK FOR THE STATE FOLLOWING RETIREMENT EXCEPT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.
HB1148	B. Wilkins	TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE PERTAINING TO THE ARKANSAS TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
HB1149	Nickels	TO AMEND PORTIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE PERTAINING TO THE ARKANSAS JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
HB1150	Nickels	TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE TITLE 24, CHAPTER 8 CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS JUDICIAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
HB1162	Nickels	TO EXTEND THE AMOUNT OF TIME ALLOWED FOR THE FILING OF LEGISLATION AFFECTING ANY PUBLICLY SUPPORTED RETIREMENT SYSTEM OR PENSION PLAN.
HB1164	Kerr	TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF THE RETIREMENT FUNDS OVERSEEN BY THE ARKANSAS FIRE AND POLICE PENSION REVIEW BOARD.
HB1165	Kerr	TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF THE ARKANSAS LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
HB1166	Perry	TO AMEND CERTAIN STATUTES TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF THE ARKANSAS LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
HB1167	Perry	TO AMEND STATUTES TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF THE RETIREMENT FUNDS OVERSEEN BY THE ARKANSAS FIRE AND POLICE PENSION REVIEW BOARD.

HB1168	Perry	TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
HB1169	Perry	TO AMEND STATUTES TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
HB1170	Perry	TO AMEND CERTAIN STATUTES CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
HB1173	Nickels	TO AMEND THE CONTRIBUTION RATES OF THE STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
HB1174	Nickels	TO AMEND THE STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
HB1175	Nickels	TO AMEND THE DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLANS OF THE STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
HB1176	Nickels	TO ADJUST THE YEARS OF SERVICE NEEDED FOR RETIREMENT PURPOSES AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
HB1177	Kerr	TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF A POLICEMEN'S PENSION AND RELIEF FUND IN A CITY OF THE FIRST CLASS.
HB1178	Kerr	TO AMEND THE STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS.
HB1179	Kerr	TO AMEND THE CALCULATION OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS.
HB1180	Kerr	TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ARKANSAS FIRE AND POLICE PENSION REVIEW BOARD.
HB1181	Kerr	TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ARKANSAS LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
HB1182	Kerr	TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF A FIREMEN'S PENSION AND RELIEF FUND IN A CITY OF THE FIRST CLASS.
HB1183	Kerr	AN ACT CONCERNING THE CALCULATION OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS FOR MEMBERS WHO HAVE SERVICE CREDIT WITH MORE THAN ONE (1) PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
HB1184	English	TO DEFINE THE BENEFIT PLANS UNDER STATE-SUPPORTED RETIREMENT SYSTEMS.
HB1204	B. Wilkins	TO AMEND TITLE 24, CHAPTER 6 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING THE STATE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
HB1214	Deffenbaugh	TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE TITLE 24, CHAPTER 5 REGARDING THE ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
HB1215	Collins-Smith	TO ENSURE EQUAL TREATMENT UNDER THE RETIREMENT LAWS OF ALL FACILITIES OWNED BUT NOT OPERATED BY COUNTIES; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
HB1218	J. Roebuck	TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF THE RETIREMENT FUNDS OVERSEEN BY THE ARKANSAS FIRE AND POLICE PENSION REVIEW BOARD BY AMENDING VARIOUS STATUTES.
HB1234	Carnine	TO CLARIFY CREDIT FOR CONCURRENT SERVICE FOR PURPOSES OF THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
HB1236	Summers	TO AMEND THE COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENTS UNDER THE ARKANSAS RETIREMENT SYSTEMS.
HB1237	Summers	TO MAKE CORRECTIONS AND ADJUSTMENTS TO THE DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN OF THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
HB1238	Summers	TO MAKE CORRECTIONS AND ADJUSTMENTS TO THE TEACHER DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN ESTABLISHED BY THE ARKANSAS TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
HB1239	Summers	TO AMEND THE AMOUNT OF SERVICE REQUIRED FOR MEMBERS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR RETIREMENT BENEFITS.
HB1240	Summers	TO AMEND THE STATUTES CONCERNING THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES OF ARKANSAS RETIREMENT SYSTEMS.
HB1241	Summers	TO CREATE A CAP ON RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS BY A CITY, A COUNTY, OR THE STATE TO AN ARKANSAS RETIREMENT SYSTEM.
HB1250	Stewart	AN ACT TO AMEND THE RETIREMENT LAW AS IT RELATES TO MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
HB1251	Nickels	AN ACT CONCERNING STATE EMPLOYEE GRIEVANCES AND POSSIBLE RELIEF FOR GRIEVANCES, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION CREDIT UNDER A RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

[HB1256](#)

Ingram

TO PROVIDE BENEFITS FOR SPOUSES UNDER FIREMEN'S RELIEF AND PENSION FUNDS.

[HB1258](#)

Nickels

TO AMEND THE RETIREMENT LAW AS IT APPLIES TO HIGHER EDUCATION.