ARKANSAS SENATE

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Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 122

"TO ALTER THE AMOUNT OF THE MEMBER'S PLAN CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PLAN ACCOUNT UNDER THE TEACHER DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN."

Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill No. 122.

Amend Senate Bill No. 122 as engrossed, S2/18/03:

Page 1, delete lines 34 through 36, and Page 2, delete lines 1 through 18, and substitute the following:

"(B)(i) When a participant whose effective date in the Teacher Deferred Retirement Option Plan <u>is before September 1, 2003</u>, reaches normal retirement age, the plan contributions shall be one hundred percent (100%) with no reduction.

(ii) For any member whose effective date in the Teacher Deferred Retirement Option Plan is September 1, 2003, or after, the plan contributions for a participant who reaches normal retirement age shall continue as reduced under subdivision (a)(2)(A) of this section.

(3)(A) In the event a member whose effective date in the Teacher Deferred Retirement Option Plan is before September 1, 2003, has more than thirty (30) years of service, the years of service above thirty (30) years shall be reduced by one-half percent (0.5%) for contributory years and threetenths percent (0.3%) for noncontributory years.

(B) For any member whose effective date in the Teacher Deferred Retirement Option Plan is September 1, 2003, or after and who has more than thirty (30) years of service, the plan contributions for the years of service above thirty (30) years shall be reduced under subdivision (a)(2)(A) of this section.

(4) Those members already in the plan will have a one-time adjustment made in their contributions.

(5) The amount of the one-time adjustment will be determined by the Board of Trustees of the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System.

(6) (4) Furthermore, the board is authorized to make further adjustments on the plan to make it cost-neutral to the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System.

(5) As used in this section, "effective date" means the date determined to be the member's teacher deferred retirement option plan date under the policies, rules, and regulations of the Board of Trustees of the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System."



Delete Section 2. and substitute another Section 2. to read as follows: "SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the Teacher Deferred Retirement Option Plan is not presently cost neutral; that certain changes in the law governing plan contributions for members who reach normal retirement age or who have more than thirty (30) years of service and whose effective date in the plan is on or after September 1, 2003 are necessary to make it cost neutral; and that the most effective time to make changes to the retirement system is at the beginning of the state's fiscal year. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on July 1, 2003."

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and **By: Senator Faris** EAN/VJF - 022720031041 VJF498 Secretary

AND