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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1257

TO EXPAND ELIGIBILITY FOR COVERAGE UNDER THE STATE AND PUBLIC SCHOOL LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM TO CERTAIN MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY POLICE OFFICERS; AND TO AMEND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS OF CERTAIN RETIREES.

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 1257

Amend House Bill No. 1257 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete line 29, and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 21-5-407(4)(A), concerning the definition of "dependent" used under the State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Program, is amended to read as follows:

(4)(A) "Dependent" means a participant's or an eligible police officer retiree's:

(i) Natural child, stepchild, or adopted child who is eligible for coverage under the State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Program; and

(ii) Spouse who is eligible for coverage under the program.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 21-5-407, concerning definitions used under"

AND

Page 1, line 36, delete "(B)" and substitute "(B)(i)"

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Page 2, line 2, delete "(i)" and substitute "(a)"

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Page 2, line 4, delete "(ii)" and substitute "(b)"

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Page 2, line 6, delete "(iii)" and substitute "(c)"



AND

Page 2, line 8, delete "(iv)" and substitute "(d)"

AND

Page 2, delete line 9, and substitute the following:

"System under § 24-4-101 et seq.

(ii) As used in this subdivision (21)(B), "eligible to retire with full retirement benefits" means a police officer who is:

(a) Any age with twenty-eight (28) years of credited service;

(b) At least fifty-five (55) years of age and has at least twenty (20) years of credited service;

(c) At least sixty (60) years of age and has at least five (5) years of credited service; or

(d) At least sixty (60) years of age and has at least ten (10) years of actual Arkansas Local Police and Fire Retirement System service credit; and"

AND

Page 2, delete line 24, and substitute the following:

"SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 21-5-410(a), concerning eligibility of individuals to participate in the State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Program, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(6) A dependent or spouse of an eligible police officer retiree through the state employee insurance plan.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 21-5-411(a)(1), concerning the eligibility"

AND

Page 3, delete line 30, and substitute the following:

"eligible to participate in the program.

(6) An eligible police officer retiree shall not be charged a surcharge or assessment to enroll in the program.

(7)(A) If an eligible police officer retiree dies and has covered dependents at the time of death, the dependents have the right to continue participation in the program through the state employee insurance plan.

(B) Dependent children of a deceased eligible police officer retiree may continue to participate in the program until marriage or until the maximum age limit for a dependent child has been reached.

(C) A surviving spouse of a deceased eligible police officer retiree may continue participation in the program.

(D) If a surviving spouse or dependent of a deceased eligible police officer retiree declines participation in the program or

cancels existing participation, then the surviving spouse or dependent has no further privileges under the program."

AND

Appropriately renumber the sections of the bill

The Amendment was read _____

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