

ARKANSAS SENATE

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Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 163

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ADMINISTRATION OF THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES'
RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill 163

Amend Senate Bill No. 163 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete lines 9 through 11, and substitute the following:

"AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ADMINISTRATION OF THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; TO ALLOW A PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM FORMED UNDER THE INTERLOCAL COOPERATION ACT TO BECOME A PARTICIPATING PUBLIC EMPLOYER AND FOR ITS EMPLOYEES TO BECOME MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety, and substitute the following:

"TO ALLOW A PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM FORMED
UNDER THE INTERLOCAL COOPERATION ACT TO
BECOME A PARTICIPATING PUBLIC EMPLOYER
AND FOR ITS EMPLOYEES TO BECOME MEMBERS
OF THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES'
RETIREMENT SYSTEM."

AND

Page 1, delete lines 22 and 23, and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 24-4-101(27), concerning the definition of "nonstate employees" applicable to the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System, is amended to read as follows:

(27) "Nonstate employees" means county employees, municipal employees, rural waterworks facilities board employees, regional airport authority employees, border municipal airport employees, public facilities board employees, regional solid waste management board employees, joint county and municipal sanitation authority employees, the employees of a public library system formed under the Interlocal Cooperation Act, § 25-20-101 et seq., regional water distribution board employees, the employees of



economic development districts recognized as planning and development districts under § 14-166-202, school employees, public water authority employees, and the employees of the Intergovernmental Juvenile Detention Council;

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 24-4-101(29)(A), concerning the definition of "participating public employer" applicable to the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System, is amended to read as follows:

(29) "Participating public employer" means:

(A) Any county, municipality, rural waterworks facilities board, regional airport authority, border municipal airport authority, public facilities board, regional solid waste management board, joint county and municipal sanitation authority, public library system formed under the Interlocal Cooperation Act, § 25-20-101 et seq., suburban improvement district under § 14-92-502, public water authority, or regional water distribution board in the state whose employees are included in the membership of the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System;

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 24-4-101, concerning definitions applicable to the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(48) "Public library system" means a public library system formed under the Interlocal Cooperation Act, § 25-20-101 et seq., that chooses to participate in the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 24-4-202, concerning contributions to the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System Fund, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(j) In the event that a public library system formed under the Interlocal Cooperation Act, § 24-20-201 et seq., fails to pay required contributions for its employees under this chapter, the county that appropriates funds to support the public library system shall pay an amount to cover:

(1) Required employer and employee contributions on behalf of those employees; and

(2) The county's proportional funding of the public library system."

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

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