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## **House Bill 1216**

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Actuarial Cost Study prepared for  
Joint Committee on Public Retirement and Social Security Programs  
of the Arkansas 88th General Assembly

### **Provisions of the Bill**

House Bill 1216 affects the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System (“ATRS”).

House Bill 1216 amends §24-4-502, which contains the requirements for retirement, to more clearly define “termination”. The bill also defines “termination separation period”. The definition includes ending employment with all system employers; cessation of performing any service for the employer other than volunteering; no express or implied agreement to return after the separation period; and, other provisions.

### **Fiscal Impact**

We understand from reviewing current ATRS policy that House Bill 1216 will serve to codify the current policy. Therefore, no change in contribution rates or unfunded liability would arise from the enactment of this bill.


### **Other Information**

House Bill 1216 will not change current practice or regulation, but would give them the weight of law.

### **Related Legislation**

House Bill 1018 (now Act 40) added similar provisions to the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System code.

Sincerely,

  
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