

House Bill 1316

Actuarial Cost Study prepared for Joint Committee on Public Retirement and Social Security Programs of the Arkansas 92nd General Assembly

Provisions of the Bill

House Bill 1316 affects the Arkansas Teachers Retirement System (ATRS). Current law provides a dependent child annuity to benefit a dependent child of an active or retired member of ATRS. This annuity may continue through age 23 if the child remains continuously enrolled as a full time student. Current law does not seem to provide this benefit if the child turns 18 before the parent's death. House Bill 1316 would clarify that a child continuously enrolled as a full time student is eligible to begin this annuity even if they have reached age 18.

Fiscal Impact

The circumstances that this bill will affect are rare. The staff at ATRS estimate this has only prohibited possibly one student in the past three years. There will be very few cases in the future. This change would appear to ease administration of these child annuities and provide a more consistent benefit. It is our opinion that there is no measurable fiscal impact to the retirement system due to the provisions of this bill.

Sincerely,



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