

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2007-019

State of Arkansas

As Engrossed: H3/14/07

86th General Assembly

A Bill

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HOUSE BILL 1082

By: Representative Ragland

Referred to

Public Retirement & Social Security Programs-joint

by the House of Representatives

on 03/20/2007

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS STATE
HIGHWAY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO PURCHASE
SERVICE CREDIT FOR POLICE SERVICE; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS STATE
HIGHWAY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO
PURCHASE SERVICE CREDIT FOR POLICE
SERVICE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 24, Chapter 5, Subchapter 1 is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

24-5-136. Credit for police service.

(a) Any person who is a member of the Arkansas State Highway Employees' Retirement System is entitled to purchase creditable service in the Arkansas State Highway Employees' Retirement System for a period not to exceed ten (10) years for police service rendered by the member in a municipal police department that was covered by a police pension and relief fund under § 24-11-401 et seq. if the person:

1 (1) Has five (5) years of creditable service with the Arkansas
2 State Highway Employees' Retirement System;

3 (2) Is no longer eligible to receive benefits from and has
4 withdrawn all funds from a police pension and relief fund under § 24-11-401
5 et seq.; and

6 (3) Contributes to the member's deposit account a sum of money
7 equal to the amount that would have been contributed during the term of
8 service allowable, based upon the biweekly earnings of the employee at the
9 time that he or she first became a member in the Arkansas State Highway
10 Employees' Retirement System multiplied by a rate equal to the sum of the
11 contribution rates for both the member and the employer at the time the
12 member first became a member in the Arkansas State Highway Employees'
13 Retirement System.

14 (b)(1) Interest shall be paid at the rate of six percent (6%) per year
15 from December 31, 2007, or six (6) months after the end of the month in which
16 the member first has five (5) years of creditable service, whichever is
17 later.

18 (2) Payments shall not be extended beyond five (5) years from
19 the date of application.

20 (3) All payments must be completed before the police service
21 under subsection (a) of this section can be used to compute annuity benefits
22 at the time of retirement.

23 (c) No member is eligible for creditable service for police service in
24 more than one (1) state-supported retirement system.

25 (d) A member who purchases credit for police service under this
26 section shall continue in active service for one (1) year for each year that
27 is purchased.

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