

SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC RETIREMENT AND SOCIAL SECURITY PROGRAMS TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF CONVERTING TO THE ARKANSAS LOCAL POLICE AND FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE RETIREMENT COVERAGE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENTS COVERED BY THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, State law provides for a public retirement system designed to meet the unique needs of local government law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, many local law enforcement officers are denied access to benefits from that public retirement system because of current coverage by the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System (PERS); and

WHEREAS, several local law enforcement agencies have expressed interest in converting their coverage from PERS to the Arkansas Local Police and Fire Retirement System (LOPFI),

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE SEVENTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

That the Joint Committee on Public Retirement and Social Security Programs is hereby requested to study the feasibility of converting to the Local Police and Fire Retirement System the retirement coverage of local government law enforcement agencies now covered by the Public Employees Retirement System, or convert future employees of the local law enforcement agencies to the Local Police and Fire Retirement System.