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4 By: Representative Purdom

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1251

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 24-6-210 TO PROVIDE
CREDITED SERVICE TO MEMBERS OF THE STATE POLICE RETIREMENT
SYSTEM FOR UNUSED SICK LEAVE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

"TO PROVIDE CREDITED SERVICE TO MEMBERS
OF STATE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR
UNUSED SICK LEAVE"

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 24-6-210 is amended to read as follows:

"24-6-210. Credited service.

(a)(1) Any member who shall become separated from the employ of the department by reason of service in the armed forces of the United States shall have the service, not to exceed a total of five (5) years, credited him as department service, but only if he returns to the employ of the department within one hundred eighty (180) days from and after termination of the armed service required of him and if he returns to the members_ deposit account the amount of his accumulated contributions withdrawn by him, together with regular interest from the date of withdrawal to the date of repayment.

(2) In any case of doubt as to the period to be so credited any member, the board shall have the final power to determine the period.

(3) During the period of armed service and until his return to the employ of the department, his contributions to the members_ deposit account shall be suspended, and his balance in the account shall be accumulated at regular interest.

(4) The federal service so credited a member shall be excluded

1 in computing his final average salary.

2 (b)(1) The board shall determine by appropriate rules and regulations
3 the amount of service to be credited any member.

4 (2) In no case shall less than fifteen (15) days of service
5 rendered in any calendar month be credited as a month of service, nor shall
6 less than ten (10) months of service rendered in any calendar year be
7 credited as a year of service, nor shall more than one (1) year of service be
8 credited any member for all service rendered by him in any calendar year.

9 (c)(1) Except as otherwise provided in this subchapter, should any
10 member leave the employ of the department for any reason except his
11 retirement as provided in this subchapter or his death, he shall thereupon
12 cease to be a member, and his credited service at that time shall be
13 forfeited by him.

14 (2) In the event he again becomes employed in the department as
15 a state police officer, he shall again become a member of the system.

16 (3) In the event his reemployment occurs within a period of five
17 (5) years from and after the date he last left the employ of the department,
18 his credited service last forfeited by him shall be restored to his credit,
19 but only if he returns to the members_ deposit account the amounts he may
20 have withdrawn therefrom, together with regular interest from the date of
21 withdrawal to the date of repayment, which repayment shall be made according
22 to such rules and regulations as the board shall adopt from time to time.

23 (4) Except as otherwise provided in this subchapter, should a
24 person return to the employment of the department after the expiration of a
25 period of five (5) years from and after the date of his employment with the
26 department last terminated, he shall not have his credited service last
27 forfeited by him restored to his credit.

28 (5) Upon a member_s retirement or death, he shall cease to be a
29 member.

30 (d) *As long as the actuarial soundness of the State Police Retirement*
31 *System will not be affected, any member who has accumulated sixty (60) or*
32 *more days of sick leave shall be entitled to receive one (1) month of*
33 *credited service for each twenty (20) days of sick leave up to a maximum of*
34 *six (6) months of credited service. Each month shall be added to the*
35 *member_s total years of credited service."*

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SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 3. If any provisions of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

/s/Rep. Purdom

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