

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to law as it existed prior to the 82nd General Assembly.

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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1465

5 By: Representative Shoffner  
6 By: Senator Critcher  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 "AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 24, CHAPTER 11, OF THE ARKANSAS  
11 CODE REGARDING THE LOCAL POLICE *AND FIREFIGHTER*  
12 PENSION AND RELIEF FUNDS, TO ADD A NEW SECTION TO  
13 PROVIDE FOR THE PURCHASE OF SERVICE CREDIT FOR  
14 EMPLOYMENT IN A POLICE-RELATED *OR FIRE-RELATED* SERVICE  
15 POSITION WITH A MUNICIPALITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."  
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## Subtitle

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18 "TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURCHASE OF SERVICE  
19 CREDIT FOR EMPLOYMENT IN A POLICE-  
20 RELATED *OR FIRE-RELATED* SERVICE POSITION  
21 WITH A MUNICIPALITY."  
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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26 SECTION 1. Title 24, Chapter 11, Subchapter 4 of the Arkansas Code is  
27 amended to add a new section to be appropriately numbered by the Arkansas Code  
28 Revision Commission:

29 "Police-related service.

30 (a) Any member of a policemen's pension and relief fund who has police-  
31 related service with the municipal government shall be entitled to purchase  
32 credited service in the system equivalent to the amount of employment service  
33 he or she has with the municipal police department in a position as police-  
34 related employment service up to a maximum of three (3) years of credited  
35 service, provided that the member contributes to the system an amount, as the  
36 board shall determine, which would be actuarially equivalent to the value of

1 the service purchased.

2 (b) The Arkansas Fire and Police Pension Review Board shall have the  
3 final power to determine the value of the service purchased.

4 (c) Service credit purchased under this section may be used to  
5 determine the member's total credited service for the amount upon retirement  
6 and shall not be used to determine his or her final average pay for service  
7 under the system.

8 (d) As used in this section, 'police-related service' means service  
9 with a municipality which has police officers covered under a policemen's  
10 pension and relief fund in a job or in a paid position within a covered police  
11 department or fire department where the person performs duties which are  
12 related to the delivery of police and law enforcement services, including  
13 service such as a police department radio dispatcher, or other similar  
14 service."

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16 SECTION 2. Title 24, Chapter 11, Subchapter 8 of the Arkansas Code is  
17 amended to add a new section to be appropriately numbered by the Arkansas Code  
18 Revision Commission:

19 "Fire-related service.

20 (a) Any member of a firemen's pension and relief fund who has fire-  
21 related service with the municipal government shall be entitled to purchase  
22 credited service in the system equivalent to the amount of employment service  
23 he or she has with the municipal fire department in a position as fire-related  
24 employment service up to a maximum of three (3) years of credited service,  
25 provided that the member contributes to the system an amount, as the board  
26 shall determine, which would be actuarially equivalent to the value of the  
27 service purchased.

28 (b) The Arkansas Fire and Police Pension Review Board shall have the  
29 final power to determine the value of the service purchased.

30 (c) Service credit purchased under this section may be used to  
31 determine the member's total credited service for the amount upon retirement  
32 and shall not be used to determine his or her final average pay for service  
33 under the system.

34 (d) As used in this section, 'fire-related service' means service with  
35 a municipality which has firemen covered under a firemen's pension and relief  
36 fund in a job or in a paid position within a covered fire department or fire

1 department where the person performs duties which are related to the delivery  
2 of fire services, including service such as a fire department radio  
3 dispatcher, or other similar service."

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5 SECTION 3. No benefit enhancement provided for by this act shall be  
6 implemented if it would cause the publicly supported retirement system's  
7 unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities to exceed a thirty (30) year  
8 amortization. No benefit enhancement provided for by this act shall be  
9 implemented by any publicly supported system which has unfunded actuarial  
10 accrued liabilities being amortized over a period exceeding thirty (30) years  
11 until the unfunded actuarial accrued liability is reduced to a level less than  
12 the standards prescribed by Arkansas Code, Title 24.

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14 SECTION 4. All provisions of this act of general and permanent nature  
15 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
16 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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18 SECTION 5. If any provisions of this act or the application thereof to  
19 any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect  
20 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
21 the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
22 act are declared to be severable.

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24 SECTION 6. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
25 hereby repealed.

26 /s/ Shoffner, et al