

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 1499

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5 By: Representative R. Smith  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 24-11-434(d) CONCERNING THE  
10 ARKANSAS POLICE OFFICERS' DEFERRED OPTION PLAN; TO AMEND  
11 ARKANSAS CODE 24-11-830(d) CONCERNING ARKANSAS FIRE  
12 FIGHTERS' DEFERRED OPTION PLAN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. "  
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## Subtitle

14 "AN ACT TO CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS POLICE  
15 OFFICERS' AND FIRE FIGHTERS' DEFERRED OPTION PLANS. "  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. *Arkansas Code 24-11-434 (d), concerning the Arkansas Police*  
22 *Officers' Deferred Option Plan, is amended to read as follows:*

23 "(d)(1) *When a member begins participation in the Arkansas Police*  
24 *Officers' Deferred Option Plan, the contribution of the police officer and the*  
25 *employer contribution shall continue to be paid.*

26 (2)(A) ~~Municipal~~ In a municipality having a population of over  
27 twenty thousand (20,000) persons, municipal matching contributions for  
28 employees who elect the Arkansas Police Officers' Deferred Option Plan shall  
29 be credited equally to the policemen's pension and relief fund and to the  
30 Arkansas Police Officers' Deferred Option Plan, or at the option of the local  
31 pension and relief fund board of trustees, credited in the manner provided in  
32 subdivision (d)(2)(B).

33 (B) In a municipality having a population of twenty  
34 thousand (20,000) persons or less, municipal matching contributions for  
35 employees who elect the Arkansas Police Officers' Deferred Option Plan shall  
36 be credited in full to the policemen's pension and relief fund, and the

1 contribution of the employee shall be credited to the member's Arkansas Police  
2 Officers' Deferred Option Plan account.

3 (3) The monthly retirement benefits that would have been payable  
4 had the member elected to cease employment and receive a service retirement  
5 shall be paid into the Arkansas Police Officers' Deferred Option Plan  
6 account. "

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8 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 24-11-830 (d), concerning the Arkansas Fire  
9 Fighters' Deferred Retirement Option Plan, is amended to read as follows:

10 "(d)(1) When a member begins participation in the Arkansas Fire  
11 Fighters' Deferred Retirement Option Plan, the contribution of the fire  
12 fighter and the employer contribution shall continue to be paid.

13 (2)(A) ~~Municipal~~ In a municipality having a population of over  
14 twenty thousand (20,000) persons, municipal matching contributions for  
15 employees who elect the Arkansas Fire Fighters' Deferred Retirement Option  
16 Plan shall be credited equally to the firemen's pension and relief fund and to  
17 the Arkansas Fire Fighters' Deferred Retirement Option Plan, or at the option  
18 of the local firemen's pension and relief fund board of trustees, credited in  
19 the manner provided in subdivision (d)(2)(B).

20 (B) In a municipality having a population of twenty  
21 thousand (20,000) persons or less, municipal matching contributions for  
22 employees who elect the Arkansas Fire Fighters' Deferred Option Plan shall be  
23 credited in full to the firemen's pension and relief fund, and the  
24 contribution of the employee shall be credited to the member's Arkansas Fire  
25 Fighters' Deferred Option Plan account.

26 (3) The monthly retirement benefits that would have been payable  
27 had the member elected to cease employment and receive a service retirement  
28 shall be paid into the Arkansas Fire Fighters' Deferred Retirement Option Plan  
29 account. "

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31 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
32 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
33 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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35 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
36 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect

1 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
2 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
3 act are declared to be severable.

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5 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
6 hereby repealed.

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8 SECTION 6. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
9 Assembly that this act revises the law concerning the Arkansas Police  
10 Officers' Deferred Option Plan and the Arkansas Fire Fighters' Deferred  
11 Retirement Option Plan; and that, for the effective administration of this  
12 act, its provisions should become effective on July 1, 1999. Therefore, an  
13 emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for  
14 the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall become effective  
15 on July 1, 1999.

16 /s/ R. Smith  
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