

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.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1346

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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 24-11-211 TO ALLOW
10 POLICE OFFICERS RETIRING UNDER THE DROP PLAN FOR
11 POLICE PENSION AND RELIEF FUNDS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
12 POLICE PENSION SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM; TO AMEND ARKANSAS
13 CODE 24-11-434 TO REQUIRE THE DEPOSIT OF PENSION
14 SUPPLEMENT PAYMENTS INTO THE RETIRED OFFICERS DROP
15 ACCOUNT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

17 TO ALLOW POLICE OFFICERS RETIRING UNDER
18 THE DROP PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
19 POLICE PENSION SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM AND
20 DEPOSIT PAYMENTS INTO THE DROP ACCOUNTS.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 24-11-211(a), concerning participation in the
27 Policemen's Pension Supplement Program, is amended to read as follows:

28 (a) There is hereby created the Arkansas Policemen's Pension Supplement
29 Program to be administered by the Arkansas Fire and Police Pension Review
30 Board. Local and municipal police officers provide valuable services to the
31 citizens of this state by risking their lives and health to protect the lives
32 and property of our citizens. Upon their retirement or participation in a DROP
33 plan ~~from active service~~, these police officers are provided retirement
34 benefits through local police pension funds. These retired police officers and
35 their survivors, if deceased, are expected to pay for all kinds of expenses
36 after their retirement, some which are unexpected and can be extremely

1 expensive. A program by which the state can provide a modest annual supplement
2 to retirement benefits to defray unexpected expenses for retired police
3 officers and their survivors will benefit all local police officers, local
4 governments, and all citizens of the state. As used in this section, the term
5 "retired police officers" shall include police officers who are retired from
6 active service and officers who remain actively employed while participating
7 in the Police Officers' Deferred Option Plan under a policemen's pension and
8 relief fund.

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10 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 24-11-434(d)(3), concerning the payments into a
11 Police Officers' Deferred Option Plan account, is amended to read as follows:

12 (3) The monthly retirement benefits that would have been payable
13 had the member elected to cease employment and receive a service retirement
14 and pension supplement payments made by the Policemen's Pension Supplement
15 Program shall be paid into the Arkansas Police Officers' Deferred Option Plan
16 account.

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18 SECTION 3. [THE ARKANSAS CODE REVISION COMMISSION IS NOT REQUIRED TO
19 CODIFY THIS SECTION.] No benefit enhancement provided for by this act shall be
20 implemented if it would cause the publicly supported retirement system's
21 unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities to exceed a thirty (30) year
22 amortization. No benefit enhancement provided for by this act shall be
23 implemented by any publicly supported system which has unfunded actuarial
24 accrued liabilities being amortized over a period exceeding thirty (30) years
25 until the unfunded actuarial accrued liability is reduced to a level less than
26 the standards prescribed by Arkansas Code, Title 24.