

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

SENATE BILL 216

By: Senator Bisbee
By: *Representative Hausam*

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 24-4-101, AS
AMENDED BY ACT 151 OF 2001, TO CLARIFY THE
DEFINITION OF "POLICE OFFICER" AS USED FOR PUBLIC
SAFETY CREDIT IN THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT
SYSTEM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF "POLICE
OFFICER" AS USED FOR PUBLIC SAFETY
CREDIT IN THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES'
RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 24-4-101(34)(B), as amended by Act 151 of 2001, concerning the definition of "police officer" as used for public safety service credit in the Public Employees' Retirement System, is amended to read as follows:

(B)(i) "Police officer" means any regular or permanent employee whose primary duty is law enforcement of a municipal police department, a county sheriff's office, or the Department of Arkansas State Police, including probationary police officers, and shall also include wildlife officers of the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission and all officers and the Director of the State Capitol Police within the office of the Secretary of State.

(ii) An officer who, although assigned to

1 administrative duties, is still subject to call for service at patrol duty or
2 duty in the field, or is subject to call for duties in emergency situations
3 requiring the officer to be armed with a firearm, shall be considered to have
4 the primary duty of law enforcement for the purpose of this subdivision
5 (14)(B).

6 ~~(ii)~~(iii) The term "police officer" shall not include
7 any civilian employee of a police department or any person temporarily
8 employed as a police officer during an emergency.

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10 SECTION 2. [THE ARKANSAS CODE REVISION COMMISSION IS NOT REQUIRED TO
11 CODIFY THIS SECTION.] No benefit enhancement provided for by this act shall
12 be implemented if it would cause the publicly supported retirement system's
13 unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities to exceed a thirty (30) year
14 amortization. No benefit enhancement provided for by this act shall be
15 implemented by any publicly supported system which has unfunded actuarial
16 accrued liabilities being amortized over a period exceeding thirty (30) years
17 until the unfunded actuarial accrued liability is reduced to a level less than
18 the standards prescribed by Arkansas Code, Title 24.

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