1 State of Arkansas A Bill 2 83rd General Assembly SENATE BILL 51 3 Regular Session, 2001 4 By: Senator D. Malone 5 6 7 For An Act To Be Entitled 8 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 24-11-432 TO ELIMINATE 9 THE MAXIMUM BENEFIT LIMIT FOR ADDITIONAL BENEFITS FOR 10 11 POLICE OFFICERS UNDER POLICE PENSION AND RELIEF FUNDS; 12 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. 13 **Subtitle** 14 15 TO REMOVE THE MAXIMUM BENEFIT LIMIT FOR ADDITIONAL BENEFITS FOR POLICE OFFICERS 16 UNDER POLICE PENSION AND RELIEF FUNDS. 17 18 19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS: 20 21 22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 24-11-432(a), concerning the additional 23 benefits for certain police officers under police pension and relief funds, is 24 amended to read as follows: (a) Beginning July 1, 1987, in addition to the monthly pension benefits 25 26 as set forth in §§ 14-52-106, 24-11-401 - 24-11-403, 24-11-405 - 24-11-413, 27 24-11-416, 24-11-417, 24-11-422, 24-11-423, 24-11-425, 24-11-428 - 24-11-430, 24-11-801 - 24-11-807, 24-11-809, 24-11-810, 24-11-813 - 24-11-815, and 24-11-28 29 818 - 24-11-821, for those police officers hired prior to January 1, 1983, and who continue to work beyond their twenty-fifth year, the member shall receive 30 31 at age sixty (60) years and thereafter a benefit on the amount equal to one 32 and one-fourth percent (1.25%) of final salary attached to the rank which he 33 may have held in the department preceding the date of retirement multiplied by the number of years of service in excess of twenty-five (25) years, up to a 34 35 maximum total benefit of seventy-five percent (75%) of final salary, provided 36 that the maximum seventy-five percent (75%) of final salary shall no longer

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| 1 | apply to benefits payable on April 30, 1993, and thereafter to persons |
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| 2 | retiring henceforth and to those persons who retired on or after July 1, 1987. |
| 3 | However, in no case shall the benefit payment exceed one hundred percent |
| 4 | (100%) of final salary. |
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| 6 | SECTION 2. [THE ARKANSAS CODE REVISION COMMISSION IS NOT REQUIRED TO |
| 7 | CODIFY THIS SECTION.] <u>No benefit enhancement provided for by this act shall</u> |
| 8 | be implemented if it would cause the publicly supported retirement system's |
| 9 | unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities to exceed a thirty (30) year |
| 10 | amortization. No benefit enhancement provided for by this act shall be |
| 11 | implemented by any publicly supported system which has unfunded actuarial |
| 12 | accrued liabilities being amortized over a period exceeding thirty (30) years |
| 13 | until the unfunded actuarial accrued liability is reduced to a level less than |
| 14 | the standards prescribed by Arkansas Code, Title 24. |
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