

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 1232

5 By: Representative J. Johnson  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO INCLUDE THE NATIONAL BOARD  
9 CERTIFICATION BONUSES AS SALARY FOR THE PURPOSES  
10 OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS UNDER THE ARKANSAS TEACHER  
11 RETIREMENT SYSTEM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

13 TO INCLUDE THE NATIONAL BOARD  
14 CERTIFICATION BONUSES AS SALARY FOR THE  
15 PURPOSES OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS UNDER  
16 THE ARKANSAS TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 24-7-202(24)(A), concerning the definition  
24 of "salary" under the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System, is amended to read  
25 as follows:

26 (24)(A)(i) "Salary" means the remuneration paid an employee in a  
27 position covered by the system and on which the employer withholds federal  
28 income tax, including the bonuses paid to an employee for National Board of  
29 Certification under provided for in 6-17--413.

30 (ii) Provided, however, compensation in excess of  
31 the limitations set forth in section 401(a)(17) of the Internal Revenue Code  
32 shall be disregarded. The limitation on compensation for eligible employees  
33 shall not be less than the amount which was allowed to be taken into account  
34 under the system as in effect on July 1, 1993. For this purpose, an eligible  
35 employee is an individual who was a member of the system before the first  
36 plan year beginning after December 31, 1995.



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1 (iii) However, when a member retires, the current  
2 year's salary used in the computation of retirement benefits shall not exceed  
3 one hundred ten percent (110%) of the previous year's salary, unless the  
4 increase is a direct result of a promotion, change in position, incremental  
5 increase provided in the school district salary schedule, or an increase in  
6 school revenues.

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