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

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SENATE BILL 123

By: Senators Faris, J. Bookout
By: Representatives Mahony, R. Smith

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CHANGE THE TEACHER DEFERRED RETIREMENT
OPTION PLAN TO REQUIRE EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO CONTINUE IF A MEMBER PARTICIPATES IN THE PLAN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO CHANGE THE TEACHER DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN TO REQUIRE EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE RETIRMENT SYSTEM TO CONTINUE.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 24-7-1303 is amended to read as follows: 24-7-1303. Contributions to Arkansas Teacher Retirement System. (a) When a member begins participation in the Teacher Deferred Retirement Option Plan, both member and employex contributions to the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System on behalf of the member shall cease.
(b) (1) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the employer contribution to the system that has ceased for a participant in the Teacher Deferred Retirement Option Plan will become a part of the general operating fund of the school district to be used for any purpose including employee salaries.
(2) The school district shall not make contributions to any tax qualified retirement plan on behalf of any employee participating in the

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Teacher Deferred Retirement Option Plan. However, this prohibition shall not

## be applicable to the extent necessary to comply with contractual obligations incurred by a school district prior to February 1, 1999.

