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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2	85th General Assembly	A Bill	
3	Regular Session, 2005 SENATE BILL 1		
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5	By: Senator Faris		
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8	For An Act To Be Entitled		
9	AN ACT CONCERNING PARTICIPATION IN THE TEACHER		
10	DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN; AND FOR OTHER		
11	PURPOSES	S.	
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15	TEAC	HER DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLA	AN.
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18	BE IT ENACTED BY THE G	GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF A	RKANSAS:
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20	SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 24-7-1301 is amended to read as follows:		
21	24-7-1301. Election to participate - Conditions.		
22	(a) In lieu of	terminating employment and accept	ing a service
23	retirement benefit pur	rsuant to § 24-7-101 et seq., any	person who is a member
24	of the Arkansas Teache	er Retirement System and who meets	the conditions
25	specified in subsection	on (b) of this section may elect t	o participate in the
26	Teacher Deferred Retin	rement Option Plan and to defer th	e receipt of
27	retirement benefits in	n accordance with the provisions o	f this subchapter.
28	(b) The conditi	ion required for participation in	the plan is that the
29	member must have at le	east thirty (30) years of service	credit in the system.
30	(c) An election to participate in the plan shall be irrevocable.		
31	<u>(d) Participati</u>	ion in the plan shall not exceed t	en (10) years.
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34	SECTION 2. Arka	ansas Code § 24-7-1306(a), concern	ing deposits to the
35	Teacher Deferred Retirement Option Plan, as amended by Act 188 of 2005, is		
36	amended to read as fol	llows:	

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1	(a)(1) Teacher Deferred Retirement Option Plan deposits shall be a		
2	percentage of the plan benefit.		
3	(2)(A) The percentage is one hundred percent (100%) reduced by		
4	the product of one percent (1%) multiplied by the number of years of		
5	contributory service credit and fractions thereof, and further reduced by the		
6	product of six-tenths percent (0.6%) multiplied by the number of years of		
7	noncontributory service credit and fractions thereof.		
8	(B)(i) When a participant whose effective date in the plan		
9	is before September 1, 2003, reaches normal retirement age, the plan		
10	contributions deposits shall be one hundred percent (100%) with no reduction.		
11	(ii) For any member whose effective date in the plan		
12	is September 1, 2003, or after, the plan contributions <u>deposits</u> for a		
13	participant who reaches normal retirement age shall continue as reduced under		
14	subdivision (a)(2)(A) of this section.		
15	(3)(A) In the event a member whose effective date in the plan is		
16	before September 1, 2003, has more than thirty (30) years of service, the		
17	years of service above thirty (30) years shall be reduced by one-half percent		
18	(0.5%) for contributory years and three-tenths percent (0.3%) for		
19	noncontributory years.		
20	(B) For any member whose effective date in the plan is		
21	September 1, 2003, or after and who has more than thirty (30) years of		
22	service, the plan contributions <u>deposits</u> for the years of service above		
23	thirty (30) years shall be reduced under subdivision (a)(2)(A) of this		
24	section.		
25	(4) Furthermore, the Board of Trustees of the Arkansas Teacher		
26	Retirement System is authorized to make further adjustments on the plan to		
27	make it cost-neutral to the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System.		
28	(5) As used in this section, "effective date" means the date		
29	determined to be the member's plan date under the policies, rules, and		
30	regulations of the board.		
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