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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO ALLOW ALL FIREFIGHTERS TO PURCHASE UP
10 TO TWO (2) YEARS OF MILITARY SERVICE CREDIT; AND
11 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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14 AN ACT TO ALLOW ALL FIREFIGHTERS TO
15 PURCHASE UP TO TWO (2) YEARS OF MILITARY
16 SERVICE CREDIT.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 24-11-834 is amended as follows:

22 24-11-834. Credited service - Purchase of military service.

23 (a) Any ~~full-paid~~ firefighter who is or was a member of the firemen's
24 pension and relief fund established by this subchapter is entitled to
25 purchase credited service for a period not to exceed two (2) years for
26 service rendered while on active duty in the armed forces of the United
27 States.

28 (b) The member may purchase the credited service for military service
29 if the person:

30 (1) Served on active duty in the armed forces before the
31 member's employment covered by the fund;

32 (2) Received an honorable discharge from the armed forces;

33 (3)(A) Is not receiving federal military service retirement pay
34 based upon nineteen (19) or more years of active duty.

35 (B) However, disability federal retirement pay shall not
36 disqualify a member from purchasing credit; and



1 (4) Does one (1) of the following:

2 (A) If the person has participated in the fund for at
3 least eighteen (18) years, the person contributes to the member's deposit
4 account a sum of money equal to the amount of the combined employee and
5 employer contribution made to the system based upon the contributions for the
6 last month of the employee's eighteenth year of service, multiplied by the
7 number of months of military service the member is eligible for and desires
8 to purchase under this section, plus interest on the amount at the rate of
9 six percent (6%) per annum from the date of eligibility to purchase the
10 service to the date of purchase; or

11 (B) If the person has participated in the fund for at
12 least twenty (20) years, the person contributes to the member's deposit
13 account a sum of money equal to the amount of the combined employee and
14 employer contribution made to the system based upon contributions at the time
15 the person first became a member of the retirement system, multiplied by the
16 number of months of military service the member is eligible for and desires
17 to purchase under this section, plus interest on the amount at the rate of
18 six percent (6%) per annum from the date of eligibility to purchase the
19 service to the date of purchase.

20 (c) A member who purchases credited service under this section shall
21 not be entitled to receive retirement benefits until the date on which the
22 member has twenty (20) years of actual service or would have had twenty (20)
23 years of actual service under the fund if the member had continued
24 employment.
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