

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 1252

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5 By: Representative Cook
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT AMENDING THE ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD AND
10 ARMED FORCES RESERVE SERVICE CREDIT UNDER THE
11 ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; AND
12 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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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 § 24-2-503 is amended to read as follows:
24 24-2-503. Arkansas National Guard and armed forces reserve service
25 credit.

26 (a) As used in this section, "armed forces reserve" means one (1) of
27 the reserve components of the armed forces of the United States.

28 (b)(1) A member of the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System
29 may purchase credited service in the system for a period not to exceed one
30 (1) year for compensated service rendered by the member in the Arkansas
31 National Guard or in the armed forces reserve if the member:

32 (A) Makes an application to the Board of Trustees of the
33 Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System;

34 (B) Provides the board with satisfactory proof of that
35 person's service in the Arkansas National Guard or in the armed forces
36 reserve; and



1 (C)(i) For the year of service credit granted, pays to the
 2 system the employee and employer contributions based on the greater of:

3 (a) The annual salary received by the member
 4 for the member's first full year of credited service that precedes the fiscal
 5 year in which the service is purchased; or

6 (b) The average of the three (3) highest
 7 annual salaries earned at the time of purchase.

8 (ii) The member shall pay interest from the end of
 9 that year of credited service to the date of payment in full.

10 (2) Payment for service under this section shall be based on the
 11 contribution rates in effect at the time of the purchase.

12 (3) The payment shall be credited to the member's deposit
 13 account and is in addition to any regular member contributions.

14 (c) A member shall receive one (1) year of purchased service credit
 15 for every five (5) years of compensated service in the Arkansas National
 16 Guard or in the armed forces reserve.

17 (d) The service in the Arkansas National Guard or in the armed forces
 18 reserve shall not become credited service under this system until:

19 (1) The member pays for all of the service in the Arkansas
 20 National Guard or in the armed forces reserve, or a portion of the service in
 21 one-year increments, at one (1) time in a single lump-sum payment; and

22 (2) The member has established five (5) or more years of actual
 23 service in the system.

24 (e) If a member ceases to be an active member before the service in
 25 the Arkansas National Guard or in the armed forces reserve has been
 26 established as system-credited service, the member payments contributed under
 27 this section are refundable, together with regular interest.

28 (f)(1) This section is supplemental to § 24-2-502, and nothing in this
 29 section shall diminish the right of any member of the system to obtain
 30 credited service in the system for active duty military service within the
 31 limits permitted by § 24-2-502.

32 ~~(2) However, no member is entitled to receive more than one (1)~~
 33 ~~year of credited service rendered by the member under this section.~~

34 ~~(3)~~(2) No member is eligible to purchase service credit in more
 35 than one (1) state-supported retirement system for service time in the
 36 Arkansas National Guard or in the armed forces reserve.

1 ~~(4)~~(3) Service credit in the system for active duty military
2 service under § 24-2-502 and for service in the Arkansas National Guard or in
3 the armed forces reserve shall not be given for the same period of time.

4 ~~(5)~~(4) The service is not credited as service under any other
5 retirement system, including federal systems, except social security.

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