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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1158

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL TIME FOR MEMBERS OF THE  
9 ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO  
10 SELECT CONTRIBUTORY SERVICE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

12 TO ALLOW ADDITIONAL TIME FOR MEMBERS OF  
13 THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT  
14 SYSTEM TO SELECT CONTRIBUTORY SERVICE.  
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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 § 24-4-101(12), concerning the definition of  
22 "contributory member", is amended to read as follows:

23 (12) "Contributory member" means:

24 (A) A person who was a member of the Arkansas Public  
25 Employees' Retirement System prior to January 1, 1978, and who continues to  
26 contribute six percent (6%) of his or her compensation to the system.

27 However, the rate will be five percent (5%) on and after July 1, 2005; or

28 (B) A member first hired on or after July 1, 2005, or a  
29 noncontributory member who elects to become a contributory member under § 24-  
30 4-1101 et seq. ~~within six (6) months from July 1, 2005;~~  
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32 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 24-4-1101(c), concerning election of  
33 contributory coverage under the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System,  
34 is amended to read as follows:

35 (c)(1)(A) A public employee hired prior to July 1, 2005, and who is an  
36 active member of the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System on July 1,



1 2011, shall have six (6) months from July 1, 2011, to elect coverage under  
 2 the benefit provisions of this subchapter.

3 (B) If the member elects contributory coverage, the  
 4 effective date of the member's contributory coverage shall be:

5 (i) The first payroll period that is paid and  
 6 reported in January 2012; and

7 (ii) Prospective only.

8 (2) Conversion or purchase of noncontributory service into  
 9 contributory service under this subchapter is prohibited.

10 (3) The election shall be made as directed by the Board of  
 11 Trustees of the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System and is  
 12 irrevocable.

13 ~~(e)~~ (d) Noncontributory members who terminate covered service for a  
 14 period of more than six (6) months and subsequently return to covered service  
 15 will be subject to the provisions of this subchapter.

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