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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 135

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR RECIPROCAL  
9 SERVICE CREDITS FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES; TO DECLARE AN  
10 EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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14 TO CLARIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR  
15 RECIPROCAL SERVICE CREDITS FOR PUBLIC  
16 EMPLOYEES; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.  
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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 § 24-2-402(2)(B) and (C), concerning  
22 reciprocal service eligibility, are amended to read as follows:

23 (B) In addition to the forfeited credited service, the active  
24 member of a reciprocal system shall receive credit for his or her previous  
25 employment with a public employer upon his or her paying the prescribed  
26 employee and employer contributions based upon the rate in effect during the  
27 previous employment, together with regular interest from the dates for the  
28 previous service to the date of repayment.

29 (C) Certain eligible active members of a state retirement system  
30 shall receive one (1) year of service credit for the purpose of retirement  
31 eligibility only for every five (5) years of full time employment at a state  
32 college or university if the member has:

33 (i) At least ten (10) years of actual service in the  
34 current retirement system;

35 (ii) At least ten (10) years of actual service in an  
36 alternative retirement plan provided thru a state college or university after



1 1985;

2 (iii) Ten (10) or more years of full time employment  
3 before 1985 at the same state college or university during a time period that  
4 the state college or university was without a mandatory employer contribution  
5 to an alternate retirement plan and did not require mandatory participation  
6 in an alternate retirement plan; and

7 (iv) Filed an application for retirement with the  
8 appropriate system before July 1, 2011.

9 ~~(C)~~(D) The provisions for determining a year of service credit  
10 shall be the prevailing regulations of each reciprocal system;

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12 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
13 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the public retirement systems  
14 provide economic security for eligible citizens of Arkansas; that the  
15 statutes need amending to clarify existing law; and that this act is  
16 immediately necessary to promote good public policy. Therefore, an emergency  
17 is declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for the  
18 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective  
19 on:

20 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

21 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,  
22 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the  
23 bill; or

24 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is  
25 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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27 /s/G. Jeffress

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