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A Bill

SENATE BILL 168

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES '
9 RETIREMENT SYSTEM; CREATING THE LEGISLATIVE TASK
10 FORCE ON LAW ENFORCEMENT RETIREMENT TO STUDY CERTAIN
11 RETIREMENT BENEFITS UNDER THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC
12 EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND THE LOCAL POLICE AND
13 FIRE RETIREMENT SYSTEM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 TO CREATE THE LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON
17 LAW ENFORCEMENT RETIREMENT.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE - DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative Task Force
24 on Law Enforcement Retirement.

25 (a) The Arkansas Legislative Task Force on Law Enforcement Retirement
26 is created.

27 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

28 (1) The Senate Cochair of the Joint Committee on Public
29 Retirement and Social Security Programs;

30 (2) The House Cochair of the Joint Committee on Public
31 Retirement and Social Security Programs;

32 (3) The Senate Cochair of the Legislative Council, or a member of
33 the Senate designated by the Senate Cochair of the Legislative Council;

34 (4) The House Cochair of the Legislative Council, or a member of
35 the House of Representatives designated by the House Cochair of the
36 Legislative Council;



1 (5) Two (2) members of the Senate, appointed by the President
2 Pro Tempore of the Senate;

3 (6) Two (2) members of the House of Representatives, appointed
4 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

5 (7) The Executive Director of the Arkansas Public Employees'
6 Retirement System;

7 (8) The Executive Director of the Arkansas Local Police and Fire
8 Retirement System; and

9 (9) The actuary employed by the Joint Committee on Public
10 Retirement and Social Security Programs to review public retirement system
11 legislation.

12 (c)(1) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall call the first
13 meeting of the task force within thirty (30) days of August 1, 2015.

14 (2) At the first meeting, the members of the task force shall
15 elect from the membership a chair and other officers as needed for the
16 transaction of its business.

17 (3)(A) The task force shall conduct its meetings in Pulaski
18 County at the State Capitol.

19 (B) Meetings shall be called by the chair of the task
20 force.

21 (C) Meetings shall be held at least one (1) time every
22 three (3) months but may occur more often at the call of the chair.

23 (d) If a vacancy occurs among the legislative members of the task
24 force, the vacancy shall be filled by the same process as the original
25 appointment.

26 (e) Legislative members of the task force are entitled to per diem and
27 mileage at the same rate authorized by law for attendance at meetings of
28 interim committees of the General Assembly.

29 (f) The task force shall establish rules and procedures for conducting
30 its business.

31 (g)(1) A majority of the members of the task force shall constitute a
32 quorum for transacting any business of the task force.

33 (2) An affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum present shall
34 be necessary to transact business.

35 (h) The Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System and the Arkansas
36 Local Police and Fire Retirement System shall provide staff for the task

1 force.

2 (i) The task force shall study retirement benefits offered to retired
3 law enforcement officers, including without limitation a comparison of
4 retirement benefits for retired law enforcement officers under the Arkansas
5 Public Employees' Retirement System and retirement benefits for retired law
6 enforcement officers under the Arkansas Local Police and Fire Retirement
7 System.

8 (j) The task force shall present a final report to the Joint Committee
9 on Public Retirement and Social Security Programs on or before October 1,
10 2016.

11 (k) The task force is abolished on January 1, 2017.

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13 /s/B. Sample
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