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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1187

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO CREATE AN EXCEPTION FOR ESSENTIAL SEASONAL
10 STAFF OF THE ARKANSAS FORESTRY COMMISSION WHO ARE
11 PARTICIPANTS IN THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES'
12 RETIREMENT SYSTEM DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN;
13 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

17 TO CREATE AN EXCEPTION FOR ESSENTIAL
18 SEASONAL STAFF OF THE ARKANSAS FORESTRY
19 COMMISSION WHO ARE PARTICIPANTS IN THE
20 ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT
21 SYSTEM DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 24-4-804(c), concerning cessation of
27 participation, is amended to read as follows:

28 (c)(1) When a member's participation in the Arkansas Public Employees'
29 Retirement System Deferred Retirement Option Plan ceases, that member is not
30 eligible for employment in any position covered by the plans identified in §
31 24-2-401(3), except as provided for in § 24-4-520.

32 (2)(A) This section does not apply to a member who was both an
33 employee of the Arkansas Forestry Commission and a participant in the
34 Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System Deferred Retirement Option Plan
35 who may be eligible for reemployment after satisfying the separation from
36 service requirements of § 24-4-520(b) as an essential seasonal staff member



1 with the commission.

2 (B) As used in subdivision (c)(2)(A) of this section,
 3 "essential seasonal staff member" means an employee of the commission who:

4 (i) Has specialized knowledge, skill, or training
 5 pertaining to necessary duties or tasks to be completed by the commission in
 6 times of emergency, disaster clean-up, extreme weather, or other
 7 circumstances deemed pressing by the commission; and

8 (ii) Is employed by the commission on a part-time
 9 basis:

10 (a) During times of emergency, disaster clean-
 11 up, extreme weather, or other circumstances deemed pressing by the
 12 commission; or

13 (b) As an instructor to train other staff for
 14 times of emergency, disaster clean-up, extreme weather, or other
 15 circumstances deemed pressing by the commission.

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