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4

*As Engrossed: S1/25/17*  
**A Bill**

SENATE BILL 163

5 By: Senator B. Sample  
6 *By: Representative Warren*  
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**For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT TO PROVIDE CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS  
10 STATE HIGHWAY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM WITH A ONE  
11 TIME OPTION TO PURCHASE MILITARY SERVICE CREDIT  
12 WITHOUT INTEREST; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR  
13 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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**Subtitle**

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17 TO PROVIDE CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE  
18 ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY EMPLOYEES'  
19 RETIREMENT SYSTEM WITH A ONE TIME OPTION  
20 TO PURCHASE MILITARY SERVICE CREDIT  
21 WITHOUT INTEREST; AND TO DECLARE AN  
22 EMERGENCY.  
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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27 SECTION 1. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE CODIFIED. Purchase credit for  
28 military service.

29 (a) A member of the Arkansas State Highway Employees' Retirement  
30 System may purchase creditable service in the retirement system, without  
31 interest, for a period not to exceed five (5) years for active service by the  
32 member in the United States Armed Forces if the member:

33 (1) Has five (5) years of actual service in the system as of  
34 August 20, 2015; and

35 (2) Shows that he or she relied upon the ten-year service time  
36 requirement before applying to purchase military service credit under this



1 section.

2 (b) The purchase of military service credit under this section shall  
3 be made in the form of a cash payment.

4 (c) A member's option to purchase military service credit under this  
5 section shall expire thirty (30) days after the effective date of this act.

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7 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
8 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that as a result of an error  
9 relating to the adoption of the 1997 amendment to Arkansas Code § 24-2-502,  
10 some current members of the Arkansas State Highway Employees' Retirement  
11 System relied on a ten-year service time requirement rather than the amended  
12 five-year service time requirement when they purchased credited service for  
13 service they provided in the United States Armed Forces; and that legislation  
14 is needed to allow the system to immediately reimburse the members who  
15 overpaid interest and are experiencing hardships. Therefore, an emergency is  
16 declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for the  
17 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective  
18 on:

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

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

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

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26 */s/B. Sample*

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