

1 State of Arkansas  
2 93rd General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2021  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1169

5 By: Representative Tollett  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO CREATE THE "PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES HEROES  
9 ACT"; CONCERNING THE VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT OF ACTIVE  
10 MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM WHO  
11 WERE EMPLOYED BY A COVERED EMPLOYER DURING THE 2020-  
12 2021 SCHOOL YEAR; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 TO CREATE THE "PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES  
16 HEROES ACT".  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Title.

23 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Public School  
24 Employees Heroes Act".  
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26 SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative findings.

27 The General Assembly finds that:

28 (1) This act would benefit many public school employees in this  
29 state;

30 (2) Members of the 93rd General Assembly employed by an employer  
31 covered by the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System may benefit from provisions  
32 of this act;

33 (3) The possibility of a member of the 93rd General Assembly  
34 benefiting from the provisions of this act may create the appearance of a  
35 conflict of interest or other impropriety; and

36 (4) Excluding all members of the 93rd General Assembly from



1 benefiting from the provisions of this act avoids the appearance of a  
2 conflict of interest or other impropriety while allowing public school  
3 employees to benefit from the provisions of this act.

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5 SECTION 3. DO NOT CODIFY. Arkansas Teacher Retirement System –  
6 Voluntary retirement – Active members employed by a covered employer during  
7 the 2020-2021 school year.

8 (a) Except as provided under § 24-7-701(a)(2), an active member of the  
9 Arkansas Teacher Retirement System may voluntarily retire upon written  
10 application filed with the system if the member:

11 (1) Has twenty-seven (27) years of credited service in the  
12 system regardless of the member’s age; and

13 (2) Was employed by a covered employer during the 2020-2021  
14 school year.

15 (b) Subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to a member of the  
16 93rd General Assembly.

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