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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 179

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC  
10 EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; TO CREATE AN ENHANCED  
11 MULTIPLIER FOR CERTAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMBERS OF THE  
12 ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; AND FOR  
13 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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17 TO CREATE AN ENHANCED MULTIPLIER FOR  
18 CERTAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMBERS OF THE  
19 ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT  
20 SYSTEM.  
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 24-4-601, concerning the straight life  
26 annuity under the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System, is amended to  
27 add an additional subsection to read as follows:

28 (e)(1) Beginning July 1, 2024, a member who retires as provided under  
29 § 24-4-508 or §§ 24-4-510 – 24-4-512 shall receive a straight life annuity  
30 enhancement for each year of credited service equal to twenty-five-hundredths  
31 percent (0.25%) of the member's average compensation multiplied by the number  
32 of years and fractions of years of actual service rendered as a deputy  
33 sheriff or sheriff, provided that:

34 (A) The deputy sheriff or sheriff:

35 (i) Satisfied the training requirements established  
36 by the Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training under §



1 12-9-106; and

2 (ii) Was a certified law enforcement officer for  
3 each year and partial year of actual service eligible for the enhanced  
4 credit;

5 (B) Proof of eligibility for the enhanced credit is  
6 provided by the person responsible for compiling the payroll for the deputy  
7 sheriff or sheriff within the county that the deputy sheriff or sheriff is  
8 employed; and

9 (C) Credited service earned prior to July 1, 2024, shall  
10 be eligible for the enhanced credit under subdivision (e)(1) of this section,  
11 but not for those who have retired prior to July 1, 2024.

12 (2) Beginning July 1, 2024, a member who qualifies for the  
13 enhanced credit under subdivision (e)(1) of this section shall be responsible  
14 for an additional one and twenty-five-hundredths of one percent (1.25%)  
15 contribution of the member's annual compensation for the years and fractions  
16 of years that the member qualifies.

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