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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 179

5 By: Senator K. Hammer  
6 By: Representative Warren  
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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

16 TO CREATE AN ENHANCED MULTIPLIER FOR  
17 CERTAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMBERS OF THE  
18 ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT  
19 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 certified law  
33 enforcement officer, provided that:

34 (A) The certified law enforcement officer:

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  
7 certified law enforcement officer; and

8 (C) Credited service earned before July 1, 2024, is not  
9 eligible for the enhanced credit under this subdivision (e)(1).

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

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16 /s/K. Hammer  
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