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**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1227

By: Representatives Gossage, C. Douglas, Eubanks  
By: Senator G. Stubblefield

### For An Act To Be Entitled

*AN ACT TO ALLOW A MEMBER OF THE ARKANSAS TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM WHO IS A CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT THE SAME RIGHT TO PURCHASE PREVIOUS PRIVATE SCHOOL SERVICE AS PERMITTED FOR CERTIFIED TEACHERS OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

### Subtitle

*TO ALLOW A MEMBER OF THE ARKANSAS TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM WHO IS A CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL THE SAME RIGHT TO PURCHASE PREVIOUS PRIVATE SCHOOL SERVICE AS PERMITTED FOR CERTIFIED TEACHERS OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL.*

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 24-7-607(a), concerning private school service, is amended to read as follows:

(a) As used in this section, "private school service" means service rendered in ~~any~~ a private school or agency that ~~is recognized~~ would have been covered by the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System if the service had been:

- (1) Rendered in a public school; and
- (2) The private school or agency:

(A) Has positions recognized by the Department of Education for the issuance of teaching licenses~~;~~ or



(B)(i) Is recognized as a private educationally-related entity by resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System.

(ii) Private educationally-related service purchased for employment at a private educationally-related entity to obtain system-credited service is limited to five (5) years or less.

*/s/Gossage*

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