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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 118

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ALLOW A STATE-SUPPORTED RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO REQUIRE A QUALIFIED DOMESTIC RELATIONS ORDER TO SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLY WITH THE UNIFORM LEGAL FORM OF A QUALIFIED DOMESTIC RELATIONS ORDER TO PAY BENEFITS; TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO ALLOW A STATE-SUPPORTED RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO REQUIRE AN ORDER TO SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLY WITH THE UNIFORM LEGAL FORM OF A QUALIFIED DOMESTIC RELATIONS ORDER TO PAY BENEFITS; AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 9-18-103(b), concerning qualified domestic relations ~~order~~ orders to reach public employees' retirement benefits, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The boards of trustees of the state-supported retirement systems shall:

(1) ~~promulgate~~ Establish rules and ~~regulations~~ to implement this chapter; and

(2)(A) ~~shall adopt~~ Adopt a uniform legal form, ~~as approved by the Legislative Council,~~ for use in preparing a qualified domestic relations ~~orders~~ order for each retirement plan.



(B)(i) The state-supported retirement system's uniform legal form of the qualified domestic relations order shall be approved by the Legislative Council.

(ii) A state-supported retirement system is not required to comply with a qualified domestic relations order that does not substantially follow the uniform legal form approved by the Legislative Council.

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