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HOUSE BILL 1368

By: Representative Baltz

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PURCHASE OF SERVICE CREDIT BY
PUBLIC SAFETY MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC
EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

CONCERNING THE PURCHASE OF SERVICE CREDIT
BY PUBLIC SAFETY MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 24-4-1004 is amended to read as follows:

24-4-1004. Determination of benefits for civilian firefighters of
State Military Department – Responsibility for additional costs.

(a) For purposes of determining benefits under this chapter, all
credited service, whenever earned, of persons employed as civilian
firefighters of the State Military Department as of July 1, 1997, and of
persons thereafter employed in those positions shall be treated as public
safety member service if the position is one hundred percent (100%) federally
funded.

(b) The additional cost to the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement
System as computed by actuarial determination is the responsibility of the
employer and is in addition to those costs required by § 24-2-701(c).

(c) Employment as a public safety member shall be credited at one and
one-half (1½) times the regular rate for crediting service.

(d)(1) A public safety member who purchases military service credit
under § 24-2-502 shall be credited at the regular rate for credited service



and not an enhanced rate.

(2) A public safety member shall pay the same rate for the purchase of service credit from the system as a member of the system who is not a public safety member.

/s/Baltz

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