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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1690

By: Representative Beaty Jr.

By: Senator Gilmore

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING RETURN TO SERVICE
BY ESSENTIAL SEASONAL STAFF MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT
OF AGRICULTURE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING RETURN TO
SERVICE BY ESSENTIAL SEASONAL STAFF
MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 24-4-520(b)(1)(A)(ii), concerning return to employment in a position covered under the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System, is amended to read as follows:

(ii)(a) Subdivision (b)(1)(A)(i) of this section does not apply to a member of the system who returns to temporary employment with the House of Representatives, the Senate, the Bureau of Legislative Research, Arkansas Legislative Audit, or the Arkansas Code Revision Commission during a regular session, fiscal session, or special session in a session-only position requiring specialized institutional knowledge and experience; or

(b) An essential seasonal staff member as defined under § 24-4-804(c)(2)(B); or

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 24-4-804(c)(2)(A), concerning exceptions to the prohibition of reemployment with a system under the Arkansas Public



Employees' Retirement System after a member ceases to participate in the system's Deferred Retirement Option Plan, is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A)(i) This section does not apply to a member who ~~was:~~

(a) Was an employee of the Arkansas Forestry Commission, the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission, or the State Plant Board, ~~and who is;~~

(b) Is a participant in the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System Deferred Retirement Option Plan; ~~and who may be eligible for reemployment after satisfying the separation requirements of § 24-4-520(b) as~~

(c) Is an essential seasonal staff member with the Arkansas Forestry Commission, the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission, or the State Plant Board.

(ii) This section does not apply to a member who ~~was:~~

(a) Was an employee of the Department of Agriculture ~~on or after July 1, 2019, and who is;~~

(b) Is a participant in the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System Deferred Retirement Option Plan ~~who may be eligible for reemployment after satisfying the separation requirements of § 24-4-520(b) as;~~ and

(c) Is an essential seasonal staff member with the department.

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