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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1325

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS REGARDING CREDITED SERVICE UNDER THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; TO ALLOW A MEMBER OF THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO RECEIVE SERVICE CREDIT FROM SERVICE UNDER AN ALTERNATE RETIREMENT PLAN TO MEET ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR A RETIREMENT BENEFIT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO ALLOW A MEMBER OF THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO RECEIVE SERVICE CREDIT FROM SERVICE UNDER AN ALTERNATE RETIREMENT PLAN TO MEET ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 24-4-901, concerning reciprocal service recognized under the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System, is amended to add a new subsection to read as follows:

(f)(1) A member of the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System previously covered under an alternate retirement plan as defined in § 24-7-202 may be credited for each year of employment covered under the alternate retirement plan to meet eligibility requirements for receiving a monthly retirement benefit under the system if the employee did not:

(A) Vest in the alternate retirement plan; and



(B) Receive a payment or withdraw contributions from the alternate retirement plan for the period of covered employment.

(2) The Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System shall not credit service for retirement eligibility under this subsection until:

(A) The member provides documentation to the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System from the covered employer and the alternate retirement plan that verifies the conditions in subdivision (f)(1) of this section; and

(B) The Executive Director of the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System determines that there is sufficient documentation and that all other requirements are met to credit service from the alternate retirement plan.

APPROVED: 3/12/25