

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.  
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## A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1068

By: Representative M. McElroy

By: Senator D. Wallace

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO INCLUDE EMPLOYEES OF A METROPOLITAN PORT  
AUTHORITY IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ARKANSAS  
EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO INCLUDE EMPLOYEES OF A METROPOLITAN  
PORT AUTHORITY IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE  
ARKANSAS EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 24-4-101(28), concerning the definition of "nonstate employees" under the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System, is amended to read as follows:

(28) "Nonstate employees" means county employees, municipal employees, rural waterworks facilities board employees, regional airport authority employees, border municipal airport employees, metropolitan port authority employees, public facilities board employees, regional solid waste management board employees, joint county and municipal sanitation authority employees, regional water distribution board employees, the employees of economic development districts recognized as planning and development districts under § 14-166-202, school employees, public water authority employees, and the employees of the Intergovernmental Juvenile Detention Council;

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 24-4-101(30)(A), concerning the definition of "participating public employer" under the Arkansas Public Employees'



Retirement System, is amended to read as follows:

(A) Any county, municipality, rural waterworks facilities board, regional airport authority, border municipal airport authority, metropolitan port authority, public facilities board, regional solid waste management board, joint county and municipal sanitation authority, suburban improvement district under § 14-92-502, public water authority, or regional water distribution board in the state whose employees are included in the membership of the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System;

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 24-4-101 is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(48) "Metropolitan port authority" means a metropolitan port authority created under the Metropolitan Port Authority Act of 1961, § 14-185-101 et seq.

*/s/M. McElroy*

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