

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

HOUSE BILL 1268

By: Representative Unger

By: Senator J. Scott

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ALLOW A PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY TO BECOME
A PARTICIPATING PUBLIC EMPLOYER AND FOR ITS EMPLOYEES
TO BECOME MEMBERS OF THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES'
RETIREMENT SYSTEM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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BECOME A PARTICIPATING PUBLIC EMPLOYER
AND FOR ITS EMPLOYEES TO BECOME MEMBERS
OF THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES'
RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 24-4-101(28), concerning the definition of "nonstate employees" applicable to 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, public facilities board employees, regional solid waste management board employees, joint county and municipal sanitation authority employees, employees of a public transit authority, 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" applicable to 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, public facilities board, regional solid waste management board, joint county and municipal sanitation authority, a public transit 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, concerning definitions applicable to the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(48) "Public transit authority" means a public governmental entity formed under the Public Transit System Act, § 14-334-101 et seq., that has elected to participate as a public employer in the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System by a majority vote of the public transit authority's board of directors.

/s/Unger

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