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2 92nd General Assembly

# A Bill

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HOUSE BILL 1335

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING CREDITED SERVICE  
9 AND VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT UNDER THE ARKANSAS TEACHER  
10 RETIREMENT SYSTEM; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR  
11 OTHER PURPOSES.

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## Subtitle

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

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23 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 24-7-601(e)(4), concerning credited service*  
24 *under the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System, is amended to read as follows:*

25 *(4) The final average ~~compensation~~ salary used shall be that of*  
26 *the reciprocal system that furnishes the highest final average salary at the*  
27 *time of retirement.*

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29 *SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 24-7-701(d) and (e), concerning voluntary*  
30 *retirement under the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System, are amended to read*  
31 *as follows:*

32 *(d) ~~A member retiring with an effective date other than July 1 or the~~*  
33 *~~first day of a calendar quarter within the fiscal year may receive service~~*  
34 *~~credit for the current year and use the salary for the current year in the~~*  
35 *~~calculation of the member's final average salary with the following~~*  
36 *~~restrictions:~~ If a member has accrued a full year of service credit for a*



1 fiscal year, the annuity shall not begin earlier than on the July 1 after the  
2 fiscal year.

3 ~~(1) Credited service for service within the fiscal year shall~~  
4 ~~not exceed one quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) year for each full calendar quarter elapsed since~~  
5 ~~the beginning of the fiscal year; and~~

6 ~~(2) Service credit to be used in the computation of benefits~~  
7 ~~shall be computed only on the full calendar quarter completed and shall not~~  
8 ~~include service credit for a partial calendar quarter worked.~~

9 ~~(e)(1) If a member has signed an employment contract for a fiscal~~  
10 ~~school year and been paid in full for that fiscal school year, in no event~~  
11 ~~shall the annuity begin earlier than the July 1 next following that fiscal~~  
12 ~~school year.~~

13 ~~(2) If a member has signed an employment contract for a fiscal~~  
14 ~~school year and if that contract is not completed, the member shall receive~~  
15 ~~credit for service within the current fiscal year as provided in this~~  
16 ~~section.~~

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18 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 24-7-702(e) and (f), concerning early  
19 voluntary retirement, are amended to read as follows:

20 ~~(e) A member retiring with an effective date other than July 1 or the~~  
21 ~~first day of a calendar quarter within the fiscal year may receive service~~  
22 ~~credit for the current year and use the salary for the current year in the~~  
23 ~~calculation of the member's final average salary with the following~~  
24 ~~restrictions: If a member has accrued a full year of service credit for a~~  
25 ~~fiscal year, the annuity shall not begin earlier than on the July 1 after the~~  
26 ~~fiscal year.~~

27 ~~(1) Credited service for service within the fiscal year shall~~  
28 ~~not exceed one fourth ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of a year for each full calendar quarter elapsed~~  
29 ~~since the beginning of the fiscal year; and~~

30 ~~(2) Service credit to be used in the computation of benefits~~  
31 ~~shall be computed only on the full calendar quarter completed and shall not~~  
32 ~~include service credit for a partial calendar quarter worked.~~

33 ~~(f)(1) If a member has signed an employment contract for a fiscal~~  
34 ~~school year and been paid in full for that fiscal year, in no event shall the~~  
35 ~~annuity begin earlier than the July 1 next following that fiscal school year.~~

36 ~~(2) If a member has signed an employment contract for a fiscal~~

