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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1325

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6 By: Senator J. Dotson  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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

## Subtitle

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20 EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO RECEIVE  
21 SERVICE CREDIT FROM SERVICE UNDER AN  
22 ALTERNATE RETIREMENT PLAN TO MEET  
23 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.  
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26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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28 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 24-4-901, concerning reciprocal service  
29 recognized under the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System, is amended  
30 to add a new subsection to read as follows:

31 (f)(1) A member of the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System  
32 previously covered under an alternate retirement plan as defined in § 24-7-  
33 202 may be credited for each year of employment covered under the alternate  
34 retirement plan to meet eligibility requirements for receiving a monthly  
35 retirement benefit under the system if the employee did not:

36 (A) Vest in the alternate retirement plan; and



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

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

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

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

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