



January 24, 2025

Mr. Mark White  
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**Re: House Bill (HB) 1161 - Election of Annuity Options**

Dear Mr. White:

You have asked us for our analysis of HB 1161 as it relates to the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System (ATRS).

The bill modifies Arkansas Code § 24-7-706(e), concerning an election to change annuity options within one (1) year of retirement from the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System.

Revised Arkansas Code § 24-7-706(e) eliminates obsolete date references and modifies some of the language slightly. In addition, current subdivision (B) and (C) are renamed (A) and (B). This is a technical corrections bill and does not impact ATRS costs.

We hope this analysis meets your needs.

Please review this letter carefully to ensure that we have understood the bill properly. The analysis in this letter should not be relied upon if there is doubt about our understanding of the bill. Our analysis relates only to the plan changes described in this correspondence. In the event that other plan changes are being considered, it is very important to remember that the results of separate actuarial analyses cannot generally be added together to produce a total. The total can be considerably greater than the sum of the parts due to the interaction of various plan provisions with each other, and with the assumptions that must be used.

We did not review this bill for compliance with Federal, State, or local laws or regulations, and internal revenue code provisions. Such a review was not within the scope of our assignment.

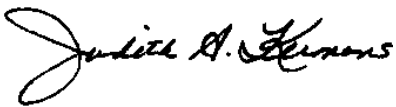
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