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**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1068

5 By: Representative M. McElroy  
6 By: Senator D. Wallace  
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**For An Act To Be Entitled**

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

15 TO INCLUDE EMPLOYEES OF A METROPOLITAN  
16 PORT AUTHORITY IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE  
17 ARKANSAS EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 24-4-101(28), concerning the definition of  
22 "nonstate employees" under the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System,  
23 is amended to read as follows:

24 (28) "Nonstate employees" means county employees, municipal  
25 employees, rural waterworks facilities board employees, regional airport  
26 authority employees, border municipal airport employees, metropolitan port  
27 authority employees, public facilities board employees, regional solid waste  
28 management board employees, joint county and municipal sanitation authority  
29 employees, regional water distribution board employees, the employees of  
30 economic development districts recognized as planning and development  
31 districts under § 14-166-202, school employees, public water authority  
32 employees, and the employees of the Intergovernmental Juvenile Detention  
33 Council;  
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35 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 24-4-101(30)(A), concerning the definition  
36 of "participating public employer" under the Arkansas Public Employees'



1 Retirement System, is amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

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