

By Representative Culp

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the Florida Retirement  
3           System; amending s. 121.021, F.S.; redefining  
4           the term "special risk member" to include  
5           certain public defender investigators;  
6           providing an effective date.

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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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10           Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (15) of section  
11 121.021, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

12           121.021 Definitions.--The following words and phrases  
13 as used in this chapter have the respective meanings set forth  
14 unless a different meaning is plainly required by the context:

15           (15)(a) Until October 1, 1978, "special risk member"  
16 means any officer or employee whose application is approved by  
17 the administrator and who receives salary payments for work  
18 performed as a peace officer; law enforcement officer; police  
19 officer; highway patrol officer; custodial employee at a  
20 correctional or detention facility; correctional agency  
21 employee whose duties and responsibilities involve direct  
22 contact with inmates, but excluding secretarial and clerical  
23 employees; firefighter; or an employee in any other job in the  
24 field of law enforcement or fire protection if the duties of  
25 such person are certified as hazardous by his or her employer.

26           (b)1. Effective October 1, 1978, "special risk member"  
27 means a member of the Florida Retirement System who is  
28 designated as a special risk member by the division in  
29 accordance with s. 121.0515. Such member must be employed as  
30 a law enforcement officer, a firefighter, or a correctional

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1 officer and must meet certain other special criteria as set  
2 forth in s. 121.0515.

3 2. Effective January 1, 1999, the term "special risk  
4 member" also includes any member who is employed as a public  
5 defender investigator who meets the certification requirements  
6 of s. 943.13.

7 Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1 of the  
8 year following the year in which it is enacted.

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11 HOUSE SUMMARY

12 Redefines the term "special risk member" for the purposes  
13 of the Florida Retirement System to include members of  
14 the system who are public defender investigators who meet  
15 certification requirements as set forth in s. 943.13,  
16 F.S.

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