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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Florida Retirement
3 System; amending s. 121.0515, F.S.; revising
4 criteria for membership in the special risk
5 class to include emergency medical technicians
6 and paramedics having supervisory or command
7 authority over other emergency medical
8 technicians and paramedics or having
9 supervisory or command authority over such
10 supervisory or command personnel; providing an
11 effective date.

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

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15 Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 121.0515, Florida
16 Statutes, is amended to read:

17 121.0515 Special risk membership.--

18 (2) CRITERIA.--A member, to be designated as a special
19 risk member, must meet the following criteria:

20 (a) The member must be employed as a law enforcement
21 officer and be certified, or required to be certified, in
22 compliance with s. 943.1395; however, sheriffs and elected
23 police chiefs shall be excluded from meeting the certification
24 requirements of this paragraph. In addition, the member's
25 duties and responsibilities must include the pursuit,
26 apprehension, and arrest of law violators or suspected law
27 violators; or the member must be an active member of a bomb
28 disposal unit whose primary responsibility is the location,
29 handling, and disposal of explosive devices; or the member
30 must be the supervisor or command officer of a member or
31 members who have such responsibilities; provided, however,

1 administrative support personnel, including, but not limited
2 to, those whose primary duties and responsibilities are in
3 accounting, purchasing, legal, and personnel, shall not be
4 included;

5 (b) The member must be employed as a firefighter and
6 be certified, or required to be certified, in compliance with
7 s. 633.35 and be employed solely within the fire department of
8 the employer or agency of state government. In addition, the
9 member's duties and responsibilities must include on-the-scene
10 fighting of fires or direct supervision of firefighting units,
11 or the member must be the supervisor or command officer of a
12 member or members who have such responsibilities; provided,
13 however, administrative support personnel, including, but not
14 limited to, those whose primary duties and responsibilities
15 are in accounting, purchasing, legal, and personnel, shall not
16 be included;

17 (c) The member must be employed as a correctional
18 officer and be certified, or required to be certified, in
19 compliance with s. 943.1395. In addition, the member's
20 primary duties and responsibilities must be the custody, and
21 physical restraint when necessary, of prisoners or inmates
22 within a prison, jail, or other criminal detention facility,
23 or while on work detail outside the facility, or while being
24 transported; or the member must be the supervisor or command
25 officer of a member or members who have such responsibilities;
26 provided, however, administrative support personnel,
27 including, but not limited to, those whose primary duties and
28 responsibilities are in accounting, purchasing, legal, and
29 personnel, shall not be included; however, wardens and
30 assistant wardens, as defined by rule, shall participate in
31 the Special Risk Class;

1 (d) The member must be employed by a licensed Advance
2 Life Support (ALS) or Basic Life Support (BLS) employer as an
3 emergency medical technician or a paramedic and be certified
4 in compliance with s. 401.27. In addition, the member's
5 primary duties and responsibilities must include on-the-scene
6 emergency medical care or direct supervision of emergency
7 medical technicians or paramedics, or the member must be the
8 supervisor or command officer of one or more members who have
9 such responsibility. However, administrative support
10 personnel, including, but not limited to, those whose primary
11 responsibilities are in accounting, purchasing, legal, and
12 personnel, shall not be included;

13 (e) The member must be employed as a community-based
14 correctional probation officer and be certified, or required
15 to be certified, in compliance with s. 943.1395. In addition,
16 the member's primary duties and responsibilities must be the
17 supervised custody, surveillance, control, investigation, and
18 counseling of assigned inmates, probationers, parolees, or
19 community controllees within the community; or the member must
20 be the supervisor of a member or members who have such
21 responsibilities. Administrative support personnel, including,
22 but not limited to, those whose primary duties and
23 responsibilities are in accounting, purchasing, legal
24 services, and personnel management, shall not be included;
25 however, probation and parole circuit and deputy circuit
26 administrators shall participate in the Special Risk Class; or

27 (f) The member must be employed in one of the
28 following classes and must spend at least 75 percent of his or
29 her time performing duties which involve contact with patients
30 or inmates in a correctional or forensic facility or
31 institution:

- 1 1. Dietitian (class codes 5203 and 5204).
- 2 2. Public health nutrition consultant (class code
- 3 5224).
- 4 3. Psychological specialist (class codes 5230 and
- 5 5231).
- 6 4. Psychologist (class code 5234).
- 7 5. Senior psychologist (class codes 5237 and 5238).
- 8 6. Regional mental health consultant (class code
- 9 5240).
- 10 7. Psychological Services Director--DCF (class code
- 11 5242).
- 12 8. Pharmacist (class codes 5245 and 5246).
- 13 9. Senior pharmacist (class codes 5248 and 5249).
- 14 10. Dentist (class code 5266).
- 15 11. Senior dentist (class code 5269).
- 16 12. Registered nurse (class codes 5290 and 5291).
- 17 13. Senior registered nurse (class codes 5292 and
- 18 5293).
- 19 14. Registered nurse specialist (class codes 5294 and
- 20 5295).
- 21 15. Clinical associate (class codes 5298 and 5299).
- 22 16. Advanced registered nurse practitioner (class
- 23 codes 5297 and 5300).
- 24 17. Advanced registered nurse practitioner specialist
- 25 (class codes 5304 and 5305).
- 26 18. Registered nurse supervisor (class codes 5306 and
- 27 5307).
- 28 19. Senior registered nurse supervisor (class codes
- 29 5308 and 5309).
- 30 20. Registered nursing consultant (class codes 5312
- 31 and 5313).

