

By the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Productivity;  
and Senator Saunders

302-1529-01

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

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

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

19           121.0515 Special risk membership.--

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

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

1 must be the supervisor or command officer of a member or  
2 members who have such responsibilities; provided, however,  
3 administrative support personnel, including, but not limited  
4 to, those whose primary duties and responsibilities are in  
5 accounting, purchasing, legal, and personnel, shall not be  
6 included;

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

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

1 personnel, shall not be included; however, wardens and  
2 assistant wardens, as defined by rule, shall participate in  
3 the Special Risk Class;

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

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

30 (f) The member must be employed in one of the  
31 following classes and must spend at least 75 percent of his or

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

3           20. Registered nursing consultant (class codes 5312  
4 and 5313).

5           21. Quality management program supervisor (class code  
6 5314).

7           22. Executive nursing director (class codes 5320 and  
8 5321).

9           23. Speech and hearing therapist (class code 5406); or

10          24. Pharmacy manager (class code 5251).

11          Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2001.

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13                   STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
14                   COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
15                   SB 694

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16 Modifies the duties required of firefighters to be included in  
17 the special risk class. Authorizes fire prevention or  
17 firefighter training duties or supervision of fire prevention  
18 or firefighter training duties among those authorized duties  
18 for which a firefighter may be included in the special risk  
19 class.

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