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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to the Florida Retirement System; amending s. 121.021, F.S.; redefining the term "special risk member" for the purposes of the Florida Retirement System to include certain members employed by certain public acute care hospitals; amending s. 121.0515, F.S.; revising criteria for membership in the special risk class to include certain members employed by certain public acute care hospitals; providing a statement of important state interest; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (f) is added to subsection (15) of section 121.021, Florida Statutes, to read:

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

(15)

(f) Effective July 1, 2002, "special risk member" includes any member who is employed by a public acute care hospital which serves as a trauma center, and which provides treatment to members of the public with deadly or crippling infectious diseases, members of the public who are accused of or convicted of serious violent crimes, members of the public who have been subjected to hazardous materials or biological or chemical agents as a result of terrorism or industrial accidents, or members of the public with diseases the

1 treatment of which requires interventions with extremely toxic
2 substances.

3 Section 2. Paragraph (h) is added to subsection (2) of
4 section 121.0515, Florida Statutes, to read:

5 121.0515 Special risk membership.--

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

8 (h) A member who is employed by a public acute care
9 hospital which serves as a trauma center, and which provides
10 treatment to members of the public with deadly or crippling
11 infectious diseases, members of the public who are accused of
12 or convicted of serious violent crimes, members of the public
13 who have been subjected to hazardous materials or biological
14 or chemical agents as a result of terrorism or industrial
15 accidents, or members of the public with diseases the
16 treatment of which requires interventions with extremely toxic
17 substances.

18 Section 3. The Legislature finds that in providing
19 treatment to members of the public with deadly or crippling
20 infectious diseases, members of the public who are accused of
21 or convicted of serious violent crimes, members of the public
22 who have been subjected to hazardous materials or biological
23 or chemical agents as a result of terrorism or industrial
24 accidents, or members of the public with diseases the
25 treatment of which requires interventions with extremely toxic
26 substances, a member of the Florida Retirement System who is
27 employed by a public acute care hospital which serves as a
28 trauma center, is serving an important state interest and
29 should be a member of the special risk class of the Florida
30 Retirement System.

31 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002.

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HOUSE SUMMARY

Includes a member of the Florida Retirement System in the special risk class of the system if the member is employed by a public acute care hospital which serves as a trauma center and which provides treatment to members of the public with deadly or crippling infectious diseases, members of the public who are accused of or convicted of serious violent crimes, members of the public who have been subjected to hazardous materials biological or chemical agents as a result of terrorism or industrial accidents, or members of the public with diseases the treatment of which requires intervention with extremely toxic substances.