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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to the Florida Retirement System; amending
3 s. 121.021, F.S.; redefining the term "special risk
4 member" for the purposes of the Florida Retirement System
5 to include certain members employed by certain public
6 acute care hospitals; amending s. 121.0515, F.S.; revising
7 criteria for membership in the Special Risk Class to
8 include certain members employed by certain public acute
9 care hospitals; providing a statement of important state
10 interest; providing an effective date.

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

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

16 121.021 Definitions.--The following words and phrases as
17 used in this chapter have the respective meanings set forth
18 unless a different meaning is plainly required by the context:

19 (15)

20 (f) Effective July 1, 2003, "special risk member" includes
21 any member who is employed by a public acute care hospital which
22 serves as a trauma center and provides treatment to members of
23 the public with deadly or crippling infectious diseases, members
24 of the public who are accused or convicted of serious violent
25 crimes, members of the public who have been subjected to
26 hazardous materials or biological or chemical agents as a result
27 of terrorism or industrial accidents, or members of the public
28 with diseases the treatment of which requires interventions with
29 extremely toxic substances.



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

32 121.0515 Special risk membership.--

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

35 (h) A member who is employed by a public acute care
36 hospital which serves as a trauma center and provides treatment
37 to members of the public with deadly or crippling infectious
38 diseases, members of the public who are accused or convicted of
39 serious violent crimes, members of the public who have been
40 subjected to hazardous materials or biological or chemical
41 agents as a result of terrorism or industrial accidents, or
42 members of the public with diseases the treatment of which
43 requires interventions with extremely toxic substances.

44 Section 3. The Legislature finds that in providing
45 treatment to members of the public with deadly or crippling
46 infectious diseases, members of the public who are accused or
47 convicted of serious violent crimes, members of the public who
48 have been subjected to hazardous materials or biological or
49 chemical agents as a result of terrorism or industrial
50 accidents, or members of the public with diseases the treatment
51 of which requires interventions with extremely toxic substances,
52 a member of the Florida Retirement System who is employed by a
53 public acute care hospital which serves as a trauma center, is
54 servicing an important state interest and should be a member of
55 the Special Risk Class of the Florida Retirement System.

56 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.