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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, 2004, "special risk member" includes any member who is employed by a public acute care hospital that serves as a trauma center and 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 treatment of which requires interventions with extremely toxic substances.

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30 Section 2. Paragraphs (e), (f), and (g) of subsection (2)
 31 of section 121.0515, Florida Statutes, are amended, and
 32 paragraph (h) is added to said section, to read:

33 121.0515 Special risk membership.--

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

36 (e) The member must be employed as a community-based
 37 correctional probation officer and be certified, or required to
 38 be certified, in compliance with s. 943.1395. In addition, the
 39 member's primary duties and responsibilities must be the
 40 supervised custody, surveillance, control, investigation, and
 41 counseling of assigned inmates, probationers, parolees, or
 42 community controllees within the community; or the member must
 43 be the supervisor of a member or members who have such
 44 responsibilities. Administrative support personnel, including,
 45 but not limited to, those whose primary duties and
 46 responsibilities are in accounting, purchasing, legal services,
 47 and personnel management, shall not be included; however,
 48 probation and parole circuit and deputy circuit administrators
 49 shall participate in the Special Risk Class; ~~or~~

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

- 54 1. Dietitian (class codes 5203 and 5204).
- 55 2. Public health nutrition consultant (class code 5224).
- 56 3. Psychological specialist (class codes 5230 and 5231).
- 57 4. Psychologist (class code 5234).
- 58 5. Senior psychologist (class codes 5237 and 5238).

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- 59 6. Regional mental health consultant (class code 5240).
- 60 7. Psychological Services Director--DCF (class code 5242).
- 61 8. Pharmacist (class codes 5245 and 5246).
- 62 9. Senior pharmacist (class codes 5248 and 5249).
- 63 10. Dentist (class code 5266).
- 64 11. Senior dentist (class code 5269).
- 65 12. Registered nurse (class codes 5290 and 5291).
- 66 13. Senior registered nurse (class codes 5292 and 5293).
- 67 14. Registered nurse specialist (class codes 5294 and
- 68 5295).
- 69 15. Clinical associate (class codes 5298 and 5299).
- 70 16. Advanced registered nurse practitioner (class codes
- 71 5297 and 5300).
- 72 17. Advanced registered nurse practitioner specialist
- 73 (class codes 5304 and 5305).
- 74 18. Registered nurse supervisor (class codes 5306 and
- 75 5307).
- 76 19. Senior registered nurse supervisor (class codes 5308
- 77 and 5309).
- 78 20. Registered nursing consultant (class codes 5312 and
- 79 5313).
- 80 21. Quality management program supervisor (class code
- 81 5314).
- 82 22. Executive nursing director (class codes 5320 and
- 83 5321).
- 84 23. Speech and hearing therapist (class code 5406); or
- 85 24. Pharmacy manager (class code 5251);or
- 86 (g) The member must be employed as a youth custody officer
- 87 and be certified, or required to be certified, in compliance

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88 with s. 943.1395. In addition, the member's primary duties and
 89 responsibilities must be the supervised custody, surveillance,
 90 control, investigation, apprehension, arrest, and counseling of
 91 assigned juveniles within the community; or

92 (h) A member must be employed by a public acute care
 93 hospital that serves as a trauma center and provides treatment
 94 to members of the public with deadly or crippling infectious
 95 diseases, members of the public who are accused of or convicted
 96 of serious violent crimes, members of the public who have been
 97 subjected to hazardous materials or biological or chemical
 98 agents as a result of terrorism or industrial accidents, or
 99 members of the public with diseases the treatment of which
 100 requires interventions with extremely toxic substances.

101 Section 3. The Legislature finds that in providing
 102 treatment to members of the public with deadly or crippling
 103 infectious diseases, members of the public who are accused of or
 104 convicted of serious violent crimes, members of the public who
 105 have been subjected to hazardous materials or biological or
 106 chemical agents as a result of terrorism or industrial
 107 accidents, or members of the public with diseases the treatment
 108 of which requires interventions with extremely toxic substances,
 109 a member of the Florida Retirement System who is employed by a
 110 public acute care hospital that serves as a trauma center is
 111 servicing an important state interest and should be a member of
 112 the Special Risk Class of the Florida Retirement System.

113 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.