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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to the City of Jacksonville, Duval County;  
3 amending chapter 92-341, Laws of Florida, as amended;  
4 amending the Charter of the City of Jacksonville;  
5 establishing a special risk pension fund and an additional  
6 funding source for pension benefits for correctional  
7 officers of the Office of the Sheriff; providing an  
8 effective date.

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10 WHEREAS, the City of Jacksonville, Office of the Sheriff,  
11 employs approximately 670 correctional officers whose primary  
12 responsibility is the lawful detainment, supervision,  
13 protection, custody and control, and investigation of all  
14 inmates within the precincts of the Duval County jails and  
15 prisons, and

16 WHEREAS, the correctional officers of the City of  
17 Jacksonville, Office of the Sheriff, provide valuable services  
18 to the city by administering drug treatment, work release, and  
19 other programs for persons sentenced through the criminal  
20 justice system, and

21 WHEREAS, the correctional officers of the City of  
22 Jacksonville, Office of the Sheriff, perform duties that present  
23 higher risk of injury and exposure to communicable diseases,  
24 including, but not limited to, AIDS, tuberculosis, and  
25 hepatitis, than other employees covered under the 1937 Pension  
26 Fund for the Employees of the City of Jacksonville, and

27 WHEREAS, the correctional officers of the City of  
28 Jacksonville, Office of the Sheriff, are the only correctional  
29 officers in the counties or the State of Florida not allowed the

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30 benefits extended through a special risk pension trust fund, and

31 WHEREAS, current pension benefits are inadequate to provide  
 32 pension benefits and protection for the correctional officers of  
 33 the City of Jacksonville, Office of the Sheriff, commensurate  
 34 with the pension benefits provided to other local law  
 35 enforcement or firesafety employees, as well as employees of  
 36 other like agencies throughout the state, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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 40 Section 1. Section 16.06 of chapter 92-341, Laws of  
 41 Florida, as amended, is created to read:

42 ARTICLE 16. RETIREMENT AND PENSION BENEFITS

43 Section 16.06. Funding and enhanced pension benefits for  
 44 correctional officers.--

45 (1) A special risk pension fund, as defined in  
 46 chapter 121, Florida Statutes, is created for all correctional  
 47 officers employed by the City of Jacksonville, Office of the  
 48 Sheriff, who are not now members of any other special risk  
 49 pension fund.

50 (2) Each person who is arrested and booked into a  
 51 consolidated City of Jacksonville corrections facility shall pay  
 52 an administrative surcharge of \$20, which shall be deposited  
 53 into the Correctional Officer Special Risk Pension Fund for the  
 54 purpose of enhancing the pension benefits of the correctional  
 55 officers of the City of Jacksonville, Office of the Sheriff.  
 56 Such surcharge shall be used only to supplement the pension  
 57 benefits for those members who are classified as correctional

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58 officers of the City of Jacksonville, Office of the Sheriff, and  
 59 are members of said fund.

60 (3) Said fund shall be established, administered, and  
 61 maintained in like manner as prescribed by chapter 185, Florida  
 62 Statutes, as amended, and the City of Jacksonville Municipal  
 63 Ordinance Code, Chapter 121, except that the employees shall  
 64 elect an active Jacksonville correctional officer as trustee of  
 65 the fund.

66 (4) Effective upon this act's becoming a law, all assets  
 67 and accrued benefits, employee contributions, and employer  
 68 contributions, including interest, for all former and active  
 69 participants employed as correctional officers in the 1937  
 70 Pension Fund for the Employees of the City of Jacksonville shall  
 71 be transferred to the Correctional Officers Special Risk Pension  
 72 Fund.

73 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.