

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to special risk retirement; amending s.
 3 121.0515, F.S.; providing that emergency dispatchers and
 4 911 operators employed by a county or municipal law
 5 enforcement agency may participate as part of the Special
 6 Risk Administrative Support Class and are eligible for the
 7 special risk normal retirement date; providing an
 8 effective date.

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

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12 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (7) of section
 13 121.0515, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

14 121.0515 Special risk membership.--

15 (7) RETENTION OF SPECIAL RISK NORMAL RETIREMENT DATE.--

16 (a) A special risk member who is moved or reassigned to a
 17 nonspecial risk law enforcement, firefighting, correctional, or
 18 emergency medical care administrative support position with the
 19 same agency, or who is subsequently employed in such a position
 20 with any law enforcement, firefighting, correctional, or
 21 emergency medical care agency under the Florida Retirement
 22 System, shall participate in the Special Risk Administrative
 23 Support Class and shall earn credit for such service at the same
 24 percentage rate as that earned by a regular member.

25 Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (4), service in
 26 such an administrative support position shall, for purposes of
 27 s. 121.091, apply toward satisfaction of the special risk normal
 28 retirement date, as defined in s. 121.021(29)(b), provided that,

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29 while in such position, the member remains certified as a law
30 enforcement officer, firefighter, correctional officer,
31 emergency medical technician, or paramedic; remains subject to
32 reassignment at any time to a position qualifying for special
33 risk membership; and completes an aggregate of 6 or more years
34 of service as a designated special risk member prior to
35 retirement. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
36 contrary, emergency dispatchers and 911 operators who are
37 employed full time by a county or municipal law enforcement
38 agency shall participate in the Special Risk Administrative
39 Support Class. Such employees are eligible for the special risk
40 normal retirement date, as defined in s. 121.021(29)(b), and
41 shall earn credit for such service at the same percentage rate
42 as that earned by a regular member.

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