

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the Special Risk Class of the Florida
 3 Retirement System; amending s. 121.0515, F.S.; revising
 4 special risk membership criteria to include certain
 5 emergency dispatchers employed by a county, municipality,
 6 or district law enforcement or fire services agency;
 7 providing a finding of important state interest; providing
 8 an 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. Paragraphs (g) and (h) of subsection (2) of
 13 section 121.0515, Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraph
 14 (i) is added to that subsection, to read:

15 121.0515 Special risk membership.--

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

18 (g) The member must be employed as a youth custody officer
 19 and be certified, or required to be certified, in compliance
 20 with s. 943.1395. In addition, the member's primary duties and
 21 responsibilities must be the supervised custody, surveillance,
 22 control, investigation, apprehension, arrest, and counseling of
 23 assigned juveniles within the community; ~~or~~

24 (h) The member must be employed by a law enforcement
 25 agency or medical examiner's office in a forensic discipline
 26 recognized by the International Association for Identification
 27 and must qualify for active membership in the International
 28 Association for Identification. The member's primary duties and

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29 responsibilities must include the collection, examination,
30 preservation, documentation, preparation, or analysis of
31 physical evidence or testimony, or both, or the member must be
32 the direct supervisor, quality management supervisor, or command
33 officer of one or more individuals with such responsibility.
34 Administrative support personnel, including, but not limited to,
35 those whose primary responsibilities are clerical or in
36 accounting, purchasing, legal, and personnel, shall not be
37 included; or

38 (i) The member must be employed by a county, municipality,
39 or district law enforcement or fire services agency as an
40 emergency dispatcher. The member's primary duties and
41 responsibilities must include reception of emergency calls for
42 service; coordination of the direction and placement of field
43 units to strategic locations for critical incidents;
44 prioritization of calls for service; selection of assignments
45 and dispatch of emergency and nonemergency calls via radio
46 communication technology to county, municipal, intercounty, and
47 federal personnel using the assigned talk groups; monitoring of
48 the safety status of all field units; and coordination of the
49 movements of multiple emergency units engaged in pursuit tactics
50 or responding to life or death situations, or the member must be
51 the direct supervisor or command officer of one or more
52 individuals with such responsibilities.

53 Section 2. The Legislature finds that a proper and
54 legitimate state purpose is served when employees and retirees
55 of the state and its political subdivisions, and the dependents,
56 survivors, and beneficiaries of such employees and retirees, are

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57 extended the basic protections afforded by governmental
58 retirement systems. These persons must be provided benefits that
59 are fair and adequate and that are managed, administered, and
60 funded in a sound actuarial manner as required by s. 14, Art. X
61 of the State Constitution and part VII of chapter 112, Florida
62 Statutes. Therefore, the Legislature determines and declares
63 that this act fulfills an important state interest.

64 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.