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A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to the Florida Retirement System; amending s. 121.021, F.S.; defining the 3 term "special risk administrative support 4 5 member" and redefining the term "member"; 6 amending s. 121.0515, F.S.; providing that a 7 person qualifies for membership in the Special 8 Risk Administrative Support Class if he or she is a public safety dispatcher or 911 operator 9 having specified duties or is the supervisor or 10 command officer of such a person; providing an 11 12 effective date. 13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 14 15 Section 1. Subsection (12) of section 121.021, Florida 16 17 Statutes, is amended, and subsection (62) is added to that 18 section, to read: 121.021 Definitions.--The following words and phrases 19 as used in this chapter have the respective meanings set forth 20 unless a different meaning is plainly required by the context: 2.1 22 (12) "Member" means any officer or employee who is 23 covered or who becomes covered under this system in accordance with this chapter. On and after December 1, 1970, all new 2.4 members and those members transferring from existing systems 25 shall be divided into the following classes: "Special Risk 26 Class, " as provided in s. 121.0515(2); "Special Risk 27 28 Administrative Support Class, as provided in <u>s. 121.0515(2)</u> and (7) s. 121.0515(7); "Elected Officers' Class," as provided 29 in s. 121.052; "Senior Management Service Class," as provided 30 in s. 121.055; and "Regular Class," which consists of all

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members who are not in the Special Risk Class, Special Risk
Administrative Support Class, Elected Officers' Class, or
Senior Management Service Class.

(62) Effective October 1, 2007, the term "special risk

administrative support member" includes a person employed by an agency of state or local government as a public safety dispatcher or 911 operator whose duties and responsibilities include answering 911 calls; dispatching law enforcement personnel, fire rescue services, emergency management services, and other public safety services to the scene of an emergency; and providing real-time information from federal, state, and local crime databases or supervising or serving as command officer of a member or members having such duties and responsibilities. However, the term does not include administrative support personnel, including, but not limited to, those whose primary duties and responsibilities are in accounting, purchasing, legal, and personnel.

Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 121.0515, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

121.0515 Special risk membership.--

(2) CRITERIA.--

(a) A member, to be designated as a special risk
member, must meet the following criteria:

1.(a) The member must be employed as a law enforcement officer and be certified, or required to be certified, in compliance with s. 943.1395; however, sheriffs and elected police chiefs shall be excluded from meeting the certification requirements of this <u>subparagraph</u> paragraph. In addition, the member's duties and responsibilities must include the pursuit, apprehension, and arrest of law violators or suspected law violators; or the member must be an active member of a bomb

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disposal unit whose primary responsibility is the location, handling, and disposal of explosive devices; or the member must be the supervisor or command officer of a member or members who have such responsibilities; provided, however, administrative support personnel, including, but not limited to, those whose primary duties and responsibilities are in accounting, purchasing, legal, and personnel, shall not be included;

2.(b) The member must be employed as a firefighter and be certified, or required to be certified, in compliance with s. 633.35 and be employed solely within the fire department of a local government employer or an agency of state government with firefighting responsibilities. In addition, the member's duties and responsibilities must include on-the-scene fighting of fires, fire prevention, or firefighter training; direct supervision of firefighting units, fire prevention, or firefighter training; or aerial firefighting surveillance performed by fixed-wing aircraft pilots employed by the Division of Forestry of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; or the member must be the supervisor or command officer of a member or members who have such responsibilities; provided, however, administrative support personnel, including, but not limited to, those whose primary duties and responsibilities are in accounting, purchasing, legal, and personnel, shall not be included and further provided that all periods of creditable service in fire prevention or firefighter training, or as the supervisor or command officer of a member or members who have such responsibilities, and for which the employer paid the special risk contribution rate, shall be included;

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3.(c) The member must be employed as a correctional officer and be certified, or required to be certified, in compliance with s. 943.1395. In addition, the member's primary duties and responsibilities must be the custody, and physical restraint when necessary, of prisoners or inmates within a prison, jail, or other criminal detention facility, or while on work detail outside the facility, or while being transported; or the member must be the supervisor or command officer of a member or members who have such responsibilities; provided, however, administrative support personnel, including, but not limited to, those whose primary duties and responsibilities are in accounting, purchasing, legal, and personnel, shall not be included; however, wardens and assistant wardens, as defined by rule, shall participate in the Special Risk Class;

4.(d) The member must be employed by a licensed Advance Life Support (ALS) or Basic Life Support (BLS) employer as an emergency medical technician or a paramedic and be certified in compliance with s. 401.27. In addition, the member's primary duties and responsibilities must include on-the-scene emergency medical care or direct supervision of emergency medical technicians or paramedics, or the member must be the supervisor or command officer of one or more members who have such responsibility. However, administrative support personnel, including, but not limited to, those whose primary responsibilities are in accounting, purchasing, legal, and personnel, shall not be included;

5.(e) The member must be employed as a community-based correctional probation officer and be certified, or required to be certified, in compliance with s. 943.1395. In addition, the member's primary duties and responsibilities must be the

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    counseling of assigned inmates, probationers, parolees, or
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           6.(f) The member must be employed in one of the
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    following classes and must spend at least 75 percent of his or
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   her time performing duties which involve contact with patients
    or inmates in a correctional or forensic facility or
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    institution:
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           a.1. Dietitian (class codes 5203 and 5204);
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           b.2. Public health nutrition consultant (class code
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    5224);
           c.3. Psychological specialist (class codes 5230 and
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    5231);
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           d.4. Psychologist (class code 5234);
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           e.5. Senior psychologist (class codes 5237 and 5238);
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           f. 6. Regional mental health consultant (class code
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           q.7. Psychological Services Director--DCF (class code
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           h.8. Pharmacist (class codes 5245 and 5246);
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           i.9. Senior pharmacist (class codes 5248 and 5249);
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           <u>i.10.</u> Dentist (class code 5266);
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           k.11. Senior dentist (class code 5269);
           1.12. Registered nurse (class codes 5290 and 5291);
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           n.14. Registered nurse specialist (class codes 5294
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           o. 15. Clinical associate (class codes 5298 and 5299);
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    codes 5297 and 5300);
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    specialist (class codes 5304 and 5305);
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           r.18. Registered nurse supervisor (class codes 5306
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           u.<del>21.</del> Quality management program supervisor (class
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           v.22. Executive nursing director (class codes 5320 and
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           w.23. Speech and hearing therapist (class code 5406);
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           x.24. Pharmacy manager (class code 5251);
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           7.(9) The member must be employed as a youth custody
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    compliance with s. 943.1395. In addition, the member's primary
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    duties and responsibilities must be the supervised custody,
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    surveillance, control, investigation, apprehension, arrest,
    and counseling of assigned juveniles within the community; or
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           8.(h) The member must be employed by a law enforcement
    agency or medical examiner's office in a forensic discipline
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   recognized by the International Association for Identification
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and must qualify for active membership in the International 2 Association for Identification. The member's primary duties and responsibilities must include the collection, examination, 3 preservation, documentation, preparation, or analysis of 4 physical evidence or testimony, or both, or the member must be 5 the direct supervisor, quality management supervisor, or 7 command officer of one or more individuals with such 8 responsibility. Administrative support personnel, including, 9 but not limited to, those whose primary responsibilities are 10 clerical or in accounting, purchasing, legal, and personnel, shall not be included. 11 12 (b) In addition to any other statutory method of 13 qualification, a person qualifies for membership in the Special Risk Administrative Support Class if that person is 14 employed by an agency of state or local government as a public 15 safety dispatcher or 911 operator, whose duties and 16 17 responsibilities include answering 911 calls; dispatching law 18 enforcement personnel, fire rescue services, emergency management services, and other public safety services to the 19 scene of an emergency; and providing real-time information 2.0 21 from federal, state, and local crime databases or if that 22 person is the supervisor or command officer of a member or 23 members who have such duties and responsibilities. However, administrative support personnel, including, but not limited 2.4 to, those whose primary duties and responsibilities are in 2.5 accounting, purchasing, legal, and personnel, are not 26 included. 27 2.8 Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2007. 29 30

********** SENATE SUMMARY Places public safety dispatchers and 911 operators employed by state or local government and performing specified duties in responding to emergency calls, dispatching appropriate emergency personnel, and transmitting information from criminal databases, and their supervisors and command personnel, in the Special Risk Administrative Support Class of the Florida Retirement System.