

By: Representatives Mayo, Espy

To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 470

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-15-3, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "RETIREE" UNDER STATE AND SCHOOL
3 EMPLOYEES LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN TO INCLUDE LAW
4 ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY RETIRED UNDER THE
5 PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS
6 RETIRED UNDER A MUNICIPAL DISABILITY AND RELIEF FUND FOR FIREMEN
7 AND POLICEMEN; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

9 SECTION 1. Section 25-15-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
10 amended as follows:

11 [Through June 30 of the year in which Section 25-11-143
12 becomes effective as provided in subsection (1) of Section
13 25-11-143, this section shall read as follows:]

14 25-15-3. For the purposes of this article, the words and
15 phrases used herein shall have the following meanings:

16 (a) "Employee" means a person who works full time for
17 the State of Mississippi and receives his compensation in a direct
18 payment from a department, agency or institution of the state
19 government and any person who works full time for any school
20 district, community/junior college, public library or
21 university-based program authorized under Section 37-23-31 for
22 deaf, aphasic and emotionally disturbed children or any regular
23 nonstudent bus driver. This shall include legislators, employees
24 of the legislative branch and the judicial branch of the state and
25 "employees" shall include full-time salaried judges and full-time
26 district attorneys and their staff and full-time compulsory school
27 attendance officers. For the purposes of this article, any
28 "employee" making contributions to the State of Mississippi
29 retirement plan shall be considered a full-time employee.

30 (b) "Department" means the Department of Finance and
31 Administration.

32 (c) "Plan" means the State and School Employees Life
33 and Health Insurance Plan created under this article.

34 (d) "Fund" means the State and School Employees
35 Insurance Fund set up under this article.

36 (e) "Retiree" means any employee who is retired under
37 the Public Employees' Retirement System or the Highway Safety
38 Patrol Retirement System. The term also includes any law
39 enforcement officer of a county or municipality who is retired
40 under the Public Employees' Retirement System, and any law
41 enforcement officer who is retired under Section 21-29-101 et seq.
42 or Section 21-29-201 et seq.

43 (f) "Board" means the State and School Employees Health
44 Insurance Management Board created under Section 25-15-303.

45 **[From and after July 1 of the year in which Section 25-11-143**
46 **becomes effective as provided in subsection (1) of Section**
47 **25-11-143, this section shall read as follows:]**

48 25-15-3. For the purposes of this article, the words and
49 phrases used in this section shall have the following meanings:

50 (a) "Employee" means a person who works full time for
51 the State of Mississippi and receives his compensation in a direct
52 payment from a department, agency or institution of the state
53 government, and any person who works full time for any school
54 district, community/junior college, public library,
55 university-based program authorized under Section 37-23-31 for
56 deaf, aphasic and emotionally disturbed children, or any regular
57 nonstudent bus driver. This term includes legislators, employees
58 of the legislative branch and the judicial branch of the state,
59 full-time salaried judges and full-time district attorneys and
60 their staff, and full-time compulsory school attendance officers.
61 For the purposes of this article, any "employee" making
62 contributions to the Public Employees' Retirement System or the

63 Highway Safety Patrol Retirement System shall be considered a
64 full-time employee.

65 (b) "Department" means the Department of Finance and
66 Administration.

67 (c) "Plan" means the State and School Employees Life
68 and Health Insurance Plan created under this article.

69 (d) "Fund" means the State and School Employees
70 Insurance Fund set up under this article.

71 (e) "Board" means the State and School Employees Health
72 Insurance Management Board created under Section 25-15-303.

73 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
74 and after July 1, 2007.