

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

SENATE BILL 453

By: Montgomery

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and Retirement System; amending 11 O.S. 2021, Section 49-101.2, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 232, O.S.L. 2022 (11 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section 49-101.2), which relates to volunteer firefighters considered to be paid firefighters; modifying compensation determination; increasing monthly benefit to be received by retirees; and providing for codification.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 11 O.S. 2021, Section 49-101.2, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 232, O.S.L. 2022 (11 O.S. Supp. 2022, Section 49-101.2), is amended to read as follows:

Section 49-101.2. Any member serving as an active volunteer firefighter who receives annual compensation from the fire department the firefighter is enrolled in as a member of the System for services related to firefighting, other than reimbursement of expenses in excess of ~~five and one-half (5 1/2) times the annual pension benefit paid by the System to a retired volunteer firefighter with twenty (20) years credited service~~ Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-nine Dollars and sixty-nine cents (\$9,939.69),

1 shall be considered a paid firefighter and must meet the physical
2 and agility requirements pursuant to Section 49-116 of this title to
3 continue as an active member of the System. Credited service earned
4 as a paid firefighter pursuant to this section shall not be
5 considered actual experience as a paid firefighter for purposes of
6 meeting the qualifications of a paid fire chief as provided in
7 Section 29-102 of this title. No fire department of a participating
8 municipality shall employ a volunteer firefighter from another fire
9 department to perform services relating to firefighting for any
10 compensation of any kind.

11 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
12 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 49-143.8 of Title 11, unless
13 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

14 Any member of the Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and Retirement
15 System receiving benefits as of June 30, 2024, who continues to
16 receive benefits on or after July 1, 2024, shall receive a benefit
17 equal to Ten Dollars (\$10.00) for each year of credited service not
18 to exceed thirty (30) years of service.

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