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House Bill 3139

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[Introduced March 15, 2021; Referred to the Committee on Pensions and Retirement then Finance]

A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §8-15-4a, relating to allowing full-time paid employees of a Volunteer Fire Company to participate in the West Virginia Public Employee Retirement System.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 15. FIRE FIGHTING; FIRE COMPANIES AND DEPARTMENTS; CIVIL SERVICE FOR PAID FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

§8-15-4a. Authorizing Fire Company to Participate in Public Employee Retirement System.

Any fire company formed under this article is considered a public corporation and may elect to become a participating public employer under the West Virginia Public Employees Retirement System created and established by, and administered pursuant to §5-10-1 *et seq.* of this code. The coverage shall be for all full-time paid employees eligible under §5-10-1 *et seq.* of this code, except policemen and firemen covered by a policemen’s pension and relief fund or firemen’s pension and relief fund.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to allow for full-time paid employees of a Volunteer Fire Company to participate in the West Virginia Public Employee Retirement System.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.