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147392-1:n:01/18/2013:MCS/th LRS2013-134 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 SYNOPSIS: Currently, retirees of the Employees' 8 Retirement System (ERS) may be employed with an 9 10 employer that participates in the ERS or Teachers' 11 Retirement System, without suspension of his or her 12 retirement allowances, provided the retiree's 13 compensation is limited to a certain annual amount 14 and the employee is not employed in a permanent full-time position. 15 16 This bill would provide that retirees who 17 are certified by the Alabama Peace Officers 18 Standards and Training Commission as law enforcement officers at the time of retirement 19 20 would not be subject to those limitations. 21 22 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED 23 24 AN ACT 25 To amend Section 36-27-8.2, Code of Alabama 1975, 26 27 relating to certain restrictions on permanent full-time

employment and restrictions on the amount of annual compensation a retiree of the Employees' Retirement System may receive without suspending his or her retirement allowance; to remove those limitations for retirees who are certified by the Alabama Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission as law enforcement officers at the time of retirement.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

8 Section 1. Section 36-27-8.2, Code of Alabama 1975, 9 is amended to read as follows:

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"§36-27-8.2.

"(a) Any person who is retired under the Employees' 11 12 Retirement System may perform duties in any capacity with any 13 employer participating in the Employees' Retirement System or 14 the Teachers' Retirement System without suspension of his or 15 her retirement allowance provided that (1) the person is not employed in a permanent full-time capacity and (2) the 16 17 person's compensation from the employer in calendar year 2000 does not exceed \$17,000. Beginning in calendar year 2001, and 18 each calendar year thereafter, the annual earning limit shall 19 be increased by the same percentage increase as the increase 20 21 in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers as 22 published by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor 23 Statistics. Any increase in the annual earning limit shall be 24 rounded to the next lowest multiple of \$1,000 with any amount 25 in excess of the \$1,000 multiple considered in determining the increase for the following year. Each adjustment shall be 26 27 based on the increase in the index for the preceding 12-month

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period ending on September 30 and the increase shall be effective for the following calendar year. <u>The restrictions</u> outlined in items (1) and (2) of this subsection shall not apply to participants who are certified by the Alabama Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission as law enforcement officers at the time of retirement.

7 "(b) Any person serving as an elected official who has retired from the Employees' Retirement System may serve 8 9 for compensation in an elected public office with the state, a 10 county, or an incorporated municipality without suspension of retirement benefits; provided that under no circumstances 11 12 shall such a person participate in or accrue additional 13 benefits under the Teachers' Retirement System or the 14 Employees' Retirement System, and provided that under no 15 circumstances shall a person whose retirement is based upon service as an elected official continue in or return to such 16 17 office and receive both pension benefits and salary; provided further, that this subsection shall apply to elected officials 18 whose participation in the Teachers' Retirement System or the 19 20 Employees' Retirement System is constitutionally required to 21 be upon the same terms and conditions as specified by law for 22 other employees in the retirement system if such elected 23 official's compensation does not exceed the annual earning 24 limits provided in subsection (a).

"(c) The responsibility for compliance with the
provision of this section is placed upon the employing
authority, and each employee employed under this section shall

1 certify to the employer any information required in order to 2 carry out this section."

3 Section 2. This act shall become effective
4 immediately following its passage and approval by the
5 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.