SENATE BILL 1063

By Burks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3; Title 4, Chapter 7; Title 8, Chapter 34; Title 8, Chapter 35; Title 8, Chapter 36, Part 2 and Title 38, Chapter 8, relative to retirement benefits for certain state security personnel.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-36-205(a)(1), is amended by inserting the language ", certified state security personnel" between the words "wildlife officers" and the words "or commissioned members" wherever they appear.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-34-101, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

- () "Certified state security personnel" includes any qualified state security personnel who:
 - (A) Are full-time salaried employees of the state;
 - (B) Have been certified by the peace officer standards and training commission, of the applicable law enforcement office; and
 - (C) Have been issued special police commissions as provided in § 38-3-103 or § 4-3-2006.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-36-205(a), is further amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision:

(4) With respect to the application of this subsection (a) to certified state security personnel, all time served in such capacity shall count as law enforcement activities on a day-to-day basis. Any person employed as certified state security personnel on the effective date of this act shall be eligible for service retirement upon meeting the

eligibility requirements applicable to other state police officers, as defined in § 8-34-101, as established in this section.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

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