

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1971

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to retirement benefits; restricting
8 access to certain benefit by certain public employee
9 following felony charge; directing notice to be
10 provided to retirement system; requiring rejection of
11 certain claim for payment; construing provision;
12 providing for codification; and providing an
13 effective date.

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

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 945 of Title 74, unless there is
17 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 A. Any state or education employee who is a member of the
19 Oklahoma Law Enforcement Retirement System, Oklahoma Public
20 Employees Retirement System, Teachers' Retirement System of
21 Oklahoma, or Uniform Retirement System for Justices and Judges and
22 who is charged with a felony by a state or federal court of
23 competent jurisdiction shall lose the right to access, withdraw
24 from, or liquidate the retirement benefit of the member.

1 B. The attorney responsible for prosecuting the charge or
2 charges shall notify the retirement system that the employee is a
3 member within forty-eight (48) hours of the filed charge. Upon
4 notification, the system shall immediately implement the
5 requirements of this section.

6 C. Any claims for payment to a member upon being charged with a
7 felony shall be rejected by the system pursuant to this section.

8 D. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit access
9 to retirement benefits by a member who is found not guilty in a
10 state or federal court of competent jurisdiction.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

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