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# H. R. 516

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 13, 1995

Mr. RICHARDSON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. PURPOSE.**

2       The purpose of this Act is to facilitate the purchase  
3 of service credit, under the retirement system for employ-  
4 ees of the State of New Mexico, by certain former employ-  
5 ees of the United States who became employees of Los  
6 Alamos County, New Mexico, as a result of the transfer  
7 of certain firefighting functions from the Department of  
8 Energy to that county in 1989.

9 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION.**

10       (a) IN GENERAL.—In order to carry out the purpose  
11 of this Act, the Secretary of the Treasury (or his designee)  
12 and an individual designated by the Governor of New Mex-  
13 ico shall enter into an agreement, as soon as practicable,  
14 under which—

15           (1) all individuals on behalf of whom any  
16 amounts payable under this Act shall be identified;

17           (2) the amount payable on behalf of each such  
18 individual under this Act shall be determined; and

19           (3) any procedures necessary to carry out this  
20 Act shall be established.

21       (b) LIMITATION.—The amount payable on behalf of  
22 any individual under this Act may not exceed the amount  
23 by which—

24           (1) the total amount payable by the individual  
25 in order to receive service credit, under the retire-  
26 ment system referred to in section 1, for the period

1 of service as a firefighter rendered by such individ-  
2 ual as an employee of the Department of Energy;  
3 exceeds

4 (2)(A) the lump-sum credit (as defined by ap-  
5 plicable provisions of title 5, United States Code)  
6 paid to such individual based on such individual's  
7 separation from the Department of Energy; or

8 (B) in the case of any individual whose lump-  
9 sum credit (as so defined) included amounts attrib-  
10 utable to service other than as a firefighter under  
11 the Department of Energy, the portion of the lump-  
12 sum credit attributable to service as such a fire-  
13 fighter.

14 (c) AUTHORIZATION.—There is authorized to be ap-  
15 propriated, out of amounts in the Treasury not otherwise  
16 appropriated, such sums as may be necessary to carry out  
17 this Act.

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