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SYNOPSIS

Provides for purchase of PFRS credit for service as class two special law enforcement officer.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee on June 17, 2024, with amendments.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/28/2024)

1 AN ACT concerning the purchase of credit in the Police and
2 Firemen's Retirement System for certain service and amending
3 P.L.1991, c.153.
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. Section 3 of P.L.1991, c.153 (C.43:16A-11.11) is amended to
9 read as follows:

10 3. A member of the Police and Firemen's Retirement System
11 may file a detailed statement of public employment in other states
12 or with the United States Government which would be eligible for
13 credit in a State-administered retirement system if the employment
14 was with a public employer in this State, or of military service in
15 the Armed Forces of the United States, or of public employment as
16 a class two special law enforcement officer with a public employer
17 in this State ¹including time taken during such public employment
18 to complete a basic police training course required for that
19 employment¹, rendered prior to becoming a member, for which the
20 member desires credit, and of such other facts as the retirement
21 system may require. The member may purchase credit for all or a
22 portion of the service evidenced in the statement up to the nearest
23 number of years and months, but not exceeding 10 years, provided
24 however, that a member purchasing that maximum credit may
25 purchase up to five additional years for additional military service
26 qualifying the member as a veteran as defined in section 1 of
27 P.L.1983, c.391 (C.43:16A-11.7). No application shall be accepted
28 for the purchase of credit for the service if, at the time of
29 application, the member has a vested right to retirement benefits in
30 another retirement system based in whole or in part upon that
31 service.

32 The member may purchase credit for the service by paying into
33 the annuity savings fund the amount required by applying the
34 factor, supplied by the actuary as being applicable to the member's
35 age at the time of the purchase, to the member's salary at that time,
36 or to the highest annual compensation for service in this State for
37 which contributions were made during any prior fiscal year of
38 membership, whichever is greater. The purchase may be made in
39 regular installments equal to at least 1/2 of the full normal
40 contribution to the retirement system, over a maximum period of 10
41 years. The employer of a member who applies, pursuant to this
42 section, to purchase credit for public employment with the United
43 States Government or for military service in the Armed Forces of
44 the United States or for public employment as a class two special

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly ASL committee amendments adopted March 4, 2024.

²Assembly APS committee amendments adopted June 17, 2024.

1 law enforcement officer with a public employer in this State shall
2 not be liable for any payment to the retirement system on behalf of
3 the member for the purchase of this credit.

4 Notwithstanding any provision of this act to the contrary, a
5 member shall not be liable for any costs associated with the
6 financing of pension adjustment benefits and health care benefits
7 for retirees when purchasing credit for public employment in other
8 states or with the United States Government or military service in
9 the Armed Forces of the United States or for public employment as
10 a class two special law enforcement officer with a public employer
11 in this State.

12 Any member electing to purchase the service who retires prior to
13 completing payments as agreed with the retirement system will
14 receive pro rata credit for service purchased prior to the date of
15 retirement, but if the member so elects at the time of retirement, the
16 member may make the additional lump sum payment required at
17 that time to provide full credit.

18 Purchase of credit for service as a class two special law
19 enforcement officer shall be permitted only if the break between
20 service as such an officer and the date of their ¹ [appointment to a
21 position covered by] enrollment in¹ the Police and Firemen's
22 Retirement System is less than ² [120] 365² days. Members of the
23 retirement system who are enrolled on the effective date of
24 P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as this bill) shall have
25 only one year from that effective date to apply for such a purchase.

26 ¹The board of trustees shall notify all members of the retirement
27 system of the provisions of this act, P.L. , c. (pending before the
28 Legislature as this bill).¹

29 (cf: P.L.1991, c.153, s.3)

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31 2. This act shall take effect immediately.