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SYNOPSIS

Grants law enforcement officer benefits to certain campus police officers enrolled in PERS.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning retirement benefits for certain public
2 employees enrolled in the Public Employees' Retirement System
3 and amending P.L.1955, c.257.

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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 1 of P.L.1955, c.257 (C.43:15A-97) is amended to
9 read as follows:

10 1. "Law enforcement officer" shall mean any permanent and
11 full-time employee of the State of New Jersey holding one of the
12 following titles: motor vehicles officer, motor vehicles sergeant,
13 motor vehicles lieutenant, motor vehicles captain, assistant chief,
14 bureau of enforcement, and chief, bureau of enforcement in the
15 Division of Motor Vehicles, and highway patrol officer, sergeant
16 highway patrol bureau, lieutenant highway patrol bureau, captain
17 highway patrol bureau, assistant chief highway patrol bureau, chief
18 highway patrol bureau in the Division of State Police, and
19 inspector, investigator, and administrative inspector in the Division
20 of Alcoholic Beverage Control, and inspector recruit alcoholic
21 beverage control, inspector alcoholic beverage control, senior
22 inspector alcoholic beverage control, principal inspector alcoholic
23 beverage control, supervising inspector alcoholic beverage control
24 in the Division of State Police, and conservation police officer,
25 assistant district conservation police officer and district
26 conservation police officer in the Division of Fish and Wildlife in
27 the Department of Environmental Protection, and assistant chief
28 marine police and senior marine patrolman in the Division of
29 Resource Development, and marine police officer, senior marine
30 police officer, principal marine police officer in the Division of
31 State Police, and inspector, officer, senior inspector, and principal
32 inspector in the Division of Shell Fisheries, any permanent and full-
33 time active county detective, lieutenant of county detectives,
34 captain of county detectives, chief of county detectives, and county
35 investigator in the offices of the county prosecutors, and sheriff's
36 officer, sergeant sheriff's officer, lieutenant sheriff's officer, captain
37 sheriff's officer, chief sheriff's officer, and sheriff's investigator in
38 the offices of the county sheriffs, and any patrolman or other police
39 officer of the Board of Commissioners of the Palisades Interstate
40 Park appointed pursuant to R.S.32:14-21. The term shall also mean
41 any permanent and full-time campus police officer appointed
42 pursuant to P.L.1970, c.211 (C.18A:6-4.2 et seq.) who does not
43 meet the age or medical requirements for enrollment in the Police
44 and Firemen's Retirement System established pursuant to P.L.1944,
45 c.255 (C.43:16A-2 et seq.).

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.

1 If the Prison Officers' Pension Fund is terminated as provided in
2 section 10 hereof, "law enforcement officer" shall also mean any
3 permanent and full-time active employee of the State of New Jersey
4 holding the title of correction officer, correction sergeant,
5 correction lieutenant, correction captain or deputy keeper in the
6 Division of Correction and Parole, or any member of the Prison
7 Officers' Pension Fund on the date of such termination.
8 (cf: P.L.2019, c.407, s.20)

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10 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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13 STATEMENT

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15 This bill grants law enforcement officer benefits to certain
16 campus police officers enrolled in the Public Employees Retirement
17 System (PERS).

18 Current law designates the law enforcement officer (LEO) part
19 as a special category within PERS. Members of the LEO category
20 are eligible for enhanced retirement benefits that are not available
21 to other members of PERS.

22 This bill expands eligibility for membership in the LEO category
23 to include campus police officers who do not meet the age or
24 medical requirements to enroll in the Police and Firemen's
25 Retirement System (PFRS) and therefore are currently enrolled in
26 PERS.

27 By law, any member who becomes eligible for enrollment in the
28 LEO category of PERS will be enrolled in that part of the system,
29 unless the member waives that right. A LEO-eligible individual
30 who waives the right to participate in the LEO category will be
31 enrolled in the regular part of the retirement system and receive the
32 standard benefits, but remain subject to the mandatory retirement
33 provisions that apply to any person employed in a LEO-eligible
34 position.