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SENATE BILL 24-169

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

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HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

Senate Committees

Business, Labor, & Technology

House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION JOB
102 CLASSIFICATIONS FOR STATE EMPLOYEES WHOSE DUTIES
103 RELATE TO WILDFIRE MITIGATION.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

Beginning July 1, 2025, the bill requires a duly sworn employee of the division of fire prevention and control in the department of public safety (department) to be classified as a "state trooper" for purposes of the public employees' retirement association if the employee's duties include structural or wildfire management, wildfire response, live-fire training,

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or wildfire leadership, as determined by the executive director of the department.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-51-101, **amend**
3 (46) as follows:

4 **24-51-101. Definitions.** As used in this article 51, unless the
5 context otherwise requires and except as otherwise defined in part 17 of
6 this article 51:

7 (46) "State trooper" means an employee of the Colorado state
8 patrol, Colorado bureau of investigation, or successors to these agencies,
9 who is vested with the powers of peace officers as provided for in section
10 24-33.5-409. In addition, for members who were not members, inactive
11 members, or retirees on December 31, 2019, "state trooper" includes a
12 county sheriff, undersheriff, deputy sheriff, noncertified deputy sheriff,
13 or detention officer hired by a local government division employer on or
14 after January 1, 2020, and a corrections officer classified as I through IV
15 hired by a state division employer on or after January 1, 2020. Beginning
16 July 1, 2020, "state trooper" also includes an employee of the division of
17 fire prevention and control in the department of public safety who is
18 classified in the firefighter I through firefighter VII class titles. Beginning
19 July 1, 2023, "state trooper" also includes a wildlife officer as defined in
20 section 16-2.5-116 (1), and a parks and recreation officer as defined in
21 section 16-2.5-117 (1), who is employed by the division of parks and
22 wildlife in the department of natural resources and was hired on or after
23 January 1, 2011. BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025, "STATE TROOPER" ALSO
24 INCLUDES A DULY SWORN EMPLOYEE OF THE DIVISION OF FIRE PREVENTION
25 AND CONTROL IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY WHOSE DUTIES

1 INCLUDE STRUCTURAL OR WILDFIRE MANAGEMENT, WILDFIRE RESPONSE,
2 LIVE-FIRE TRAINING, OR WILDFIRE LEADERSHIP, AS DETERMINED BY THE
3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

4 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
5 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
6 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
7 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
8 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
9 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
10 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
11 November 2024 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
12 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.