
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY PITTMAN, ROBINSON, STEFANO, PENNYCUICK, ROTHMAN,
BARTOLOTTA, REGAN AND DUSH, MARCH 15, 2023

REFERRED TO FINANCE, MARCH 15, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in preliminary provisions relating to
3 retirement for State employees and officers, further
4 providing for definitions.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. The definition of "enforcement officer" in
8 section 5102 of Title 71 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
9 Statutes is amended by adding a paragraph to read:

10 § 5102. Definitions.

11 The following words and phrases as used in this part, unless
12 a different meaning is plainly required by the context, shall
13 have the following meanings:

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15 "Enforcement officer."

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17 (7) Commissioned police officers employed by the
18 Department of Corrections, Bureau of Investigations and
19 Intelligence.

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2 Section 2. Notwithstanding 71 Pa.C.S. §§ 5507 and 5508, for
3 purposes of 71 Pa.C.S. § 5508(c)(4), any change in the accrued
4 liability that results from the addition of paragraph (7) to the
5 definition of "enforcement officer" in 71 Pa.C.S. § 5102 shall
6 be funded in equal dollar installments as a percentage of
7 compensation of all affected active members and active
8 participants employed by the Department of Corrections, Bureau
9 of Investigations and Intelligence over a period of 10 years
10 from the first day of July following the valuation date
11 coincident with or next following the effective date of this
12 section.

13 Section 3. The addition of paragraph (7) of the definition
14 of "enforcement officer" in 71 Pa.C.S. § 5102 shall apply
15 retroactively to any current employee of the Department of
16 Corrections, Bureau of Investigations and Intelligence, who
17 first became a member of the State Employees' Retirement System
18 on or before December 31, 2018. For those current employees of
19 the Department of Corrections, Bureau of Investigations and
20 Intelligence, who first became a member of the State Employees'
21 Retirement System on or after January 1, 2019, paragraph (7)
22 shall apply as of the effective date of this section and shall
23 not apply retroactively.

24 Section 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.