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P.L. 2025, CHAPTER 53, *approved May 8, 2025*
Assembly, No. 4751 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning the purchase of service credit in the State
2 Police Retirement System for certain military and police service
3 and amending P.L.1965, c.89 and P.L.2013, c.87.
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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 6 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-6) is amended to read
9 as follows:

10 6. a. Service as a full-time commissioned officer,
11 noncommissioned officer or trooper rendered as a member, and
12 service credit which was transferred from the former "State Police
13 Retirement and Benevolent Fund," or transferred from any other
14 State-administered retirement system, shall, if the required
15 contributions are made by the State and the member, be considered
16 as creditable service. If such transferred service credit is
17 established, it shall be considered the same as creditable service as
18 a full-time commissioned officer, noncommissioned officer or
19 trooper rendered as a member.

20 In addition, service as a chief inspector, deputy chief inspector,
21 inspector and special inspector in the Motor Vehicle Commission or
22 equivalent Civil Service classifications, including Chief, Highway
23 Patrol Bureau; Assistant Chief (Major), Highway Patrol Bureau;
24 Captain, Highway Patrol Bureau; Lieutenant, Highway Patrol
25 Bureau; Sergeant, Highway Patrol Bureau; and Officer, Highway
26 Patrol Bureau, and service credit may be transferred from the Police
27 and Firemen's Retirement System, the Public Employees'
28 Retirement System, or any other State-administered retirement
29 system and shall, if the required contributions are made by the State
30 and the member, be considered as creditable service.

31 In addition, service as a member of the State Capitol Police
32 Force, or as a Supervising Inspector, Principal Inspector, Senior
33 Inspector, or Inspector Recruit in the Alcoholic Beverage Control
34 Enforcement Bureau or as a Principal Marine Law Enforcement
35 Officer, Senior Marine Law Enforcement Officer, or Marine Law
36 Enforcement Officer in the Bureau of Marine Law Enforcement and
37 service credit transferred from the Police and Firemen's Retirement
38 System, the Public Employees' Retirement System, or any other
39 State-administered retirement system shall, if the required

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:

¹Senate SBA committee amendments adopted March 17, 2025.

1 contributions are made by the State and the member, be considered
2 as creditable service.

3 A member on suspension shall be considered in service for the
4 period of the suspension, but the period of suspension shall not be
5 considered as creditable service unless the member receives salary
6 therefor.

7 b. Any member of the retirement system, who, prior to
8 becoming a member, had established service credits in this or
9 another retirement system supported in whole or in part by the
10 State, or who had rendered service to the State prior to becoming a
11 member, or had purchased service credits while in another State-
12 administered retirement system or in the Police and Firemen's
13 Retirement System or the Public Employees' Retirement System,
14 while serving as chief inspector, deputy chief inspector, inspector or
15 special inspector in the Enforcement Bureau, Motor Vehicle
16 Commission, or as a member of the State Capitol Police Force, or
17 as a Supervising Inspector, Principal Inspector, Senior Inspector,
18 Inspector, or Inspector Recruit in the Alcoholic Beverage Control
19 Enforcement Bureau, or as a Principal Marine Law Enforcement
20 Officer, Senior Marine Law Enforcement Officer, or Marine Law
21 Enforcement Officer in the Bureau of Marine Law Enforcement, for
22 which the member desires to establish credit in this retirement
23 system, shall be permitted to purchase such credit, or to transfer
24 such previously purchased credit, by paying into the annuity
25 savings fund the amount required by applying the factor, supplied
26 by the actuary, as being applicable to the member's age at the time
27 of the transfer or purchase, to the member's salary at that time. Such
28 payment may be made in regular installments equal to at least half
29 of the normal contribution to the retirement system, over a
30 maximum period of 10 years. If such purchased service credit or
31 transferred purchased credit is established, it shall be considered the
32 same as creditable service as a full-time commissioned officer,
33 noncommissioned officer, or trooper rendered as a member.

34 A member who retires prior to completing the payments as
35 agreed with the retirement system will receive pro rata credit for
36 service purchased prior to the date of retirement, but if the member
37 so elects at the time of retirement, the member may make the
38 additional lump sum payment required at that time to provide full
39 credit; except that in the case of retirement pursuant to any section
40 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-1 et seq.) other than sections 8, 27, and
41 28 thereof, if an employee's membership has been terminated and
42 the member is re-enrolled as a member of the retirement system, the
43 member shall be accorded, upon the completion of one year of
44 membership after the member's election to make the purchase and
45 the payment of at least half the total amount due, the pension credit
46 as it was at the time of the member's termination.

1 c. Not more than one year shall be credited for all service in a
2 calendar year.

3 d. In computing service, time during which a member was
4 absent on an official leave without pay shall be credited if such
5 leave was for a period of: (1) less than three months; or (2) up to a
6 maximum of two years, if the leave was due to the member's
7 personal illness and the period of leave is allowed for retirement
8 purposes within one year following his return to service after the
9 termination of such leave.

10 e. The method of computation and the terms of the purchase of
11 service permitted by subsections b. and d. of this section shall be
12 identical to those stipulated for the purchase of previous
13 membership service by members of the system, as provided by
14 subsection a. of this section.

15 f. For any person who becomes a member of the retirement
16 system pursuant to P.L.1997, c.19 (C.53:1-8.2 et al.) and is required
17 to retire pursuant to section 8 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-8) with
18 less than 20 years of creditable service in the retirement system, and
19 who retires prior to the effective date of P.L.2019, c.251, an amount
20 of service credit transferred or purchased pursuant to subsection b.
21 which when added to the amount of creditable service in the
22 retirement system equals 20 years shall be considered creditable
23 service in the retirement system. Transferred or purchased service
24 credit in excess of the amount necessary to provide 20 years of
25 creditable service in the retirement system shall be included in the
26 computation of a retirement allowance on the basis of one percent
27 of final compensation for each year of such service credit.

28 g. In the case of a member for whom compensation is defined
29 in paragraph (2) of subsection u. of section 3 of P.L.1965, c.89
30 (C.53:5A-3), the retirement system shall credit the member with the
31 time of all service rendered by the member during the part of any
32 year that the member was a participant of the Defined Contribution
33 Retirement Program, pursuant to paragraph (5) of subsection a. of
34 section 2 of P.L.2007, c.92 (C.43:15C-2) as amended by section 7
35 of P.L.2010, c.1, and making contributions to that program.

36 h. Any member of the retirement system who, prior to
37 becoming a member, graduated from the New Jersey State Police
38 Academy or was employed as a class two special law enforcement
39 officer with a public employer in this State, or both, and desires
40 credit for such academy time or employment, or both, shall be
41 eligible to purchase credit for all or a portion of the service
42 rendered while enrolled in the New Jersey State Police Academy or
43 employed as a class two special law enforcement officer, or both¹;
44 provided, however, that credit for service rendered while enrolled in
45 the New Jersey State Police Academy shall only be eligible for
46 purchase if such service led directly to enrollment in the system¹. If
47 such credit is established, it shall be considered the same as
48 creditable service as a full-time commissioned officer,

1 noncommissioned officer, or trooper rendered as a member. The
2 member may purchase credit for the service by paying into the
3 annuity savings fund the amount required by applying the factor,
4 supplied by the actuary as being applicable to the member's age at
5 the time of purchase, to the member's salary at the time, or to the
6 highest annual compensation for service in this State for which
7 contributions were made during any prior fiscal year of
8 membership, whichever is greater. The purchase may be made in
9 regular installments, equal to at least 1/2 of the full normal
10 contribution to the retirement system, over a maximum period of 10
11 years.

12 Purchase of credit for service as a class two special law
13 enforcement officer shall be permitted only if the break between
14 service as such an officer and the date of enrollment in the State
15 Police Retirement System is less than 365 days. ¹A period of
16 service as a class two special law enforcement officer shall only be
17 eligible for purchase if it meets one of the following criteria: (1)
18 one year of service, wherein a 12-month employee is required to
19 have worked an average of 10 days per month and an aggregate of
20 120 days per year; or (2) service for a period of less than one year,
21 provided that the member works a minimum average of 10 days per
22 month for each month of service.¹

23 Any member electing to make a purchase pursuant to this section
24 who retires prior to completing payments as agreed with the
25 retirement system will receive a pro rata credit for the service
26 purchased prior to the date of retirement, but if the member so
27 elects at the time of retirement, the member may make the
28 additional lump sum payment required at that time to provide full
29 credit.

30 (cf: P.L.2019, c.251, s.1)

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32 2. Section 2 of P.L.2013, c.87 (C.53:5A-6.1) is amended to read
33 as follows:

34 2. A member may file a detailed statement of military service
35 in the Armed Forces of the United States, including any period of
36 enrollment in a military service academy ¹that resulted in
37 attainment of a baccalaureate degree from the military service
38 academy¹, rendered prior to becoming a member, for which the
39 member desires credit, and of such other facts as the retirement
40 system may require. The member may purchase credit for all or a
41 portion of the service evidenced in the statement up to the nearest
42 number of years and months, but not exceeding 10 years, provided
43 however, that a member purchasing that maximum credit may
44 purchase up to five additional years for additional military service
45 qualifying the member as a veteran as defined in section 3 of
46 P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-3). If such credit is established, it shall be
47 considered the same as creditable service as a full-time
48 commissioned officer, noncommissioned officer or trooper rendered

1 as a member. No application shall be accepted for the purchase of
2 credit for the service if, at the time of application, the member has a
3 vested right to retirement benefits in another retirement system
4 based in whole or in part upon that service. The member may
5 purchase credit for the service by paying into the annuity savings
6 fund the amount required by applying the factor, supplied by the
7 actuary as being applicable to the member's age at the time of the
8 purchase, to the member's salary at that time, or to the highest
9 annual compensation for service in this State for which
10 contributions were made during any prior fiscal year of
11 membership, whichever is greater. The purchase may be made in
12 regular installments, equal to at least 1/2 of the full normal
13 contribution to the retirement system, over a maximum period of 10
14 years.

15 The employer of a member who applies, pursuant to this section,
16 to purchase credit for military service in the Armed Forces of the
17 United States, including any period of enrollment in a military
18 service academy ¹that resulted in attainment of a baccalaureate
19 degree from the military service academy¹, shall not be liable for
20 any payment to the retirement system on behalf of the member for
21 the purchase of this credit. The Adjutant General of the Department
22 of Military and Veterans' Affairs shall be responsible for
23 determining whether any person seeking to be considered a
24 "veteran" under section 3 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-3), for the
25 purpose of purchasing military service credit, meets the criteria set
26 forth therein and adjudicating an appeal from any person disputing
27 this determination. The determination of the Adjutant General shall
28 be binding upon the Division of Pensions and Benefits.

29 Notwithstanding any provision of this act to the contrary, a
30 member shall not be liable for any costs associated with the
31 financing of pension adjustment benefits and health care benefits
32 for retirees when purchasing credit for military service in the
33 Armed Forces of the United States, including any period of
34 enrollment in a military service academy ¹that resulted in
35 attainment of a baccalaureate degree from the military service
36 academy¹.

37 Any member electing to make a purchase pursuant to this section
38 who retires prior to completing payments as agreed with the
39 retirement system will receive pro rata credit for the purchase prior
40 to the date of retirement, but if the member so elects at the time of
41 retirement, the member may make the additional lump sum payment
42 required at that time to provide full credit.

43 As used in this section, "military service academy" means the
44 United States Military Academy, the United States Naval Academy,
45 the United States Air Force Academy, and the United States Coast
46 Guard Academy.

47 (cf: P.L.2013, c.87, s.2)

1 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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6 Permits purchase of service credit in SPRS for period of
7 enrollment in military service academy and in New Jersey State
8 Police Academy, and employment as class two special law
9 enforcement officer.

CHAPTER 53

AN ACT concerning the purchase of service credit in the State Police Retirement System for certain military and police service and amending P.L.1965, c.89 and P.L.2013, c.87.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. Section 6 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-6) is amended to read as follows:

C.53:5A-6 Creditable service; purchase of service credit.

6. a. Service as a full-time commissioned officer, noncommissioned officer or trooper rendered as a member, and service credit which was transferred from the former "State Police Retirement and Benevolent Fund," or transferred from any other State-administered retirement system, shall, if the required contributions are made by the State and the member, be considered as creditable service. If such transferred service credit is established, it shall be considered the same as creditable service as a full-time commissioned officer, noncommissioned officer or trooper rendered as a member.

In addition, service as a chief inspector, deputy chief inspector, inspector and special inspector in the Motor Vehicle Commission or equivalent Civil Service classifications, including Chief, Highway Patrol Bureau; Assistant Chief (Major), Highway Patrol Bureau; Captain, Highway Patrol Bureau; Lieutenant, Highway Patrol Bureau; Sergeant, Highway Patrol Bureau; and Officer, Highway Patrol Bureau, and service credit may be transferred from the Police and Firemen's Retirement System, the Public Employees' Retirement System, or any other State-administered retirement system and shall, if the required contributions are made by the State and the member, be considered as creditable service.

In addition, service as a member of the State Capitol Police Force, or as a Supervising Inspector, Principal Inspector, Senior Inspector, or Inspector Recruit in the Alcoholic Beverage Control Enforcement Bureau or as a Principal Marine Law Enforcement Officer, Senior Marine Law Enforcement Officer, or Marine Law Enforcement Officer in the Bureau of Marine Law Enforcement and service credit transferred from the Police and Firemen's Retirement System, the Public Employees' Retirement System, or any other State-administered retirement system shall, if the required contributions are made by the State and the member, be considered as creditable service.

A member on suspension shall be considered in service for the period of the suspension, but the period of suspension shall not be considered as creditable service unless the member receives salary therefor.

b. Any member of the retirement system, who, prior to becoming a member, had established service credits in this or another retirement system supported in whole or in part by the State, or who had rendered service to the State prior to becoming a member, or had purchased service credits while in another State-administered retirement system or in the Police and Firemen's Retirement System or the Public Employees' Retirement System, while serving as chief inspector, deputy chief inspector, inspector or special inspector in the Enforcement Bureau, Motor Vehicle Commission, or as a member of the State Capitol Police Force, or as a Supervising Inspector, Principal Inspector, Senior Inspector, Inspector, or Inspector Recruit in the Alcoholic Beverage Control Enforcement Bureau, or as a Principal Marine Law Enforcement Officer, Senior Marine Law Enforcement Officer, or Marine Law Enforcement Officer in the Bureau of Marine Law Enforcement, for which the member desires to establish credit in this retirement system, shall be permitted to purchase such credit, or to transfer such previously purchased credit, by paying into the annuity savings fund the amount required by applying the factor, supplied by the actuary, as being applicable to the member's age at the time

of the transfer or purchase, to the member's salary at that time. Such payment may be made in regular installments equal to at least half of the normal contribution to the retirement system, over a maximum period of 10 years. If such purchased service credit or transferred purchased credit is established, it shall be considered the same as creditable service as a full-time commissioned officer, noncommissioned officer, or trooper rendered as a member.

A member who retires prior to completing the payments as agreed with the retirement system will receive pro rata credit for service purchased prior to the date of retirement, but if the member so elects at the time of retirement, the member may make the additional lump sum payment required at that time to provide full credit; except that in the case of retirement pursuant to any section of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-1 et seq.) other than sections 8, 27, and 28 thereof, if an employee's membership has been terminated and the member is re-enrolled as a member of the retirement system, the member shall be accorded, upon the completion of one year of membership after the member's election to make the purchase and the payment of at least half the total amount due, the pension credit as it was at the time of the member's termination.

c. Not more than one year shall be credited for all service in a calendar year.

d. In computing service, time during which a member was absent on an official leave without pay shall be credited if such leave was for a period of: (1) less than three months; or (2) up to a maximum of two years, if the leave was due to the member's personal illness and the period of leave is allowed for retirement purposes within one year following his return to service after the termination of such leave.

e. The method of computation and the terms of the purchase of service permitted by subsections b. and d. of this section shall be identical to those stipulated for the purchase of previous membership service by members of the system, as provided by subsection a. of this section.

f. For any person who becomes a member of the retirement system pursuant to P.L.1997, c.19 (C.53:1-8.2 et al.) and is required to retire pursuant to section 8 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-8) with less than 20 years of creditable service in the retirement system, and who retires prior to the effective date of P.L.2019, c.251, an amount of service credit transferred or purchased pursuant to subsection b. which when added to the amount of creditable service in the retirement system equals 20 years shall be considered creditable service in the retirement system. Transferred or purchased service credit in excess of the amount necessary to provide 20 years of creditable service in the retirement system shall be included in the computation of a retirement allowance on the basis of one percent of final compensation for each year of such service credit.

g. In the case of a member for whom compensation is defined in paragraph (2) of subsection u. of section 3 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-3), the retirement system shall credit the member with the time of all service rendered by the member during the part of any year that the member was a participant of the Defined Contribution Retirement Program, pursuant to paragraph (5) of subsection a. of section 2 of P.L.2007, c.92 (C.43:15C-2) as amended by section 7 of P.L.2010, c.1, and making contributions to that program.

h. Any member of the retirement system who, prior to becoming a member, graduated from the New Jersey State Police Academy or was employed as a class two special law enforcement officer with a public employer in this State, or both, and desires credit for such academy time or employment, or both, shall be eligible to purchase credit for all or a portion of the service rendered while enrolled in the New Jersey State Police Academy or employed as a class two special law enforcement officer, or both; provided, however, that credit for service rendered while enrolled in the New Jersey State Police Academy shall only be eligible for purchase if such service led directly to enrollment in the system. If such credit is established, it shall be considered the same as creditable service as a full-time commissioned officer, noncommissioned officer, or trooper rendered as a member. The member may purchase credit

for the service by paying into the annuity savings fund the amount required by applying the factor, supplied by the actuary as being applicable to the member's age at the time of purchase, to the member's salary at the time, or to the highest annual compensation for service in this State for which contributions were made during any prior fiscal year of membership, whichever is greater. The purchase may be made in regular installments, equal to at least 1/2 of the full normal contribution to the retirement system, over a maximum period of 10 years.

Purchase of credit for service as a class two special law enforcement officer shall be permitted only if the break between service as such an officer and the date of enrollment in the State Police Retirement System is less than 365 days. A period of service as a class two special law enforcement officer shall only be eligible for purchase if it meets one of the following criteria: (1) one year of service, wherein a 12-month employee is required to have worked an average of 10 days per month and an aggregate of 120 days per year; or (2) service for a period of less than one year, provided that the member works a minimum average of 10 days per month for each month of service.

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

2. Section 2 of P.L.2013, c.87 (C.53:5A-6.1) is amended to read as follows:

C.53:5A-6.1 Filing of detailed statement of military service; purchase of service credit.

2. A member may file a detailed statement of military service in the Armed Forces of the United States, including any period of enrollment in a military service academy that resulted in attainment of a baccalaureate degree from the military service academy, rendered prior to becoming a member, for which the member desires credit, and of such other facts as the retirement system may require. The member may purchase credit for all or a portion of the service evidenced in the statement up to the nearest number of years and months, but not exceeding 10 years, provided however, that a member purchasing that maximum credit may purchase up to five additional years for additional military service qualifying the member as a veteran as defined in section 3 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-3). If such credit is established, it shall be considered the same as creditable service as a full-time commissioned officer, noncommissioned officer or trooper rendered as a member. No application shall be accepted for the purchase of credit for the service if, at the time of application, the member has a vested right to retirement benefits in another retirement system based in whole or in part upon that service. The member may purchase credit for the service by paying into the annuity savings fund the amount required by applying the factor, supplied by the actuary as being applicable to the member's age at the time of the purchase, to the member's salary at that time, or to the highest annual compensation for service in this State for which contributions were made during any prior fiscal year of membership, whichever is greater. The purchase may be made in regular installments, equal to at least 1/2 of the full normal contribution to the retirement system, over a maximum period of 10 years.

The employer of a member who applies, pursuant to this section, to purchase credit for military service in the Armed Forces of the United States, including any period of enrollment in a military service academy that resulted in attainment of a baccalaureate degree from the military service academy, shall not be liable for any payment to the retirement system on behalf of the member for the purchase of this credit. The Adjutant General of the Department of

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Notwithstanding any provision of this act to the contrary, a member shall not be liable for any costs associated with the financing of pension adjustment benefits and health care benefits for retirees when purchasing credit for military service in the Armed Forces of the United States, including any period of enrollment in a military service academy that resulted in attainment of a baccalaureate degree from the military service academy.

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As used in this section, "military service academy" means the United States Military Academy, the United States Naval Academy, the United States Air Force Academy, and the United States Coast Guard Academy.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved May 8, 2025.

ASSEMBLY, No. 4751

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

221st LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED SEPTEMBER 19, 2024

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SYNOPSIS

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CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/19/2024)

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32 Force, or as a Supervising Inspector, Principal Inspector, Senior
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40 contributions are made by the State and the member, be considered
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2 becoming a member, had established service credits in this or
3 another retirement system supported in whole or in part by the
4 State, or who had rendered service to the State prior to becoming a
5 member, or had purchased service credits while in another State-
6 administered retirement system or in the Police and Firemen's
7 Retirement System or the Public Employees' Retirement System,
8 while serving as chief inspector, deputy chief inspector, inspector or
9 special inspector in the Enforcement Bureau, Motor Vehicle
10 Commission, or as a member of the State Capitol Police Force, or
11 as a Supervising Inspector, Principal Inspector, Senior Inspector,
12 Inspector, or Inspector Recruit in the Alcoholic Beverage Control
13 Enforcement Bureau, or as a Principal Marine Law Enforcement
14 Officer, Senior Marine Law Enforcement Officer, or Marine Law
15 Enforcement Officer in the Bureau of Marine Law Enforcement, for
16 which the member desires to establish credit in this retirement
17 system, shall be permitted to purchase such credit, or to transfer
18 such previously purchased credit, by paying into the annuity
19 savings fund the amount required by applying the factor, supplied
20 by the actuary, as being applicable to the member's age at the time
21 of the transfer or purchase, to the member's salary at that time. Such
22 payment may be made in regular installments equal to at least half
23 of the normal contribution to the retirement system, over a
24 maximum period of 10 years. If such purchased service credit or
25 transferred purchased credit is established, it shall be considered the
26 same as creditable service as a full-time commissioned officer,
27 noncommissioned officer, or trooper rendered as a member.

28 A member who retires prior to completing the payments as
29 agreed with the retirement system will receive pro rata credit for
30 service purchased prior to the date of retirement, but if the member
31 so elects at the time of retirement, the member may make the
32 additional lump sum payment required at that time to provide full
33 credit; except that in the case of retirement pursuant to any section
34 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-1 et seq.) other than sections 8, 27, and
35 28 thereof, if an employee's membership has been terminated and
36 the member is re-enrolled as a member of the retirement system, the
37 member shall be accorded, upon the completion of one year of
38 membership after the member's election to make the purchase and
39 the payment of at least half the total amount due, the pension credit
40 as it was at the time of the member's termination.

41 c. Not more than one year shall be credited for all service in a
42 calendar year.

43 d. In computing service, time during which a member was
44 absent on an official leave without pay shall be credited if such
45 leave was for a period of: (1) less than three months; or (2) up to a
46 maximum of two years, if the leave was due to the member's
47 personal illness and the period of leave is allowed for retirement

1 purposes within one year following his return to service after the
2 termination of such leave.

3 e. The method of computation and the terms of the purchase of
4 service permitted by subsections b. and d. of this section shall be
5 identical to those stipulated for the purchase of previous
6 membership service by members of the system, as provided by
7 subsection a. of this section.

8 f. For any person who becomes a member of the retirement
9 system pursuant to P.L.1997, c.19 (C.53:1-8.2 et al.) and is required
10 to retire pursuant to section 8 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-8) with
11 less than 20 years of creditable service in the retirement system, and
12 who retires prior to the effective date of P.L.2019, c.251, an amount
13 of service credit transferred or purchased pursuant to subsection b.
14 which when added to the amount of creditable service in the
15 retirement system equals 20 years shall be considered creditable
16 service in the retirement system. Transferred or purchased service
17 credit in excess of the amount necessary to provide 20 years of
18 creditable service in the retirement system shall be included in the
19 computation of a retirement allowance on the basis of one percent
20 of final compensation for each year of such service credit.

21 g. In the case of a member for whom compensation is defined
22 in paragraph (2) of subsection u. of section 3 of P.L.1965, c.89
23 (C.53:5A-3), the retirement system shall credit the member with the
24 time of all service rendered by the member during the part of any
25 year that the member was a participant of the Defined Contribution
26 Retirement Program, pursuant to paragraph (5) of subsection a. of
27 section 2 of P.L.2007, c.92 (C.43:15C-2) as amended by section 7
28 of P.L.2010, c.1, and making contributions to that program.

29 h. Any member of the retirement system who, prior to
30 becoming a member, graduated from the New Jersey State Police
31 Academy or was employed as a class two special law enforcement
32 officer with a public employer in this State, or both, and desires
33 credit for such academy time or employment, or both, shall be
34 eligible to purchase credit for all or a portion of the service
35 rendered while enrolled in the New Jersey State Police Academy or
36 employed as a class two special law enforcement officer, or both. If
37 such credit is established, it shall be considered the same as
38 creditable service as a full-time commissioned officer,
39 noncommissioned officer, or trooper rendered as a member. The
40 member may purchase credit for the service by paying into the
41 annuity savings fund the amount required by applying the factor,
42 supplied by the actuary as being applicable to the member's age at
43 the time of purchase, to the member's salary at the time, or to the
44 highest annual compensation for service in this State for which
45 contributions were made during any prior fiscal year of
46 membership, whichever is greater. The purchase may be made in
47 regular installments, equal to at least 1/2 of the full normal

1 contribution to the retirement system, over a maximum period of 10
2 years.

3 Purchase of credit for service as a class two special law
4 enforcement officer shall be permitted only if the break between
5 service as such an officer and the date of enrollment in the State
6 Police Retirement System is less than 365 days.

7 Any member electing to make a purchase pursuant to this section
8 who retires prior to completing payments as agreed with the
9 retirement system will receive a pro rata credit for the service
10 purchased prior to the date of retirement, but if the member so
11 elects at the time of retirement, the member may make the
12 additional lump sum payment required at that time to provide full
13 credit.

14 (cf: P.L.2019, c.251, s.1)

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16 2. Section 2 of P.L.2013, c.87 (C.53:5A-6.1) is amended to read
17 as follows:

18 2. A member may file a detailed statement of military service
19 in the Armed Forces of the United States, including any period of
20 enrollment in a military service academy, rendered prior to
21 becoming a member, for which the member desires credit, and of
22 such other facts as the retirement system may require. The member
23 may purchase credit for all or a portion of the service evidenced in
24 the statement up to the nearest number of years and months, but not
25 exceeding 10 years, provided however, that a member purchasing
26 that maximum credit may purchase up to five additional years for
27 additional military service qualifying the member as a veteran as
28 defined in section 3 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-3). If such credit is
29 established, it shall be considered the same as creditable service as
30 a full-time commissioned officer, noncommissioned officer or
31 trooper rendered as a member. No application shall be accepted for
32 the purchase of credit for the service if, at the time of application,
33 the member has a vested right to retirement benefits in another
34 retirement system based in whole or in part upon that service. The
35 member may purchase credit for the service by paying into the
36 annuity savings fund the amount required by applying the factor,
37 supplied by the actuary as being applicable to the member's age at
38 the time of the purchase, to the member's salary at that time, or to
39 the highest annual compensation for service in this State for which
40 contributions were made during any prior fiscal year of
41 membership, whichever is greater. The purchase may be made in
42 regular installments, equal to at least 1/2 of the full normal
43 contribution to the retirement system, over a maximum period of 10
44 years.

45 The employer of a member who applies, pursuant to this section,
46 to purchase credit for military service in the Armed Forces of the
47 United States, including any period of enrollment in a military
48 service academy, shall not be liable for any payment to the

1 retirement system on behalf of the member for the purchase of this
2 credit. The Adjutant General of the Department of Military and
3 Veterans' Affairs shall be responsible for determining whether any
4 person seeking to be considered a "veteran" under section 3 of
5 P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-3), for the purpose of purchasing military
6 service credit, meets the criteria set forth therein and adjudicating
7 an appeal from any person disputing this determination. The
8 determination of the Adjutant General shall be binding upon the
9 Division of Pensions and Benefits.

10 Notwithstanding any provision of this act to the contrary, a
11 member shall not be liable for any costs associated with the
12 financing of pension adjustment benefits and health care benefits
13 for retirees when purchasing credit for military service in the
14 Armed Forces of the United States, including any period of
15 enrollment in a military service academy.

16 Any member electing to make a purchase pursuant to this section
17 who retires prior to completing payments as agreed with the
18 retirement system will receive pro rata credit for the purchase prior
19 to the date of retirement, but if the member so elects at the time of
20 retirement, the member may make the additional lump sum payment
21 required at that time to provide full credit.

22 As used in this section, "military service academy" means the
23 United States Military Academy, the United States Naval Academy,
24 the United States Air Force Academy, and the United States Coast
25 Guard Academy.

26 (cf: P.L.2013, c.87, s.2)

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28 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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33 This bill allows a member of the New Jersey State Police
34 Retirement System (SPRS) to purchase credit in the retirement
35 system for military service in the Armed Forces of the United
36 States, the period of enrollment in the New Jersey State Police
37 Academy, and employment as a class two special law enforcement
38 officer prior to becoming a member.

39 Under current law, a period of service in the United States
40 Armed Forces qualifies as military service that a member of the
41 SPRS may purchase for retirement purposes. This bill permits the
42 purchase of the period of enrollment in a United States military
43 service academy.

44 The military service academies are the United States Military
45 Academy, Naval Academy, Air Force Academy, and the Coast
46 Guard Academy. These four service academies educate young
47 people to serve as commissioned officers in the various branches of
48 the United States Armed Forces. They are the only academies

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1 whose students are on active duty in the United State Armed Forces
2 from the day they enter the academy, with the rank of cadet and
3 midshipman, and subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

4 This bill also allows a member of the SPRS to purchase credit in
5 the retirement system for graduation from the New Jersey State
6 Police Academy or for employment as a class two special law
7 enforcement officer, or both, prior to becoming a member. The bill
8 provides that a member may purchase credit for all or a portion of
9 such service rendered while enrolled in the New Jersey State Police
10 Academy or employed by a public employer as a class two special
11 law enforcement officer, or both. Under the bill, the SPRS credit
12 purchased for enrollment in the New Jersey State Police Academy
13 or employment as a class two special law enforcement officer, or
14 both, is equivalent to service in the State Police as a member of the
15 SPRS in qualifying for retirement benefits.

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ASSEMBLY, No. 4751

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
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SYNOPSIS

Permits purchase of service credit in SPRS for period of enrollment in military service academy and in New Jersey State Police Academy, and employment as class two special law enforcement officer.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee on March 17, 2025, with amendments.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/24/2025)

1 AN ACT concerning the purchase of service credit in the State
2 Police Retirement System for certain military and police service
3 and amending P.L.1965, c.89 and P.L.2013, c.87.

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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 6 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-6) is amended to read
9 as follows:

10 6. a. Service as a full-time commissioned officer,
11 noncommissioned officer or trooper rendered as a member, and
12 service credit which was transferred from the former "State Police
13 Retirement and Benevolent Fund," or transferred from any other
14 State-administered retirement system, shall, if the required
15 contributions are made by the State and the member, be considered
16 as creditable service. If such transferred service credit is
17 established, it shall be considered the same as creditable service as
18 a full-time commissioned officer, noncommissioned officer or
19 trooper rendered as a member.

20 In addition, service as a chief inspector, deputy chief inspector,
21 inspector and special inspector in the Motor Vehicle Commission or
22 equivalent Civil Service classifications, including Chief, Highway
23 Patrol Bureau; Assistant Chief (Major), Highway Patrol Bureau;
24 Captain, Highway Patrol Bureau; Lieutenant, Highway Patrol
25 Bureau; Sergeant, Highway Patrol Bureau; and Officer, Highway
26 Patrol Bureau, and service credit may be transferred from the Police
27 and Firemen's Retirement System, the Public Employees'
28 Retirement System, or any other State-administered retirement
29 system and shall, if the required contributions are made by the State
30 and the member, be considered as creditable service.

31 In addition, service as a member of the State Capitol Police
32 Force, or as a Supervising Inspector, Principal Inspector, Senior
33 Inspector, or Inspector Recruit in the Alcoholic Beverage Control
34 Enforcement Bureau or as a Principal Marine Law Enforcement
35 Officer, Senior Marine Law Enforcement Officer, or Marine Law
36 Enforcement Officer in the Bureau of Marine Law Enforcement and
37 service credit transferred from the Police and Firemen's Retirement
38 System, the Public Employees' Retirement System, or any other
39 State-administered retirement system shall, if the required
40 contributions are made by the State and the member, be considered
41 as creditable service.

42 A member on suspension shall be considered in service for the
43 period of the suspension, but the period of suspension shall not be
44 considered as creditable service unless the member receives salary
45 therefor.

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:

¹Senate SBA committee amendments adopted March 17, 2025.

1 b. Any member of the retirement system, who, prior to
2 becoming a member, had established service credits in this or
3 another retirement system supported in whole or in part by the
4 State, or who had rendered service to the State prior to becoming a
5 member, or had purchased service credits while in another State-
6 administered retirement system or in the Police and Firemen's
7 Retirement System or the Public Employees' Retirement System,
8 while serving as chief inspector, deputy chief inspector, inspector or
9 special inspector in the Enforcement Bureau, Motor Vehicle
10 Commission, or as a member of the State Capitol Police Force, or
11 as a Supervising Inspector, Principal Inspector, Senior Inspector,
12 Inspector, or Inspector Recruit in the Alcoholic Beverage Control
13 Enforcement Bureau, or as a Principal Marine Law Enforcement
14 Officer, Senior Marine Law Enforcement Officer, or Marine Law
15 Enforcement Officer in the Bureau of Marine Law Enforcement, for
16 which the member desires to establish credit in this retirement
17 system, shall be permitted to purchase such credit, or to transfer
18 such previously purchased credit, by paying into the annuity
19 savings fund the amount required by applying the factor, supplied
20 by the actuary, as being applicable to the member's age at the time
21 of the transfer or purchase, to the member's salary at that time. Such
22 payment may be made in regular installments equal to at least half
23 of the normal contribution to the retirement system, over a
24 maximum period of 10 years. If such purchased service credit or
25 transferred purchased credit is established, it shall be considered the
26 same as creditable service as a full-time commissioned officer,
27 noncommissioned officer, or trooper rendered as a member.

28 A member who retires prior to completing the payments as
29 agreed with the retirement system will receive pro rata credit for
30 service purchased prior to the date of retirement, but if the member
31 so elects at the time of retirement, the member may make the
32 additional lump sum payment required at that time to provide full
33 credit; except that in the case of retirement pursuant to any section
34 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-1 et seq.) other than sections 8, 27, and
35 28 thereof, if an employee's membership has been terminated and
36 the member is re-enrolled as a member of the retirement system, the
37 member shall be accorded, upon the completion of one year of
38 membership after the member's election to make the purchase and
39 the payment of at least half the total amount due, the pension credit
40 as it was at the time of the member's termination.

41 c. Not more than one year shall be credited for all service in a
42 calendar year.

43 d. In computing service, time during which a member was
44 absent on an official leave without pay shall be credited if such
45 leave was for a period of: (1) less than three months; or (2) up to a
46 maximum of two years, if the leave was due to the member's
47 personal illness and the period of leave is allowed for retirement

1 purposes within one year following his return to service after the
2 termination of such leave.

3 e. The method of computation and the terms of the purchase of
4 service permitted by subsections b. and d. of this section shall be
5 identical to those stipulated for the purchase of previous
6 membership service by members of the system, as provided by
7 subsection a. of this section.

8 f. For any person who becomes a member of the retirement
9 system pursuant to P.L.1997, c.19 (C.53:1-8.2 et al.) and is required
10 to retire pursuant to section 8 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-8) with
11 less than 20 years of creditable service in the retirement system, and
12 who retires prior to the effective date of P.L.2019, c.251, an amount
13 of service credit transferred or purchased pursuant to subsection b.
14 which when added to the amount of creditable service in the
15 retirement system equals 20 years shall be considered creditable
16 service in the retirement system. Transferred or purchased service
17 credit in excess of the amount necessary to provide 20 years of
18 creditable service in the retirement system shall be included in the
19 computation of a retirement allowance on the basis of one percent
20 of final compensation for each year of such service credit.

21 g. In the case of a member for whom compensation is defined
22 in paragraph (2) of subsection u. of section 3 of P.L.1965, c.89
23 (C.53:5A-3), the retirement system shall credit the member with the
24 time of all service rendered by the member during the part of any
25 year that the member was a participant of the Defined Contribution
26 Retirement Program, pursuant to paragraph (5) of subsection a. of
27 section 2 of P.L.2007, c.92 (C.43:15C-2) as amended by section 7
28 of P.L.2010, c.1, and making contributions to that program.

29 h. Any member of the retirement system who, prior to
30 becoming a member, graduated from the New Jersey State Police
31 Academy or was employed as a class two special law enforcement
32 officer with a public employer in this State, or both, and desires
33 credit for such academy time or employment, or both, shall be
34 eligible to purchase credit for all or a portion of the service
35 rendered while enrolled in the New Jersey State Police Academy or
36 employed as a class two special law enforcement officer, or both¹;
37 provided, however, that credit for service rendered while enrolled in
38 the New Jersey State Police Academy shall only be eligible for
39 purchase if such service led directly to enrollment in the system¹. If
40 such credit is established, it shall be considered the same as
41 creditable service as a full-time commissioned officer,
42 noncommissioned officer, or trooper rendered as a member. The
43 member may purchase credit for the service by paying into the
44 annuity savings fund the amount required by applying the factor,
45 supplied by the actuary as being applicable to the member's age at
46 the time of purchase, to the member's salary at the time, or to the
47 highest annual compensation for service in this State for which
48 contributions were made during any prior fiscal year of

1 membership, whichever is greater. The purchase may be made in
2 regular installments, equal to at least 1/2 of the full normal
3 contribution to the retirement system, over a maximum period of 10
4 years.

5 Purchase of credit for service as a class two special law
6 enforcement officer shall be permitted only if the break between
7 service as such an officer and the date of enrollment in the State
8 Police Retirement System is less than 365 days. ¹A period of
9 service as a class two special law enforcement officer shall only be
10 eligible for purchase if it meets one of the following criteria: (1)
11 one year of service, wherein a 12-month employee is required to
12 have worked an average of 10 days per month and an aggregate of
13 120 days per year; or (2) service for a period of less than one year,
14 provided that the member works a minimum average of 10 days per
15 month for each month of service.¹

16 Any member electing to make a purchase pursuant to this section
17 who retires prior to completing payments as agreed with the
18 retirement system will receive a pro rata credit for the service
19 purchased prior to the date of retirement, but if the member so
20 elects at the time of retirement, the member may make the
21 additional lump sum payment required at that time to provide full
22 credit.

23 (cf: P.L.2019, c.251, s.1)

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25 2. Section 2 of P.L.2013, c.87 (C.53:5A-6.1) is amended to read
26 as follows:

27 2. A member may file a detailed statement of military service
28 in the Armed Forces of the United States, including any period of
29 enrollment in a military service academy ¹that resulted in
30 attainment of a baccalaureate degree from the military service
31 academy¹, rendered prior to becoming a member, for which the
32 member desires credit, and of such other facts as the retirement
33 system may require. The member may purchase credit for all or a
34 portion of the service evidenced in the statement up to the nearest
35 number of years and months, but not exceeding 10 years, provided
36 however, that a member purchasing that maximum credit may
37 purchase up to five additional years for additional military service
38 qualifying the member as a veteran as defined in section 3 of
39 P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-3). If such credit is established, it shall be
40 considered the same as creditable service as a full-time
41 commissioned officer, noncommissioned officer or trooper rendered
42 as a member. No application shall be accepted for the purchase of
43 credit for the service if, at the time of application, the member has a
44 vested right to retirement benefits in another retirement system
45 based in whole or in part upon that service. The member may
46 purchase credit for the service by paying into the annuity savings
47 fund the amount required by applying the factor, supplied by the
48 actuary as being applicable to the member's age at the time of the

1 purchase, to the member's salary at that time, or to the highest
2 annual compensation for service in this State for which
3 contributions were made during any prior fiscal year of
4 membership, whichever is greater. The purchase may be made in
5 regular installments, equal to at least 1/2 of the full normal
6 contribution to the retirement system, over a maximum period of 10
7 years.

8 The employer of a member who applies, pursuant to this section,
9 to purchase credit for military service in the Armed Forces of the
10 United States, including any period of enrollment in a military
11 service academy ¹that resulted in attainment of a baccalaureate
12 degree from the military service academy¹, shall not be liable for
13 any payment to the retirement system on behalf of the member for
14 the purchase of this credit. The Adjutant General of the Department
15 of Military and Veterans' Affairs shall be responsible for
16 determining whether any person seeking to be considered a
17 "veteran" under section 3 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-3), for the
18 purpose of purchasing military service credit, meets the criteria set
19 forth therein and adjudicating an appeal from any person disputing
20 this determination. The determination of the Adjutant General shall
21 be binding upon the Division of Pensions and Benefits.

22 Notwithstanding any provision of this act to the contrary, a
23 member shall not be liable for any costs associated with the
24 financing of pension adjustment benefits and health care benefits
25 for retirees when purchasing credit for military service in the
26 Armed Forces of the United States, including any period of
27 enrollment in a military service academy ¹that resulted in
28 attainment of a baccalaureate degree from the military service
29 academy¹.

30 Any member electing to make a purchase pursuant to this section
31 who retires prior to completing payments as agreed with the
32 retirement system will receive pro rata credit for the purchase prior
33 to the date of retirement, but if the member so elects at the time of
34 retirement, the member may make the additional lump sum payment
35 required at that time to provide full credit.

36 As used in this section, "military service academy" means the
37 United States Military Academy, the United States Naval Academy,
38 the United States Air Force Academy, and the United States Coast
39 Guard Academy.

40 (cf: P.L.2013, c.87, s.2)

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42 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

ASSEMBLY MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 4751

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 21, 2024

The Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4751.

This bill allows a member of the New Jersey State Police Retirement System (SPRS) to purchase credit in the retirement system for military service in the Armed Forces of the United States, the period of enrollment in the New Jersey State Police Academy, and employment as a class two special law enforcement officer prior to becoming a member.

Under current law, a period of service in the United States Armed Forces qualifies as military service that a member of the SPRS may purchase for retirement purposes. This bill permits the purchase of the period of enrollment in a United States military service academy.

The military service academies are the United States Military Academy, Naval Academy, Air Force Academy, and the Coast Guard Academy. These four service academies educate young people to serve as commissioned officers in the various branches of the United States Armed Forces. They are the only academies whose students are on active duty in the United States Armed Forces from the day they enter the academy, with the rank of cadet and midshipman, and subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

This bill also allows a member of the SPRS to purchase credit in the retirement system for graduation from the New Jersey State Police Academy or for employment as a class two special law enforcement officer, or both, prior to becoming a member. The bill provides that a member may purchase credit for all or a portion of such service rendered while enrolled in the New Jersey State Police Academy or employed by a public employer as a class two special law enforcement officer, or both. Under the bill, the SPRS credit purchased for enrollment in the New Jersey State Police Academy or employment as a class two special law enforcement officer, or both, is equivalent to service in the State Police as a member of the SPRS in qualifying for retirement benefits.

ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 4751

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 24, 2024

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4751.

This bill allows a member of the New Jersey State Police Retirement System (SPRS) to purchase credit in the retirement system for military service in the Armed Forces of the United States, the period of enrollment in the New Jersey State Police Academy, and employment as a class two special law enforcement officer prior to becoming a member.

Under current law, a period of service in the United States Armed Forces qualifies as military service that a member of the SPRS may purchase for retirement purposes. This bill permits the purchase of the period of enrollment in a United States military service academy.

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This bill also allows a member of the SPRS to purchase credit in the retirement system for graduation from the New Jersey State Police Academy or for employment as a class two special law enforcement officer, or both, prior to becoming a member. The bill provides that a member may purchase credit for all or a portion of such service rendered while enrolled in the New Jersey State Police Academy or employed by a public employer as a class two special law enforcement officer, or both. Under the bill, the SPRS credit purchased for enrollment in the New Jersey State Police Academy or employment as a class two special law enforcement officer, or both, is equivalent to service in the State Police as a member of the SPRS in qualifying for retirement benefits.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services concludes that permitting the purchase of service credit in the New Jersey State Police Retirement System for all or a portion of the service rendered while enrolled in a United States military service academy, enrolled in the New Jersey State Police Academy, or employed as a class two special law enforcement officer will increase annual State costs by an indeterminate amount to pay for the increase in the unfunded liability of the system and provide State paid health care coverage in retirement for members who would not qualify for this benefit without the additional years of service credit in the system.

SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 4751

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 13, 2025

The Senate Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4751.

As reported by the committee, this bill allows a member of the New Jersey State Police Retirement System (SPRS) to purchase credit in the retirement system for military service in the Armed Forces of the United States, the period of enrollment in the New Jersey State Police Academy, and employment as a class two special law enforcement officer prior to becoming a member.

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This bill also allows a member of the SPRS to purchase credit in the retirement system for graduation from the New Jersey State Police Academy or for employment as a class two special law enforcement officer, or both, prior to becoming a member. The bill provides that a member may purchase credit for all or a portion of such service rendered while enrolled in the New Jersey State Police Academy or employed by a public employer as a class two special law enforcement officer, or both. Under the bill, the SPRS credit purchased for enrollment in the New Jersey State Police Academy or employment as a class two special law enforcement officer, or both, is equivalent to service in the State Police as a member of the SPRS in qualifying for retirement benefits.

As reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No. 4751 is identical to Senate Bill No. 3606 which also was reported by the committee on this date.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO ASSEMBLY, No. 4751

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 17, 2025

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 4751.

As amended, this bill allows a member of the New Jersey State Police Retirement System (SPRS) to purchase credit in the retirement system for military service in the Armed Forces of the United States, the period of enrollment in the New Jersey State Police Academy, and employment as a class two special law enforcement officer prior to becoming a member.

Under current law, a period of service in the United States Armed Forces qualifies as military service that a member of the SPRS may purchase for retirement purposes. This bill permits the purchase of the period of enrollment in a United States military service academy that resulted in attainment of a baccalaureate degree from the military service academy.

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This bill also allows a member of the SPRS to purchase credit in the retirement system for graduation from the New Jersey State Police Academy or for employment as a class two special law enforcement officer, or both, prior to becoming a member. The bill provides that a member may purchase credit for all or a portion of such service rendered while enrolled in the New Jersey State Police Academy or employed by a public employer as a class two special law enforcement officer, or both; provided, however, that credit for service rendered while enrolled in the New Jersey State Police Academy will only be eligible for purchase if such service led directly to enrollment in the system. Under the bill, the SPRS credit purchased for enrollment in the New Jersey State Police Academy or employment as a class two special law enforcement officer, or both, is equivalent to service in the

State Police as a member of the SPRS in qualifying for retirement benefits.

As amended and reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No. 4751 is identical to Senate Bill No. 3606, which was also amended and reported by the committee on this date.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to require that credit for service rendered while enrolled in the New Jersey State Police Academy is only eligible for purchase if such service led directly to enrollment in the system and to require that a period of service as a class two special law enforcement officer is only eligible for purchase if it meets one of the following criteria: (1) one year of service, wherein a 12-month employee is required to have worked an average of 10 days per month and an aggregate of 120 days per year; or (2) service for a period of less than one year, provided that the member works a minimum average of 10 days per month for each month of service.

The amendments also permit the purchase of the period of enrollment in a United States military service academy that resulted in attainment of a baccalaureate degree from the military service academy.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services finds that permitting the purchase of service credit in the New Jersey State Police Retirement System for all or a portion of the service rendered while enrolled in a United States military service academy, enrolled in the New Jersey State Police Academy, or employed as a class two special law enforcement officer, subject to certain conditions, will increase annual State costs by an indeterminate amount to pay for the increase in the unfunded liability of the system and provide State paid health care coverage in retirement to members who would not qualify for this benefit without additional years of service credit in the retirement system.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE
ASSEMBLY, No. 4751
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
221st LEGISLATURE

DATED: OCTOBER 30, 2024

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Permits purchase of service credit in SPRS for period of enrollment in military service academy and in New Jersey State Police Academy, and employment as class two special law enforcement officer.
- Type of Impact:** Annual expenditure increase to the State General Fund.
- Agencies Affected:** Division of Pensions and Benefits in the Department of the Treasury.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Annual</u>
State Expenditure Increase	Indeterminate

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) finds that permitting the purchase of service credit in the New Jersey State Police Retirement System for all or a portion of the service rendered while enrolled in a United States military service academy, enrolled in the New Jersey State Police Academy, or employed as a class two special law enforcement officer will increase annual State costs by an indeterminate amount to pay for the increase in the unfunded liability of the system and provide State paid health care coverage in retirement to members who would not qualify for this benefit without additional years of service credit in the retirement system.

BILL DESCRIPTION

This bill allows a member of the State Police Retirement System to purchase credit in the retirement system for the period of enrollment in a United States military academy and the New Jersey State Police Academy, and for the period of employment as a class two special law enforcement officer.

Under the bill, the payment to purchase additional service credit will be determined by the actuarial factor that corresponds to the member's age at the time of purchase, and the greater of the member's salary at the time of purchase or the highest annual compensation for service in this State for which contributions were made during any prior fiscal year of membership.

The bill provides that the purchase may be made in regular installments over a period not to exceed 10 years.

To be eligible to purchase credit for service for the period of employment as a class two special law enforcement officer, the bill requires the break in service as such an officer and the enrollment date in the retirement system to be less than 365 days.

The majority of graduates from United States military academies earn their degree in four years. Training for the New Jersey State Police Academy lasts approximately six months. The OLS does not know the average length of employment current State Police Retirement System members spend as a class two special law enforcement officer before enrolling in the retirement system.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The OLS finds that permitting the purchase of service credit in the New Jersey State Police Retirement System for all or a portion of the service rendered while enrolled in a United States military service academy, enrolled in the New Jersey State Police Academy, or employed as a class two special law enforcement officer will increase annual State costs by an indeterminate amount to pay for the increase in the unfunded liability of the system and provide State paid health care coverage in retirement to members who would not qualify for this benefit without additional years of service credit in the system.

The OLS does not know the number of members who will become eligible to purchase additional service credit in the retirement system or the number of eligible members who will choose to make the purchase. Therefore, the fiscal impact of the bill on the resulting annual increase in State costs is indeterminate.

Section: State Government

*Analyst: Anna Harris
Associate Fiscal Analyst*

*Approved: Thomas Koenig
Legislative Budget and Finance Officer*

This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 4751

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 221st LEGISLATURE

DATED: MARCH 24, 2025

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Permits purchase of service credit in SPRS for period of enrollment in military service academy and in New Jersey State Police Academy, and employment as class two special law enforcement officer.
- Type of Impact:** Annual expenditure increase to the State General Fund.
- Agencies Affected:** Division of Pensions and Benefits in the Department of the Treasury.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Annual Fiscal Impact	
State Expenditure Increase	Indeterminate

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) finds that permitting the purchase of service credit in the New Jersey State Police Retirement System for all or a portion of the service rendered while enrolled in a United States military service academy, enrolled in the New Jersey State Police Academy, or employed as a class two special law enforcement officer will increase annual State costs by an indeterminate amount to pay for the increase in the unfunded liability of the system and provide State paid health care coverage in retirement to members who would not qualify for this benefit without additional years of service credit in the retirement system.

BILL DESCRIPTION

This bill allows a member of the State Police Retirement System to purchase credit in the retirement system for the period of enrollment in a United States military service academy and the New Jersey State Police Academy, and for the period of employment as a class two special law enforcement officer, subject to certain conditions.

Under the bill, the payment to purchase additional service credit will be determined by the actuarial factor that corresponds to the member's age at the time of purchase, and the greater of the member's salary at the time of purchase or the highest annual compensation for service in this State for which contributions were made during any prior fiscal year of membership.

The bill provides that the purchase may be made in regular installments over a period not to exceed 10 years.

To be eligible to purchase credit for service for the period of enrollment in the New Jersey State Police Academy, the bill requires such service to have led directly to enrollment in the retirement system.

To be eligible to purchase credit for service for the period of enrollment in a United States military service academy, the bill requires the period of enrollment to have resulted in the member attaining a baccalaureate degree from the military service academy.

To be eligible to purchase credit for service for the period of employment as a class two special law enforcement officer, the bill requires the break in service as such an officer and the enrollment date in the retirement system to be less than 365 days. Under the bill, the member must also have served for a period of: (1) one year, wherein a 12-month employee is required to have worked an average of 10 days per month and an aggregate of 120 days per year; or (2) less than one year, provided that the member works a minimum average of 10 days per month for each month of service.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The OLS finds that permitting the purchase of service credit in the New Jersey State Police Retirement System for all or a portion of the service rendered while enrolled in a United States military service academy, enrolled in the New Jersey State Police Academy, or employed as a class two special law enforcement officer, subject to certain conditions, will increase annual State costs by an indeterminate amount to pay for the increase in the unfunded liability of the system and provide State paid health care coverage in retirement to members who would not qualify for this benefit without additional years of service credit in the system.

The majority of graduates from United States military service academies earn their degree in four years. Training for the New Jersey State Police Academy lasts approximately six months. The OLS does not know the average length of employment as a class two special law enforcement officer for current State Police Retirement System members prior to enrollment in the retirement system.

The OLS does not know the number of members who will become eligible to purchase additional service credit in the retirement system or the number of eligible members who will choose to make the purchase. Therefore, the fiscal impact of the bill on the resulting annual increase in State costs is indeterminate.

Section: State Government

*Analyst: Anna Harris
Associate Fiscal Analyst*

*Approved: Thomas Koenig
Legislative Budget and Finance Officer*

This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).

SENATE, No. 3606

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

221st LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED SEPTEMBER 19, 2024

Sponsored by:

Senator PATRICK J. DIEGNAN, JR.

District 18 (Middlesex)

Senator ANTHONY M. BUCCO

District 25 (Morris and Passaic)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senators Amato, Tiver, Holzapfel, Henry, O'Scanlon, Wimberly and Singleton

SYNOPSIS

Permits purchase of service credit in SPRS for period of enrollment in military service academy and in New Jersey State Police Academy, and employment as class two special law enforcement officer.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/17/2025)

1 AN ACT concerning the purchase of service credit in the State
2 Police Retirement System for certain military and police service
3 and amending P.L.1965, c.89 and P.L.2013, c.87.

4
5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

7
8 1. Section 6 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-6) is amended to read
9 as follows:

10 6. a. Service as a full-time commissioned officer,
11 noncommissioned officer or trooper rendered as a member, and
12 service credit which was transferred from the former "State Police
13 Retirement and Benevolent Fund," or transferred from any other
14 State-administered retirement system, shall, if the required
15 contributions are made by the State and the member, be considered
16 as creditable service. If such transferred service credit is
17 established, it shall be considered the same as creditable service as
18 a full-time commissioned officer, noncommissioned officer or
19 trooper rendered as a member.

20 In addition, service as a chief inspector, deputy chief inspector,
21 inspector and special inspector in the Motor Vehicle Commission or
22 equivalent Civil Service classifications, including Chief, Highway
23 Patrol Bureau; Assistant Chief (Major), Highway Patrol Bureau;
24 Captain, Highway Patrol Bureau; Lieutenant, Highway Patrol
25 Bureau; Sergeant, Highway Patrol Bureau; and Officer, Highway
26 Patrol Bureau, and service credit may be transferred from the Police
27 and Firemen's Retirement System, the Public Employees'
28 Retirement System, or any other State-administered retirement
29 system and shall, if the required contributions are made by the State
30 and the member, be considered as creditable service.

31 In addition, service as a member of the State Capitol Police
32 Force, or as a Supervising Inspector, Principal Inspector, Senior
33 Inspector, or Inspector Recruit in the Alcoholic Beverage Control
34 Enforcement Bureau or as a Principal Marine Law Enforcement
35 Officer, Senior Marine Law Enforcement Officer, or Marine Law
36 Enforcement Officer in the Bureau of Marine Law Enforcement and
37 service credit transferred from the Police and Firemen's Retirement
38 System, the Public Employees' Retirement System, or any other
39 State-administered retirement system shall, if the required
40 contributions are made by the State and the member, be considered
41 as creditable service.

42 A member on suspension shall be considered in service for the
43 period of the suspension, but the period of suspension shall not be
44 considered as creditable service unless the member receives salary
45 therefor.

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 b. Any member of the retirement system, who, prior to
2 becoming a member, had established service credits in this or
3 another retirement system supported in whole or in part by the
4 State, or who had rendered service to the State prior to becoming a
5 member, or had purchased service credits while in another State-
6 administered retirement system or in the Police and Firemen's
7 Retirement System or the Public Employees' Retirement System,
8 while serving as chief inspector, deputy chief inspector, inspector or
9 special inspector in the Enforcement Bureau, Motor Vehicle
10 Commission, or as a member of the State Capitol Police Force, or
11 as a Supervising Inspector, Principal Inspector, Senior Inspector,
12 Inspector, or Inspector Recruit in the Alcoholic Beverage Control
13 Enforcement Bureau, or as a Principal Marine Law Enforcement
14 Officer, Senior Marine Law Enforcement Officer, or Marine Law
15 Enforcement Officer in the Bureau of Marine Law Enforcement, for
16 which the member desires to establish credit in this retirement
17 system, shall be permitted to purchase such credit, or to transfer
18 such previously purchased credit, by paying into the annuity
19 savings fund the amount required by applying the factor, supplied
20 by the actuary, as being applicable to the member's age at the time
21 of the transfer or purchase, to the member's salary at that time. Such
22 payment may be made in regular installments equal to at least half
23 of the normal contribution to the retirement system, over a
24 maximum period of 10 years. If such purchased service credit or
25 transferred purchased credit is established, it shall be considered the
26 same as creditable service as a full-time commissioned officer,
27 noncommissioned officer, or trooper rendered as a member.

28 A member who retires prior to completing the payments as
29 agreed with the retirement system will receive pro rata credit for
30 service purchased prior to the date of retirement, but if the member
31 so elects at the time of retirement, the member may make the
32 additional lump sum payment required at that time to provide full
33 credit; except that in the case of retirement pursuant to any section
34 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-1 et seq.) other than sections 8, 27, and
35 28 thereof, if an employee's membership has been terminated and
36 the member is re-enrolled as a member of the retirement system, the
37 member shall be accorded, upon the completion of one year of
38 membership after the member's election to make the purchase and
39 the payment of at least half the total amount due, the pension credit
40 as it was at the time of the member's termination.

41 c. Not more than one year shall be credited for all service in a
42 calendar year.

43 d. In computing service, time during which a member was
44 absent on an official leave without pay shall be credited if such
45 leave was for a period of: (1) less than three months; or (2) up to a
46 maximum of two years, if the leave was due to the member's
47 personal illness and the period of leave is allowed for retirement

1 purposes within one year following his return to service after the
2 termination of such leave.

3 e. The method of computation and the terms of the purchase of
4 service permitted by subsections b. and d. of this section shall be
5 identical to those stipulated for the purchase of previous
6 membership service by members of the system, as provided by
7 subsection a. of this section.

8 f. For any person who becomes a member of the retirement
9 system pursuant to P.L.1997, c.19 (C.53:1-8.2 et al.) and is required
10 to retire pursuant to section 8 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-8) with
11 less than 20 years of creditable service in the retirement system, and
12 who retires prior to the effective date of P.L.2019, c.251, an amount
13 of service credit transferred or purchased pursuant to subsection b.
14 which when added to the amount of creditable service in the
15 retirement system equals 20 years shall be considered creditable
16 service in the retirement system. Transferred or purchased service
17 credit in excess of the amount necessary to provide 20 years of
18 creditable service in the retirement system shall be included in the
19 computation of a retirement allowance on the basis of one percent
20 of final compensation for each year of such service credit.

21 g. In the case of a member for whom compensation is defined
22 in paragraph (2) of subsection u. of section 3 of P.L.1965, c.89
23 (C.53:5A-3), the retirement system shall credit the member with the
24 time of all service rendered by the member during the part of any
25 year that the member was a participant of the Defined Contribution
26 Retirement Program, pursuant to paragraph (5) of subsection a. of
27 section 2 of P.L.2007, c.92 (C.43:15C-2) as amended by section 7
28 of P.L.2010, c.1, and making contributions to that program.

29 h. Any member of the retirement system who, prior to
30 becoming a member, graduated from the New Jersey State Police
31 Academy or was employed as a class two special law enforcement
32 officer with a public employer in this State, or both, and desires
33 credit for such academy time or employment, or both, shall be
34 eligible to purchase credit for all or a portion of the service
35 rendered while enrolled in the New Jersey State Police Academy or
36 employed as a class two special law enforcement officer, or both. If
37 such credit is established, it shall be considered the same as
38 creditable service as a full-time commissioned officer,
39 noncommissioned officer, or trooper rendered as a member. The
40 member may purchase credit for the service by paying into the
41 annuity savings fund the amount required by applying the factor,
42 supplied by the actuary as being applicable to the member's age at
43 the time of purchase, to the member's salary at the time, or to the
44 highest annual compensation for service in this State for which
45 contributions were made during any prior fiscal year of
46 membership, whichever is greater. The purchase may be made in
47 regular installments, equal to at least 1/2 of the full normal

1 contribution to the retirement system, over a maximum period of 10
2 years.

3 Purchase of credit for service as a class two special law
4 enforcement officer shall be permitted only if the break between
5 service as such an officer and the date of enrollment in the State
6 Police Retirement System is less than 365 days.

7 Any member electing to make a purchase pursuant to this section
8 who retires prior to completing payments as agreed with the
9 retirement system will receive a pro rata credit for the service
10 purchased prior to the date of retirement, but if the member so
11 elects at the time of retirement, the member may make the
12 additional lump sum payment required at that time to provide full
13 credit.

14 (cf: P.L.2019, c.251, s.1)

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16 2. Section 2 of P.L.2013, c.87 (C.53:5A-6.1) is amended to read
17 as follows:

18 2. A member may file a detailed statement of military service
19 in the Armed Forces of the United States, including any period of
20 enrollment in a military service academy, rendered prior to
21 becoming a member, for which the member desires credit, and of
22 such other facts as the retirement system may require. The member
23 may purchase credit for all or a portion of the service evidenced in
24 the statement up to the nearest number of years and months, but not
25 exceeding 10 years, provided however, that a member purchasing
26 that maximum credit may purchase up to five additional years for
27 additional military service qualifying the member as a veteran as
28 defined in section 3 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-3). If such credit is
29 established, it shall be considered the same as creditable service as
30 a full-time commissioned officer, noncommissioned officer or
31 trooper rendered as a member. No application shall be accepted for
32 the purchase of credit for the service if, at the time of application,
33 the member has a vested right to retirement benefits in another
34 retirement system based in whole or in part upon that service. The
35 member may purchase credit for the service by paying into the
36 annuity savings fund the amount required by applying the factor,
37 supplied by the actuary as being applicable to the member's age at
38 the time of the purchase, to the member's salary at that time, or to
39 the highest annual compensation for service in this State for which
40 contributions were made during any prior fiscal year of
41 membership, whichever is greater. The purchase may be made in
42 regular installments, equal to at least 1/2 of the full normal
43 contribution to the retirement system, over a maximum period of 10
44 years.

45 The employer of a member who applies, pursuant to this section,
46 to purchase credit for military service in the Armed Forces of the
47 United States, including any period of enrollment in a military
48 service academy, shall not be liable for any payment to the

1 retirement system on behalf of the member for the purchase of this
2 credit. The Adjutant General of the Department of Military and
3 Veterans' Affairs shall be responsible for determining whether any
4 person seeking to be considered a "veteran" under section 3 of
5 P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-3), for the purpose of purchasing military
6 service credit, meets the criteria set forth therein and adjudicating
7 an appeal from any person disputing this determination. The
8 determination of the Adjutant General shall be binding upon the
9 Division of Pensions and Benefits.

10 Notwithstanding any provision of this act to the contrary, a
11 member shall not be liable for any costs associated with the
12 financing of pension adjustment benefits and health care benefits
13 for retirees when purchasing credit for military service in the
14 Armed Forces of the United States, including any period of
15 enrollment in a military service academy.

16 Any member electing to make a purchase pursuant to this section
17 who retires prior to completing payments as agreed with the
18 retirement system will receive pro rata credit for the purchase prior
19 to the date of retirement, but if the member so elects at the time of
20 retirement, the member may make the additional lump sum payment
21 required at that time to provide full credit.

22 As used in this section, "military service academy" means the
23 United States Military Academy, the United States Naval Academy,
24 the United States Air Force Academy, and the United States Coast
25 Guard Academy.

26 (cf: P.L.2013, c.87, s.2)

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28 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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33 This bill allows a member of the New Jersey State Police
34 Retirement System (SPRS) to purchase credit in the retirement
35 system for military service in the Armed Forces of the United
36 States, the period of enrollment in the New Jersey State Police
37 Academy, and employment as a class two special law enforcement
38 officer prior to becoming a member.

39 Under current law, a period of service in the United States
40 Armed Forces qualifies as military service that a member of the
41 SPRS may purchase for retirement purposes. This bill permits the
42 purchase of the period of enrollment in a United States military
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44 The military service academies are the United States Military
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2 from the day they enter the academy, with the rank of cadet and
3 midshipman, and subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

4 This bill also allows a member of the SPRS to purchase credit in
5 the retirement system for graduation from the New Jersey State
6 Police Academy or for employment as a class two special law
7 enforcement officer, or both, prior to becoming a member. The bill
8 provides that a member may purchase credit for all or a portion of
9 such service rendered while enrolled in the New Jersey State Police
10 Academy or employed by a public employer as a class two special
11 law enforcement officer, or both. Under the bill, the SPRS credit
12 purchased for enrollment in the New Jersey State Police Academy
13 or employment as a class two special law enforcement officer, or
14 both, is equivalent to service in the State Police as a member of the
15 SPRS in qualifying for retirement benefits.

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 3606

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
221st LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED SEPTEMBER 19, 2024

Sponsored by:

Senator PATRICK J. DIEGNAN, JR.

District 18 (Middlesex)

Senator ANTHONY M. BUCCO

District 25 (Morris and Passaic)

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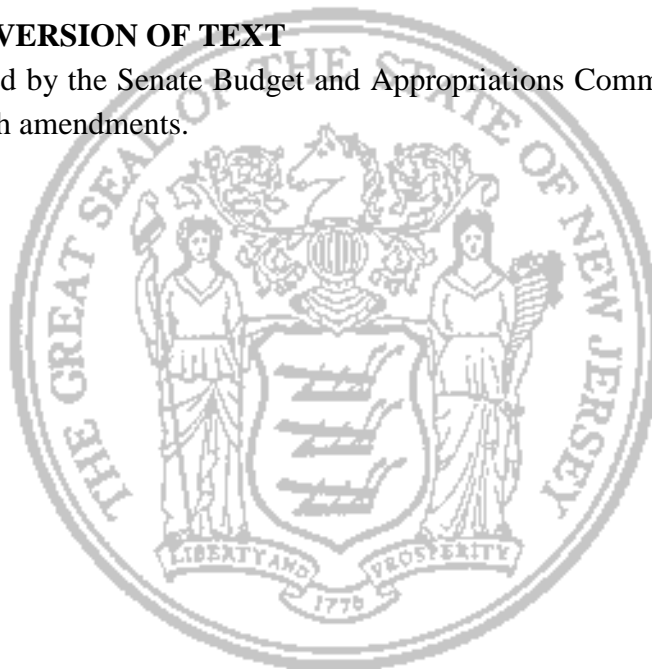
**Senators Amato, Tiver, Holzapfel, Henry, O'Scanlon, Wimberly, Singleton
and Greenstein**

SYNOPSIS

Permits purchase of service credit in SPRS for period of enrollment in military service academy and in New Jersey State Police Academy, and employment as class two special law enforcement officer.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee on March 17, 2025, with amendments.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/24/2025)

1 AN ACT concerning the purchase of service credit in the State
2 Police Retirement System for certain military and police service
3 and amending P.L.1965, c.89 and P.L.2013, c.87.

4
5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*

7
8 1. Section 6 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-6) is amended to read
9 as follows:

10 6. a. Service as a full-time commissioned officer,
11 noncommissioned officer or trooper rendered as a member, and
12 service credit which was transferred from the former "State Police
13 Retirement and Benevolent Fund," or transferred from any other
14 State-administered retirement system, shall, if the required
15 contributions are made by the State and the member, be considered
16 as creditable service. If such transferred service credit is
17 established, it shall be considered the same as creditable service as
18 a full-time commissioned officer, noncommissioned officer or
19 trooper rendered as a member.

20 In addition, service as a chief inspector, deputy chief inspector,
21 inspector and special inspector in the Motor Vehicle Commission or
22 equivalent Civil Service classifications, including Chief, Highway
23 Patrol Bureau; Assistant Chief (Major), Highway Patrol Bureau;
24 Captain, Highway Patrol Bureau; Lieutenant, Highway Patrol
25 Bureau; Sergeant, Highway Patrol Bureau; and Officer, Highway
26 Patrol Bureau, and service credit may be transferred from the Police
27 and Firemen's Retirement System, the Public Employees'
28 Retirement System, or any other State-administered retirement
29 system and shall, if the required contributions are made by the State
30 and the member, be considered as creditable service.

31 In addition, service as a member of the State Capitol Police
32 Force, or as a Supervising Inspector, Principal Inspector, Senior
33 Inspector, or Inspector Recruit in the Alcoholic Beverage Control
34 Enforcement Bureau or as a Principal Marine Law Enforcement
35 Officer, Senior Marine Law Enforcement Officer, or Marine Law
36 Enforcement Officer in the Bureau of Marine Law Enforcement and
37 service credit transferred from the Police and Firemen's Retirement
38 System, the Public Employees' Retirement System, or any other
39 State-administered retirement system shall, if the required
40 contributions are made by the State and the member, be considered
41 as creditable service.

42 A member on suspension shall be considered in service for the
43 period of the suspension, but the period of suspension shall not be
44 considered as creditable service unless the member receives salary
45 therefor.

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:

¹Senate SBA committee amendments adopted March 17, 2025.

1 b. Any member of the retirement system, who, prior to
2 becoming a member, had established service credits in this or
3 another retirement system supported in whole or in part by the
4 State, or who had rendered service to the State prior to becoming a
5 member, or had purchased service credits while in another State-
6 administered retirement system or in the Police and Firemen's
7 Retirement System or the Public Employees' Retirement System,
8 while serving as chief inspector, deputy chief inspector, inspector or
9 special inspector in the Enforcement Bureau, Motor Vehicle
10 Commission, or as a member of the State Capitol Police Force, or
11 as a Supervising Inspector, Principal Inspector, Senior Inspector,
12 Inspector, or Inspector Recruit in the Alcoholic Beverage Control
13 Enforcement Bureau, or as a Principal Marine Law Enforcement
14 Officer, Senior Marine Law Enforcement Officer, or Marine Law
15 Enforcement Officer in the Bureau of Marine Law Enforcement, for
16 which the member desires to establish credit in this retirement
17 system, shall be permitted to purchase such credit, or to transfer
18 such previously purchased credit, by paying into the annuity
19 savings fund the amount required by applying the factor, supplied
20 by the actuary, as being applicable to the member's age at the time
21 of the transfer or purchase, to the member's salary at that time. Such
22 payment may be made in regular installments equal to at least half
23 of the normal contribution to the retirement system, over a
24 maximum period of 10 years. If such purchased service credit or
25 transferred purchased credit is established, it shall be considered the
26 same as creditable service as a full-time commissioned officer,
27 noncommissioned officer, or trooper rendered as a member.

28 A member who retires prior to completing the payments as
29 agreed with the retirement system will receive pro rata credit for
30 service purchased prior to the date of retirement, but if the member
31 so elects at the time of retirement, the member may make the
32 additional lump sum payment required at that time to provide full
33 credit; except that in the case of retirement pursuant to any section
34 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-1 et seq.) other than sections 8, 27, and
35 28 thereof, if an employee's membership has been terminated and
36 the member is re-enrolled as a member of the retirement system, the
37 member shall be accorded, upon the completion of one year of
38 membership after the member's election to make the purchase and
39 the payment of at least half the total amount due, the pension credit
40 as it was at the time of the member's termination.

41 c. Not more than one year shall be credited for all service in a
42 calendar year.

43 d. In computing service, time during which a member was
44 absent on an official leave without pay shall be credited if such
45 leave was for a period of: (1) less than three months; or (2) up to a
46 maximum of two years, if the leave was due to the member's
47 personal illness and the period of leave is allowed for retirement

1 purposes within one year following his return to service after the
2 termination of such leave.

3 e. The method of computation and the terms of the purchase of
4 service permitted by subsections b. and d. of this section shall be
5 identical to those stipulated for the purchase of previous
6 membership service by members of the system, as provided by
7 subsection a. of this section.

8 f. For any person who becomes a member of the retirement
9 system pursuant to P.L.1997, c.19 (C.53:1-8.2 et al.) and is required
10 to retire pursuant to section 8 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-8) with
11 less than 20 years of creditable service in the retirement system, and
12 who retires prior to the effective date of P.L.2019, c.251, an amount
13 of service credit transferred or purchased pursuant to subsection b.
14 which when added to the amount of creditable service in the
15 retirement system equals 20 years shall be considered creditable
16 service in the retirement system. Transferred or purchased service
17 credit in excess of the amount necessary to provide 20 years of
18 creditable service in the retirement system shall be included in the
19 computation of a retirement allowance on the basis of one percent
20 of final compensation for each year of such service credit.

21 g. In the case of a member for whom compensation is defined
22 in paragraph (2) of subsection u. of section 3 of P.L.1965, c.89
23 (C.53:5A-3), the retirement system shall credit the member with the
24 time of all service rendered by the member during the part of any
25 year that the member was a participant of the Defined Contribution
26 Retirement Program, pursuant to paragraph (5) of subsection a. of
27 section 2 of P.L.2007, c.92 (C.43:15C-2) as amended by section 7
28 of P.L.2010, c.1, and making contributions to that program.

29 h. Any member of the retirement system who, prior to
30 becoming a member, graduated from the New Jersey State Police
31 Academy or was employed as a class two special law enforcement
32 officer with a public employer in this State, or both, and desires
33 credit for such academy time or employment, or both, shall be
34 eligible to purchase credit for all or a portion of the service
35 rendered while enrolled in the New Jersey State Police Academy or
36 employed as a class two special law enforcement officer, or both¹;
37 provided, however, that credit for service rendered while enrolled in
38 the New Jersey State Police Academy shall only be eligible for
39 purchase if such service led directly to enrollment in the system¹. If
40 such credit is established, it shall be considered the same as
41 creditable service as a full-time commissioned officer,
42 noncommissioned officer, or trooper rendered as a member. The
43 member may purchase credit for the service by paying into the
44 annuity savings fund the amount required by applying the factor,
45 supplied by the actuary as being applicable to the member's age at
46 the time of purchase, to the member's salary at the time, or to the
47 highest annual compensation for service in this State for which
48 contributions were made during any prior fiscal year of

1 membership, whichever is greater. The purchase may be made in
2 regular installments, equal to at least 1/2 of the full normal
3 contribution to the retirement system, over a maximum period of 10
4 years.

5 Purchase of credit for service as a class two special law
6 enforcement officer shall be permitted only if the break between
7 service as such an officer and the date of enrollment in the State
8 Police Retirement System is less than 365 days. ¹A period of
9 service as a class two special law enforcement officer shall only be
10 eligible for purchase if it meets one of the following criteria: (1) one
11 year of service, wherein a 12-month employee is required to have
12 worked an average of 10 days per month and an aggregate of 120 days
13 per year; or (2) service for a period of less than one year, provided that
14 the member works a minimum average of 10 days per month for each
15 month of service.¹

16 Any member electing to make a purchase pursuant to this section
17 who retires prior to completing payments as agreed with the
18 retirement system will receive a pro rata credit for the service
19 purchased prior to the date of retirement, but if the member so
20 elects at the time of retirement, the member may make the
21 additional lump sum payment required at that time to provide full
22 credit.

23 (cf: P.L.2019, c.251, s.1)

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25 2. Section 2 of P.L.2013, c.87 (C.53:5A-6.1) is amended to read
26 as follows:

27 2. A member may file a detailed statement of military service
28 in the Armed Forces of the United States, including any period of
29 enrollment in a military service academy ¹that resulted in attainment
30 of a baccalaureate degree from the military service academy¹,
31 rendered prior to becoming a member, for which the member
32 desires credit, and of such other facts as the retirement system may
33 require. The member may purchase credit for all or a portion of the
34 service evidenced in the statement up to the nearest number of years
35 and months, but not exceeding 10 years, provided however, that a
36 member purchasing that maximum credit may purchase up to five
37 additional years for additional military service qualifying the
38 member as a veteran as defined in section 3 of P.L.1965, c.89
39 (C.53:5A-3). If such credit is established, it shall be considered the
40 same as creditable service as a full-time commissioned officer,
41 noncommissioned officer or trooper rendered as a member. No
42 application shall be accepted for the purchase of credit for the
43 service if, at the time of application, the member has a vested right
44 to retirement benefits in another retirement system based in whole
45 or in part upon that service. The member may purchase credit for
46 the service by paying into the annuity savings fund the amount
47 required by applying the factor, supplied by the actuary as being
48 applicable to the member's age at the time of the purchase, to the

1 member's salary at that time, or to the highest annual compensation
2 for service in this State for which contributions were made during
3 any prior fiscal year of membership, whichever is greater. The
4 purchase may be made in regular installments, equal to at least 1/2
5 of the full normal contribution to the retirement system, over a
6 maximum period of 10 years.

7 The employer of a member who applies, pursuant to this section,
8 to purchase credit for military service in the Armed Forces of the
9 United States, including any period of enrollment in a military
10 service academy ¹that resulted in attainment of a baccalaureate degree
11 from the military service academy¹, shall not be liable for any
12 payment to the retirement system on behalf of the member for the
13 purchase of this credit. The Adjutant General of the Department of
14 Military and Veterans' Affairs shall be responsible for determining
15 whether any person seeking to be considered a "veteran" under
16 section 3 of P.L.1965, c.89 (C.53:5A-3), for the purpose of
17 purchasing military service credit, meets the criteria set forth
18 therein and adjudicating an appeal from any person disputing this
19 determination. The determination of the Adjutant General shall be
20 binding upon the Division of Pensions and Benefits.

21 Notwithstanding any provision of this act to the contrary, a
22 member shall not be liable for any costs associated with the
23 financing of pension adjustment benefits and health care benefits
24 for retirees when purchasing credit for military service in the
25 Armed Forces of the United States, including any period of
26 enrollment in a military service academy ¹that resulted in attainment
27 of a baccalaureate degree from the military service academy¹.

28 Any member electing to make a purchase pursuant to this section
29 who retires prior to completing payments as agreed with the
30 retirement system will receive pro rata credit for the purchase prior
31 to the date of retirement, but if the member so elects at the time of
32 retirement, the member may make the additional lump sum payment
33 required at that time to provide full credit.

34 As used in this section, "military service academy" means the
35 United States Military Academy, the United States Naval Academy,
36 the United States Air Force Academy, and the United States Coast
37 Guard Academy.

38 (cf: P.L.2013, c.87, s.2)

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40 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3606

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 13, 2025

The Senate Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 3606.

As reported by the committee, this bill allows a member of the New Jersey State Police Retirement System (SPRS) to purchase credit in the retirement system for military service in the Armed Forces of the United States, the period of enrollment in the New Jersey State Police Academy, and employment as a class two special law enforcement officer prior to becoming a member.

Under current law, a period of service in the United States Armed Forces qualifies as military service that a member of the SPRS may purchase for retirement purposes. This bill permits the purchase of the period of enrollment in a United States military service academy.

The military service academies are the United States Military Academy, Naval Academy, Air Force Academy, and the Coast Guard Academy. These four service academies educate young people to serve as commissioned officers in the various branches of the United States Armed Forces. They are the only academies whose students are on active duty in the United States Armed Forces from the day they enter the academy, with the rank of cadet and midshipman, and subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

This bill also allows a member of the SPRS to purchase credit in the retirement system for graduation from the New Jersey State Police Academy or for employment as a class two special law enforcement officer, or both, prior to becoming a member. The bill provides that a member may purchase credit for all or a portion of such service rendered while enrolled in the New Jersey State Police Academy or employed by a public employer as a class two special law enforcement officer, or both. Under the bill, the SPRS credit purchased for enrollment in the New Jersey State Police Academy or employment as a class two special law enforcement officer, or both, is equivalent to service in the State Police as a member of the SPRS in qualifying for retirement benefits.

As reported by the committee, Senate Bill No. 3606 is identical to Assembly Bill No. 4751 which also was reported by the committee on this date.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3606

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 17, 2025

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 3606.

As amended, this bill allows a member of the New Jersey State Police Retirement System (SPRS) to purchase credit in the retirement system for military service in the Armed Forces of the United States, the period of enrollment in the New Jersey State Police Academy, and employment as a class two special law enforcement officer prior to becoming a member.

Under current law, a period of service in the United States Armed Forces qualifies as military service that a member of the SPRS may purchase for retirement purposes. This bill permits the purchase of the period of enrollment in a United States military service academy that resulted in attainment of a baccalaureate degree from the military service academy.

The military service academies are the United States Military Academy, Naval Academy, Air Force Academy, and the Coast Guard Academy. These four service academies educate young people to serve as commissioned officers in the various branches of the United States Armed Forces. They are the only academies whose students are on active duty in the United States Armed Forces from the day they enter the academy, with the rank of cadet and midshipman, and subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

This bill also allows a member of the SPRS to purchase credit in the retirement system for graduation from the New Jersey State Police Academy or for employment as a class two special law enforcement officer, or both, prior to becoming a member. The bill provides that a member may purchase credit for all or a portion of such service rendered while enrolled in the New Jersey State Police Academy or employed by a public employer as a class two special law enforcement officer, or both; provided, however, that credit for service rendered while enrolled in the New Jersey State Police Academy will only be eligible for purchase if such service led directly to enrollment in the system. Under the bill, the SPRS credit purchased for enrollment in the New Jersey State Police Academy or employment as a class two special law enforcement officer, or both, is equivalent to service in the

State Police as a member of the SPRS in qualifying for retirement benefits.

As amended and reported by the committee, Senate Bill No. 3606 is identical to Assembly Bill No. 4751, which was also amended and reported by the committee on this date.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to require that credit for service rendered while enrolled in the New Jersey State Police Academy is only eligible for purchase if such service led directly to enrollment in the system and to require that a period of service as a class two special law enforcement officer is only eligible for purchase if it meets one of the following criteria: (1) one year of service, wherein a 12-month employee is required to have worked an average of 10 days per month and an aggregate of 120 days per year; or (2) service for a period of less than one year, provided that the member works a minimum average of 10 days per month for each month of service.

The amendments also permit the purchase of the period of enrollment in a United States military service academy that resulted in attainment of a baccalaureate degree from the military service academy.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services finds that permitting the purchase of service credit in the New Jersey State Police Retirement System for all or a portion of the service rendered while enrolled in a United States military service academy, enrolled in the New Jersey State Police Academy, or employed as a class two special law enforcement officer, subject to certain conditions, will increase annual State costs by an indeterminate amount to pay for the increase in the unfunded liability of the system and provide State paid health care coverage in retirement to members who would not qualify for this benefit without additional years of service credit in the retirement system.

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE
SENATE, No. 3606
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
221st LEGISLATURE

DATED: MARCH 6, 2025

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Permits purchase of service credit in SPRS for period of enrollment in military service academy and in New Jersey State Police Academy, and employment as class two special law enforcement officer.
- Type of Impact:** Annual expenditure increase to the State General Fund.
- Agencies Affected:** Division of Pensions and Benefits in the Department of the Treasury.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Annual Fiscal Impact	
State Expenditure Increase	Indeterminate

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) finds that permitting the purchase of service credit in the New Jersey State Police Retirement System for all or a portion of the service rendered while enrolled in a United States military service academy, enrolled in the New Jersey State Police Academy, or employed as a class two special law enforcement officer will increase annual State costs by an indeterminate amount to pay for the increase in the unfunded liability of the system and provide State paid health care coverage in retirement to members who would not qualify for this benefit without additional years of service credit in the retirement system.

BILL DESCRIPTION

This bill allows a member of the State Police Retirement System to purchase credit in the retirement system for the period of enrollment in a United States military academy and the New Jersey State Police Academy, and for the period of employment as a class two special law enforcement officer.

Under the bill, the payment to purchase additional service credit will be determined by the actuarial factor that corresponds to the member's age at the time of purchase, and the greater of the member's salary at the time of purchase or the highest annual compensation for service in this State for which contributions were made during any prior fiscal year of membership.

The bill provides that the purchase may be made in regular installments over a period not to exceed 10 years.

To be eligible to purchase credit for service for the period of employment as a class two special law enforcement officer, the bill requires the break in service as such an officer and the enrollment date in the retirement system to be less than 365 days.

The majority of graduates from United States military academies earn their degree in four years. Training for the New Jersey State Police Academy lasts approximately six months. The OLS does not know the average length of employment current State Police Retirement System members spend as a class two special law enforcement officer before enrolling in the retirement system.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The OLS finds that permitting the purchase of service credit in the New Jersey State Police Retirement System for all or a portion of the service rendered while enrolled in a United States military service academy, enrolled in the New Jersey State Police Academy, or employed as a class two special law enforcement officer will increase annual State costs by an indeterminate amount to pay for the increase in the unfunded liability of the system and provide State paid health care coverage in retirement to members who would not qualify for this benefit without additional years of service credit in the system.

The OLS does not know the number of members who will become eligible to purchase additional service credit in the retirement system or the number of eligible members who will choose to make the purchase. Therefore, the fiscal impact of the bill on the resulting annual increase in State costs is indeterminate.

Section: State Government

*Analyst: Anna Harris
Associate Fiscal Analyst*

*Approved: Thomas Koenig
Legislative Budget and Finance Officer*

This legislative fiscal estimate has been produced by the Office of Legislative Services due to the failure of the Executive Branch to respond to our request for a fiscal note.

This fiscal estimate has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67 (C.52:13B-6 et seq.).

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

SENATE, No. 3606 STATE OF NEW JERSEY 221st LEGISLATURE

DATED: MARCH 24, 2025

SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Permits purchase of service credit in SPRS for period of enrollment in military service academy and in New Jersey State Police Academy, and employment as class two special law enforcement officer.
- Type of Impact:** Annual expenditure increase to the State General Fund.
- Agencies Affected:** Division of Pensions and Benefits in the Department of the Treasury.

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Annual Fiscal Impact	
State Expenditure Increase	Indeterminate

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) finds that permitting the purchase of service credit in the New Jersey State Police Retirement System for all or a portion of the service rendered while enrolled in a United States military service academy, enrolled in the New Jersey State Police Academy, or employed as a class two special law enforcement officer will increase annual State costs by an indeterminate amount to pay for the increase in the unfunded liability of the system and provide State paid health care coverage in retirement to members who would not qualify for this benefit without additional years of service credit in the retirement system.

BILL DESCRIPTION

This bill allows a member of the State Police Retirement System to purchase credit in the retirement system for the period of enrollment in a United States military service academy and the New Jersey State Police Academy, and for the period of employment as a class two special law enforcement officer, subject to certain conditions.

Under the bill, the payment to purchase additional service credit will be determined by the actuarial factor that corresponds to the member's age at the time of purchase, and the greater of

the member's salary at the time of purchase or the highest annual compensation for service in this State for which contributions were made during any prior fiscal year of membership.

The bill provides that the purchase may be made in regular installments over a period not to exceed 10 years.

To be eligible to purchase credit for service for the period of enrollment in the New Jersey State Police Academy, the bill requires such service to have led directly to enrollment in the retirement system.

To be eligible to purchase credit for service for the period of enrollment in a United States military service academy, the bill requires the period of enrollment to have resulted in the member attaining a baccalaureate degree from the military service academy.

To be eligible to purchase credit for service for the period of employment as a class two special law enforcement officer, the bill requires the break in service as such an officer and the enrollment date in the retirement system to be less than 365 days. Under the bill, the member must also have served for a period of: (1) one year, wherein a 12-month employee is required to have worked an average of 10 days per month and an aggregate of 120 days per year; or (2) less than one year, provided that the member works a minimum average of 10 days per month for each month of service.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

None received.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The OLS finds that permitting the purchase of service credit in the New Jersey State Police Retirement System for all or a portion of the service rendered while enrolled in a United States military service academy, enrolled in the New Jersey State Police Academy, or employed as a class two special law enforcement officer, subject to certain conditions, will increase annual State costs by an indeterminate amount to pay for the increase in the unfunded liability of the system and provide State paid health care coverage in retirement to members who would not qualify for this benefit without additional years of service credit in the system.

The majority of graduates from United States military service academies earn their degree in four years. Training for the New Jersey State Police Academy lasts approximately six months. The OLS does not know the average length of employment as a class two special law enforcement officer for current State Police Retirement System members prior to enrollment in the retirement system.

The OLS does not know the number of members who will become eligible to purchase additional service credit in the retirement system or the number of eligible members who will choose to make the purchase. Therefore, the fiscal impact of the bill on the resulting annual increase in State costs is indeterminate.

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Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

Posted on - 05/8/2025

TRENTON – Today, Governor Murphy signed the following bills into law:

ACS for ACS for A-1825/SCS for S-3533 (Verrelli/McKnight, Bramnick) - Establishes certain guidelines for SHBP, SEHBP, and Medicaid concerning step therapy protocols

A-2813/S-2688 (Greenwald, Reynolds-Jackson, Speight/McKnight, Gopal) - Enters NJ in Social Work Licensure Compact

ACS for A-3940/SCS for S-1635 (Stanley, Schaer/Zwicker, Pou) - Modifies regulation of mortuary science and establishes oversight of mortuary and embalming science

A-4751/S-3606 (DeAngelo, Quijano, Bagolie/Diegnan, A.M. Bucco) - Permits purchase of service credit in SPRS for period of enrollment in military service academy and in New Jersey State Police Academy, and employment as class two special law enforcement officer

ACS for AJR-211/SCS for SJR-149 (Reynolds-Jackson, Sumter, Carter/Turner, Burgess) - Designates May 18 of each year as Six Triple Eight Day in NJ

Governor Murphy conditionally vetoed the following bills:

A-4535/S-2952 (Hutchison, Verrelli, Atkins/Moriarty, Mukherji) – CONDITIONAL - Concerns State regulation of cooperative sober living residences and boarding houses generally; appropriates \$100,000

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A-4652/S-3507 (Hutchison, Murphy/Moriarty, Wimberly) – CONDITIONAL -Establishes offense of inciting public brawl; upgrades penalty for disorderly conduct in certain circumstances

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