

**43:16A-11.11**  
**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST**

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**LAWS OF:** 2024                    **CHAPTER:** 54

**NJSA:** 43:16A-11.11 Provides for purchase of PFRS credit for service as class two special law enforcement officer.

**BILL NO:** A2884                    (Substituted for S2070 (1R))

**SPONSOR(S)** Verrelli, Anthony S. and others

**DATE INTRODUCED:** 1/9/2024

**COMMITTEE:**                    **ASSEMBLY:** State & Local Government  
Public Safety & Preparedness

**SENATE:** --

**AMENDED DURING PASSAGE:** Yes

**DATE OF PASSAGE:**    **ASSEMBLY:** 06/28/2024

**SENATE:** 06/28/2024

**DATE OF APPROVAL:** 8/22/2024

**FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:**

**FINAL TEXT OF BILL** (A2884 AcaAca (2R) enacted)

<b>ADVANCE LAW</b>	Yes
<b>PAMPHLET LAW</b>	Yes

**A2884**

<b>INTRODUCED BILL:</b> (Includes sponsor(s) statement)	Yes	
<b>REPRINT(S):</b>	Yes	ASL 3/4/24 1R APS 6/17/24 2R
<b>TECHNICAL REVIEW:</b>	No	
<b>COMMITTEE STATEMENT:</b> <b>ASSEMBLY:</b>	Yes	State & Local Government Public Safety & Preparedness
<b>SENATE:</b>	No	

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<b>FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT:</b>	No
<b>LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE:</b>	Yes

**S2070 (1R)**

<b>INTRODUCED BILL:</b> (Includes sponsor(s) statement)	Yes	
<b>REPRINT(S):</b>	Yes	SSG 6/17/24 1R



P.L. 2024, CHAPTER 54, *approved August 22, 2024*  
Assembly, No. 2884 (*Second Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning the purchase of credit in the Police and  
2 Firemen's Retirement System for certain service and amending  
3 P.L.1991, c.153.

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9 read as follows:

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

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

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 2 section, to purchase credit for public employment with the United  
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 5 law enforcement officer with a public employer in this State shall  
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 7 the member for the purchase of this credit.

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 9 member shall not be liable for any costs associated with the  
 10 financing of pension adjustment benefits and health care benefits  
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 17 completing payments as agreed with the retirement system will  
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 19 retirement, but if the member so elects at the time of retirement, the  
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 21 that time to provide full credit.

22 Purchase of credit for service as a class two special law  
 23 enforcement officer shall be permitted only if the break between  
 24 service as such an officer and the date of their <sup>1</sup> [appointment to a  
 25 position covered by] enrollment in<sup>1</sup> the Police and Firemen's  
 26 Retirement System is less than <sup>2</sup> [120] 365<sup>2</sup> days. Members of the  
 27 retirement system who are enrolled on the effective date of  
 28 P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as this bill) shall have  
 29 only one year from that effective date to apply for such a purchase.  
 30 <sup>1</sup>The board of trustees shall notify all members of the retirement  
 31 system of the provisions of this act, P.L. , c. (pending before the  
 32 Legislature as this bill).<sup>1</sup>

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

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35 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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 41 special law enforcement officer.

## CHAPTER 54

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C.43:16A-11.11 Members of Police and Firemen's Retirement System, purchasing credit.

3. A member of the Police and Firemen's Retirement System may file a detailed statement of public employment in other states or with the United States Government which would be eligible for credit in a State-administered retirement system if the employment was with a public employer in this State, of military service in the Armed Forces of the United States, or of public employment as a class two special law enforcement officer with a public employer in this State, including time taken during such public employment to complete a basic police training course required for that employment, 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 1 of P.L.1983, c.391 (C.43:16A-11.7). 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 public employment with the United States Government, for military service in the Armed Forces of the United States, or for public employment as a class two special law enforcement officer with a public employer in this State shall not be liable for any payment to the retirement system on behalf of the member for the purchase of this credit.

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 public employment in other states or with the United States Government, military service in the Armed Forces of the United States, or for public employment as a class two special law enforcement officer with a public employer in this State.

Any member electing to purchase the service who retires prior to completing 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.

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 their enrollment in the Police and Firemen's Retirement System is less than 365 days. Members of the retirement system who are enrolled on the effective date of P.L.2024, c.54 shall have only one

year from that effective date to apply for such a purchase. The board of trustees shall notify all members of the retirement system of the provisions of this act, P.L.2024, c.54.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved August 22, 2024.

# ASSEMBLY, No. 2884

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 221st LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2024 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman ANTHONY S. VERRELLI**

**District 15 (Hunterdon and Mercer)**

**Assemblyman ROBERT J. KARABINCHAK**

**District 18 (Middlesex)**

**Assemblyman BENJIE E. WIMBERLY**

**District 35 (Bergen and Passaic)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

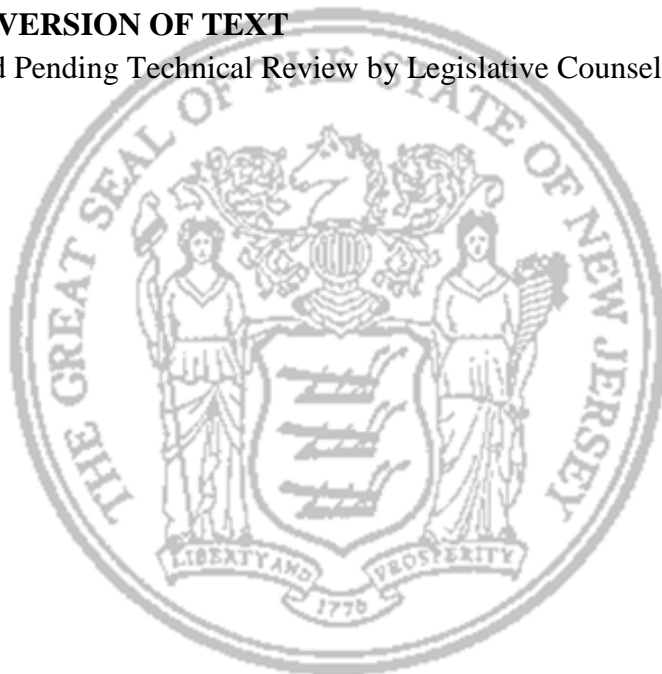
**Assemblywomen Murphy, Speight, Assemblymen McClellan and Simonsen**

**SYNOPSIS**

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

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/4/2024)**

A2884 VERRELLI, KARABINCHAK

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41 States Government or for military service in the Armed Forces of  
42 the United States or for public employment as a class two special  
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45 the member for the purchase of this credit.

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13 member may make the additional lump sum payment required at  
14 that time to provide full credit.

15 Purchase of credit for service as a class two special law  
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17 service as such an officer and the date of their appointment to a  
18 position covered by the Police and Firemen's Retirement System is  
19 less than 120 days. Members of the retirement system who are  
20 enrolled on the effective date of P.L. , c. (pending before the  
21 Legislature as this bill) shall have only one year from that effective  
22 date to apply for such a purchase.

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

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25 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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## STATEMENT

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30 This bill permits a member of the Police and Firemen's  
31 Retirement System (PFRS) to purchase credit for service as a class  
32 two special law enforcement officer with a public employer in this  
33 State, rendered prior to becoming a member. The member may  
34 purchase credit for all or a portion of the service, not to exceed 10  
35 years.

36 The member will be required to pay both the member's and  
37 employer's share of the cost for the purchase.

38 The process and cost for the purchase will be the same as the  
39 current process and cost for purchase of service in federal  
40 employment or with the United States military except as otherwise  
41 provided.

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47 bill will have only one year from that effective date to apply for  
48 such a purchase.

**A2884 VERRELLI, KARABINCHAK**

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1       A class two special law enforcement officer is required to  
2 complete a course approved by the Police Training Commission.  
3 They are trained in physical fitness, criminal law, patrol concepts,  
4 firearms, vehicle operations, defensive tactics, handcuffing, and  
5 arrest, search, and seizure. They have similar powers to that of full-  
6 time police officers but on a restricted basis.

[First Reprint]

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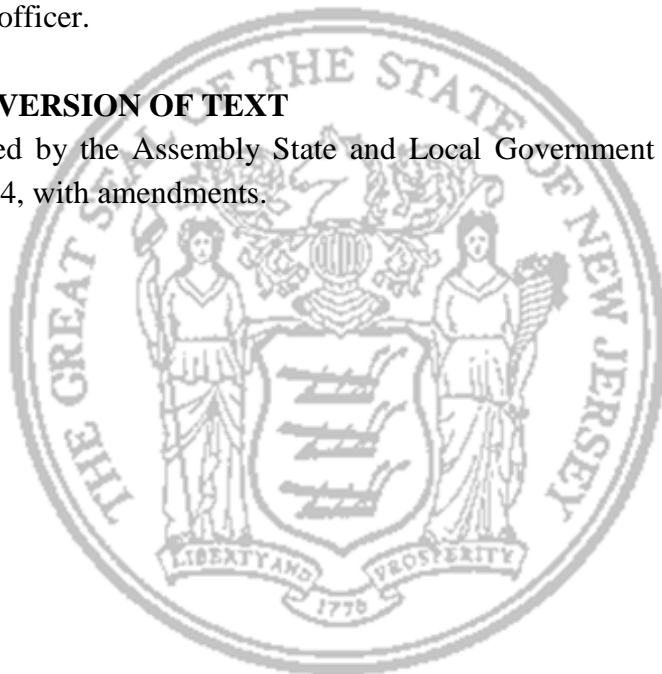
**Assemblywomen Murphy, Speight, Assemblymen McClellan, Simonsen  
and Assemblywoman Drulis**

**SYNOPSIS**

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

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Assembly State and Local Government Committee on March 4, 2024, with amendments.



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[Second Reprint]

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**District 2 (Atlantic)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

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**SYNOPSIS**

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ASSEMBLY STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 2884**

with committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MARCH 4, 2024

The Assembly State and Local Government Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 2884.

As amended, this bill permits a member of the Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) to purchase credit for service as a class two special law enforcement officer with a public employer in this State, rendered prior to becoming a member. The member may purchase credit for all or a portion of the service, including time taken during such public employment to complete a basic police training course required for that employment.

The member will be required to pay both the member's and employer's share of the cost for the purchase.

The process and cost for the purchase will be the same as the current process and cost for purchase of service in federal employment or with the United States military except as otherwise provided.

Purchase of credit for service as a class two special law enforcement officer will be permitted only if the break between service as such an officer and the date of their enrollment in the PFRS is less than 120 days. Members of the retirement system who are enrolled on the effective date of this bill will have only one year from that effective date to apply for such a purchase.

A class two special law enforcement officer is required to complete a course approved by the Police Training Commission. They are trained in physical fitness, criminal law, patrol concepts, firearms, vehicle operations, defensive tactics, handcuffing, and arrest, search, and seizure. They have similar powers to that of full-time police officers but on a restricted basis.

This bill was prefiled for introduction in the 2024-2025 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to: permit the purchase of service credit for time spent in training for a position as a class two special law enforcement officer; change the basis for eligibility to purchase service

credit for class two special law enforcement officers to be based upon the date of their enrollment in the retirement system, rather than their appointment to a position covered by the system; and to require the board of trustees of the Police and Firemen's Retirement System to notify all members of the retirement system of the provisions of this bill.

ASSEMBLY PUBLIC SAFETY AND PREPAREDNESS  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

**ASSEMBLY, No. 2884**

with committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 17, 2024

The Assembly Public Safety and Preparedness Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 2884 (1R).

As amended and reported by the committee, this bill permits a member of the Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) to purchase credit for service as a class two special law enforcement officer with a public employer in this State, rendered prior to becoming a member. The member may purchase credit for all or a portion of the service, including time taken during such public employment to complete a basic police training course required for that employment.

The member will be required to pay both the member's and employer's share of the cost for the purchase.

The process and cost for the purchase will be the same as the current process and cost for purchase of service in federal employment or with the United States military except as otherwise provided.

Purchase of credit for service as a class two special law enforcement officer will be permitted only if the break between service as such an officer and the date of their enrollment in the PFRS is less than 365 days. Members of the retirement system who are enrolled on the effective date of this bill will have only one year from that effective date to apply for such a purchase.

A class two special law enforcement officer is required to complete a course approved by the Police Training Commission. They are trained in physical fitness, criminal law, patrol concepts, firearms, vehicle operations, defensive tactics, handcuffing, and arrest, search, and seizure. They have similar powers to that of full-time police officers but on a restricted basis.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to provide that the purchase of credit for service as a class two special law enforcement officer will be permitted only if the break between service as such an officer and the date of their enrollment in the PFRS is less than 365 days, instead of 120 days.

# LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[Second Reprint]

## ASSEMBLY, No. 2884

### STATE OF NEW JERSEY 221st LEGISLATURE

DATED: JULY 1, 2024

#### SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Provides for purchase of PFRS credit for service as class two special law enforcement officer.
- Type of Impact:** Potential State cost increase and potential local cost increases.
- Agencies Affected:** Division of Pensions and Benefits in the Department of the Treasury.

#### Office of Legislative Services Estimate

<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	<b><u>Year 1</u></b>	<b><u>Thereafter</u></b>
<b>Potential State Cost Increase</b>	None	Indeterminate
<b>Potential Local Cost Increase</b>	None	Indeterminate

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) estimates that this bill will have no impact on the Police and Firemen’s Retirement System following enactment because the bill requires the member of the retirement system to cover both the employee and employer costs of service credit.
- The OLS does not have the information to determine the number of members who served as class two special law enforcement officers in the State prior to becoming eligible to participate in the Police and Firemen’s Retirement System, nor the number of such members who would choose to purchase credit. However, the OLS anticipates that requiring members to be appointed to a position covered by the retirement system less than 365 days after leaving service as a class two special law enforcement officer and restricting the application window for current members to purchase credit to one year from the bill’s enactment date will limit the number of applications.
- The OLS acknowledges that permitting members to purchase credit for prior service as a class two special law enforcement officer may result in such members attaining the 25 year service threshold required to qualify for employer paid post-retirement medical benefits before the member otherwise would have, but maintains that the requirements cited in the preceding

paragraph will limit the number of members who are able to accelerate qualification for employer paid post-retirement medical benefits through the mechanism provided in this bill.

- The OLS therefore anticipates that the bill's provisions will have no impact on the retirement system and a modest, if any, impact on post-retirement health care costs of employers.

## **BILL DESCRIPTION**

This bill allows members of the Police and Firemen's Retirement System to purchase credit for service as a class two special law enforcement officer with a public employer in the State prior to membership in the Police and Firemen's Retirement System.

Current law enables members of the Police and Firemen's Retirement System to purchase credit for public employment rendered in other states, with the federal government, or for military service in the Armed Forces of the United States, not to exceed 10 years. Applicants are required to cover both the employee and employer share of the cost for such prior service.

The bill extends these and other provisions of current law to the purchase of credit in the Police and Firemen's Retirement System for prior service as a class two special law enforcement officer contingent upon a break between such service and the date of appointment to a position covered by the Police and Firemen's Retirement System of fewer than 365 days. Currently enrolled members will have one year from the bill's effective date to apply for a purchase.

Class two special law enforcement officers are required to complete a course approved by the Police Training Commission. They receive instruction in physical fitness, criminal law, patrol concepts, firearms, vehicle operations, defensive tactics, handcuffing, and arrest, search, and seizure. They have similar powers to that of full-time police officers but on a restricted basis.

## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### ***EXECUTIVE BRANCH***

None received.

### ***OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES***

The OLS estimates that this bill will have no impact on the Police and Firemen's Retirement System following enactment because the bill requires the member of the retirement system to cover both the employee and employer costs of service credit.

The OLS does not have the information to determine the number of members who served as class two special law enforcement officers in the State prior to becoming eligible to participate in the Police and Firemen's Retirement System, nor the number of such members who would choose to purchase credit. However, the OLS anticipates that requiring members to be appointed to a position covered by the retirement system less than 365 days after leaving service as a class two special law enforcement officer and restricting the application window for current members to purchase credit to one year from the bill's enactment date will limit the number of applications.

The OLS acknowledges that permitting members to purchase credit for prior service as a class two special law enforcement officer may result in such members attaining the 25 year service threshold required to qualify for employer paid post-retirement medical benefits before the

member otherwise would have, but maintains that the requirements cited in the preceding paragraph will limit the number of members who are able to accelerate qualification for employer paid post-retirement medical benefits through the mechanism provided in this bill.

The OLS therefore anticipates that the bill's provisions will have no impact on the retirement system and a modest, if any, impact on post-retirement health care costs of employers.

*Section: State Government*

*Analyst: Anna Harris  
Assistant 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. 2070

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 221st LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2024 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator VIN GOPAL**

**District 11 (Monmouth)**

**Senator VINCENT J. POLISTINA**

**District 2 (Atlantic)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**Senator Sarlo**

**SYNOPSIS**

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

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 5/16/2024)**

S2070 GOPAL, POLISTINA

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1 AN ACT concerning the purchase of credit in the Police and  
2 Firemen's Retirement System for certain service and amending  
3 P.L.1991, c.153.  
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
6 of New Jersey:  
7

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

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

30 The member may purchase credit for the service by paying into  
31 the annuity savings fund the amount required by applying the  
32 factor, supplied by the actuary as being applicable to the member's  
33 age at the time of the purchase, to the member's salary at that time,  
34 or to the highest annual compensation for service in this State for  
35 which contributions were made during any prior fiscal year of  
36 membership, whichever is greater. The purchase may be made in  
37 regular installments equal to at least 1/2 of the full normal  
38 contribution to the retirement system, over a maximum period of 10  
39 years. The employer of a member who applies, pursuant to this  
40 section, to purchase credit for public employment with the United  
41 States Government or for military service in the Armed Forces of  
42 the United States or for public employment as a class two special  
43 law enforcement officer with a public employer in this State shall  
44 not be liable for any payment to the retirement system on behalf of  
45 the member for the purchase of this credit.

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

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

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

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

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25 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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## STATEMENT

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30 This bill permits a member of the Police and Firemen's  
31 Retirement System (PFRS) to purchase credit for service as a class  
32 two special law enforcement officer with a public employer in this  
33 State, rendered prior to becoming a member. The member may  
34 purchase credit for all or a portion of the service, not to exceed 10  
35 years.

36 The member will be required to pay both the member's and  
37 employer's share of the cost for the purchase.

38 The process and cost for the purchase will be the same as the  
39 current process and cost for purchase of service in federal  
40 employment or with the United States military except as otherwise  
41 provided.

42 Purchase of credit for service as a class two special law  
43 enforcement officer will be permitted only if the break between  
44 service as such an officer and the date of their appointment to a  
45 position covered by the PFRS is less than 120 days. Members of  
46 the retirement system who are enrolled on the effective date of this  
47 bill will have only one year from that effective date to apply for  
48 such a purchase.

**S2070 GOPAL, POLISTINA**

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1       A class two special law enforcement officer is required to  
2 complete a course approved by the Police Training Commission.  
3 They are trained in physical fitness, criminal law, patrol concepts,  
4 firearms, vehicle operations, defensive tactics, handcuffing, and  
5 arrest, search, and seizure. They have similar powers to that of full-  
6 time police officers but on a restricted basis.

[First Reprint]

**SENATE, No. 2070**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**221st LEGISLATURE**

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2024 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator VIN GOPAL**

**District 11 (Monmouth)**

**Senator VINCENT J. POLISTINA**

**District 2 (Atlantic)**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

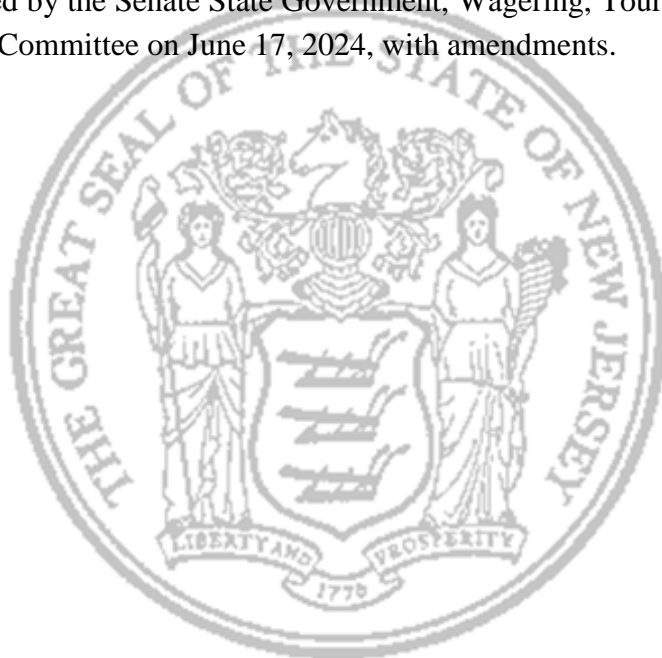
**Senators Sarlo and Turner**

**SYNOPSIS**

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

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee on June 17, 2024, with amendments.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/24/2024)**

1 AN ACT concerning the purchase of credit in the Police and  
2 Firemen's Retirement System for certain service and amending  
3 P.L.1991, c.153.  
4

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

7  
8 1. Section 3 of P.L.1991, c.153 (C.43:16A-11.11) is amended to  
9 read as follows:

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

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

**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:

<sup>1</sup>Senate SSG committee amendments adopted June 17, 2024.

1 not be liable for any payment to the retirement system on behalf of  
2 the member for the purchase of this credit.

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

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

17 Purchase of credit for service as a class two special law  
18 enforcement officer shall be permitted only if the break between  
19 service as such an officer and the date of their <sup>1</sup>【appointment to a  
20 position covered by】 enrollment in <sup>1</sup> the Police and Firemen's  
21 Retirement System is less than <sup>1</sup>【120】 365 <sup>1</sup> days. Members of the  
22 retirement system who are enrolled on the effective date of P.L. ,  
23 c. (pending before the Legislature as this bill) shall have only one  
24 year from that effective date to apply for such a purchase. <sup>1</sup>The  
25 board of trustees shall notify all members of the retirement system of  
26 the provisions of this act, P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature  
27 as this bill). <sup>1</sup>

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

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30 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT, WAGERING, TOURISM &  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 2070**

with committee amendments

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 17, 2024

The Senate State Government, Wagering, Tourism & Historic Preservation Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 2070.

As amended by the committee, this bill permits a member of the Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) to purchase credit for service as a class two special law enforcement officer with a public employer in this State, rendered prior to becoming a member. The member may purchase credit for all or a portion of the service, including time taken during such public employment to complete a basic police training course required for that employment.

The member will be required to pay both the member's and employer's share of the cost for the purchase.

The process and cost for the purchase will be the same as the current process and cost for purchase of service in federal employment or with the United States military except as otherwise provided.

Purchase of credit for service as a class two special law enforcement officer will be permitted only if the break between service as such an officer and the date of their enrollment in the PFRS is less than 365 days. Members of the retirement system who are enrolled on the effective date of this bill will have only one year from that effective date to apply for such a purchase. The bill requires the board of trustees to notify all members of the retirement system of the provisions of this bill.

A class two special law enforcement officer is required to complete a course approved by the Police Training Commission. They are trained in physical fitness, criminal law, patrol concepts, firearms, vehicle operations, defensive tactics, handcuffing, and arrest, search, and seizure. They have similar powers to that of full-time police officers but on a restricted basis.

This bill was prefiled for introduction in the 2024-2025 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amendments:

(1) permit the purchase of service credit for time taken during such public employment to complete a basic police training course required for that employment;

(2) change the basis for eligibility to purchase service credit for class two special law enforcement officers to be based upon the date of their enrollment in the retirement system, rather than their appointment to a position covered by the system;

(3) increase the break in service time period, from “is less than 120 days” to “is less than 365 days;” and

(4) require the board of trustees of the Police and Firemen’s Retirement System to notify all members of the retirement system of the provisions of this bill.

# SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

**SENATE, No. 2070**

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 24, 2024

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2070 (1R).

This bill permits a member of the Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) to purchase credit for service as a class two special law enforcement officer with a public employer in this State, rendered prior to becoming a member. The member may purchase credit for all or a portion of the service, including time taken during such public employment to complete a basic police training course required for that employment.

The member will be required to pay both the member's and employer's share of the cost for the purchase.

The process and cost for the purchase will be the same as the current process and cost for purchase of service in federal employment or with the United States military except as otherwise provided.

Purchase of credit for service as a class two special law enforcement officer will be permitted only if the break between service as such an officer and the date of their enrollment in the PFRS is less than 365 days. Members of the retirement system who are enrolled on the effective date of this bill will have only one year from that effective date to apply for such a purchase. The bill requires the board of trustees to notify all members of the retirement system of the provisions of this bill.

A class two special law enforcement officer is required to complete a course approved by the Police Training Commission. They are trained in physical fitness, criminal law, patrol concepts, firearms, vehicle operations, defensive tactics, handcuffing, and arrest, search, and seizure. They have similar powers to that of full-time police officers but on a restricted basis.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

Fiscal information for this bill is currently unavailable.

# LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE

[First Reprint]

## SENATE, No. 2070 STATE OF NEW JERSEY 221st LEGISLATURE

DATED: JULY 1, 2024

### SUMMARY

- Synopsis:** Provides for purchase of PFRS credit for service as class two special law enforcement officer.
- Type of Impact:** Potential State cost increase and potential local cost increases.
- Agencies Affected:** Division of Pensions and Benefits in the Department of the Treasury.

#### Office of Legislative Services Estimate

<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	<b><u>Year 1</u></b>	<b><u>Thereafter</u></b>
<b>Potential State Cost Increase</b>	None	Indeterminate
<b>Potential Local Cost Increase</b>	None	Indeterminate

- The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) estimates that this bill will have no impact on the Police and Firemen’s Retirement System following enactment because the bill requires the member of the retirement system to cover both the employee and employer costs of service credit.
- The OLS does not have the information to determine the number of members who served as class two special law enforcement officers in the State prior to becoming eligible to participate in the Police and Firemen’s Retirement System, nor the number of such members who would choose to purchase credit. However, the OLS anticipates that requiring members to be appointed to a position covered by the retirement system less than 365 days after leaving service as a class two special law enforcement officer and restricting the application window for current members to purchase credit to one year from the bill’s enactment date will limit the number of applications.
- The OLS acknowledges that permitting members to purchase credit for prior service as a class two special law enforcement officer may result in such members attaining the 25 year service threshold required to qualify for employer paid post-retirement medical benefits before the member otherwise would have, but maintains that the requirements cited in the preceding

paragraph will limit the number of members who are able to accelerate qualification for employer paid post-retirement medical benefits through the mechanism provided in this bill.

- The OLS therefore anticipates that the bill's provisions will have no impact on the retirement system and a modest, if any, impact on post-retirement health care costs of employers.

## **BILL DESCRIPTION**

This bill allows members of the Police and Firemen's Retirement System to purchase credit for service as a class two special law enforcement officer with a public employer in the State prior to membership in the Police and Firemen's Retirement System.

Current law enables members of the Police and Firemen's Retirement System to purchase credit for public employment rendered in other states, with the federal government, or for military service in the Armed Forces of the United States, not to exceed 10 years. Applicants are required to cover both the employee and employer share of the cost for such prior service.

The bill extends these and other provisions of current law to the purchase of credit in the Police and Firemen's Retirement System for prior service as a class two special law enforcement officer contingent upon a break between such service and the date of appointment to a position covered by the Police and Firemen's Retirement System of fewer than 365 days. Currently enrolled members will have one year from the bill's effective date to apply for a purchase.

Class two special law enforcement officers are required to complete a course approved by the Police Training Commission. They receive instruction in physical fitness, criminal law, patrol concepts, firearms, vehicle operations, defensive tactics, handcuffing, and arrest, search, and seizure. They have similar powers to that of full-time police officers but on a restricted basis.

## **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

### ***EXECUTIVE BRANCH***

None received.

### ***OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES***

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*Section: State Government*

*Analyst: Anna Harris  
Assistant 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.).

# Acting Governor Scutari Signs Legislation Expanding PFRS Purchase Credit to Include Class Two Special Law Enforcement Service

08/22/2024

**TRENTON** – Acting Governor Nick Scutari today signed legislation, A2884/S2070, enabling members of the Police and Firemen’s Retirement System (PFRS) to purchase credit for service as a class two special law enforcement officer in New Jersey.

Currently, PFRS members can purchase up to 10 years of credit for out-of-state public employment, employment with the U.S. Government, or military service, with an additional five years of credit for military service permitted for qualifying members with veteran status. This legislation expands PFRS credit purchase options to also include service as a class two special law enforcement officer with a public employer in New Jersey, prior to becoming a PFRS member.

Existing PFRS members will have one year from the effective date of the bill to apply for a purchase of credit for prior service as a class two special law enforcement officer.

“Every day, New Jersey’s law enforcement officers put their lives on the line to keep our communities safe, and they deserve our utmost respect and gratitude,” **said Acting Governor Nick Scutari**. “With this legislation, we are ensuring years of service as a class two special law enforcement officer can be counted toward a PFRS member’s pension, enabling members of our state’s law enforcement community to retire with greater financial stability after a career spent protecting New Jersey residents.”

Class two special law enforcement officers are authorized to exercise full powers and duties similar to those of a permanent, regularly appointed full-time police officer. They are required to complete a course approved by the Police Training Commission and are fully trained in physical fitness, criminal law, patrol concepts, firearms, vehicle operation, defensive tactics, handcuffing, and arrest, search, and seizure.

Sponsors of [A2884/S2070](#) include Senator Vin Gopal, Senator Vince Polistina, Assemblyman Anthony Verrelli, Assemblyman Robert Karabinchak, and Assemblyman Benjie Wimberly.

“Class 2 Police Officers perform invaluable service and support municipalities around the state and are often called upon to complement full-line officers to afford departments a greater flexibility during peak demand,” **said Senator Vin Gopal**. “It is only fair that these officers, who are duly qualified and fully-trained, be allowed to purchase credit for their time spent in the Class 2 officer ranks.”

“I’m pleased this bill has been signed into law,” **said Senator Vince Polistina**. “Class II Special Law Enforcement Officers play an essential role in maintaining the safety of our communities. Providing them with access to PFRS credits is not just the right thing to do, it’s our obligation to honor their service and commitment to our State. This is a small but important way to recognize the brave men and women in blue.”

"With the signing of this legislation, we ensure that the brave men and women who serve as class two special law enforcement officers receive the recognition and retirement benefits they deserve," **said Assemblyman Anthony S. Verrelli**. "By allowing them to purchase credit in the Police and Firemen's Retirement System, we are honoring their service and securing their future."

"Class two special law enforcement officers play a critical role in keeping our communities safe, and this bill provides that their service is acknowledged and valued," **said Assemblyman Robert J. Karabinchak**. "They deserve the same opportunity to retire as full-time officers through the PFRS."

"These officers often put their lives on the line without the promise of long-term benefits," **said Assemblyman Benjie E. Wimberly**. "By giving these officers the ability to purchase credit in PFRS, we recognize their dedication and the sacrifices they make to protect our communities."

"The bill resolves a long existing inequity to ensure all Class 2 special police officers, past, present and future, can apply their service towards their retirement as full time officers," **said New Jersey State PBA President Pete Andreyev**. "We are grateful to our sponsors, the Senate President, Speaker and Governor for agreeing with us to make this simple yet very meaningful change."